A Message From

Kyle Seeback, MP

Dufferin-Caledon



As your Member of Parliament, I'm here to help. Please contact me for assistance with any of the support programs in the federal government's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan.

We've seen our community come together to support each other in remarkable ways over the last two months. Thank you to our local heroes making a positive impact. I've shared some of these good news stories below. Please join me in thanking these community champions.



Thank you to Seconds Count thrift store! In April, they sent $123,000 to Headwaters Health Care Centre. The money raised went towards the purchase of new beds and stretchers, as well as screening areas at the hospital. Congratulations to the whole team at Seconds Count and everyone who has contributed donations and made purchases to support them this year.

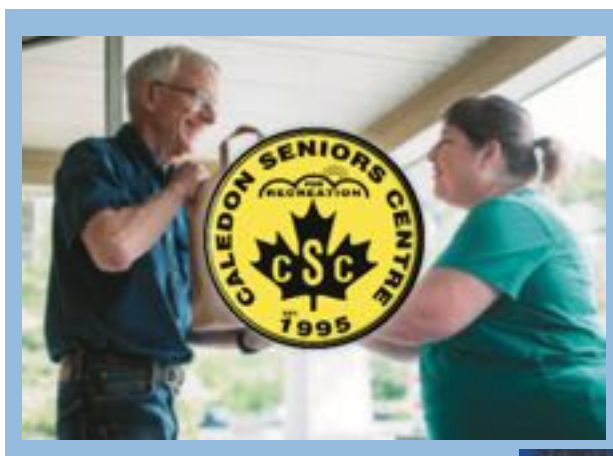


Thank you to Nifty Nook Restaurant and Gina Georgopoulos Harbalis for their fantastic community work, fundraising, free meals for those in need, and the donations they've made during the health crisis! I would also like to thank Rodger from The Hawk Shop who nominated Gina and who actively supports others.



Thank you to Bolton Rotary and Garden Foods! Their tireless work in our community each day and contributions during this crisis has been remarkable. Together, they have provided $7,500 in grocery cards to be distributed by The Exchange to families who rely on the food support to maintain a healthy diet.

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Thank you to the team at the Caledon Seniors Centre! Their response to the pandemic by delivering groceries, prescriptions, picking up mail at the post office, and lending out puzzles to seniors living on their own in Caledon makes us all proud.

Thank you to Alison and Artsploration for bringing joy and colourful fun to our community! Due to the pandemic, Alison cannot operate her business normally, but still contributes in a huge way. She has an arts and crafts business which travels to events and parties. Since children cannot gather inside, Alison drives by their homes free of charge. She paints their name on the side of the bus and emerges wearing a tutu singing 'Happy Birthday.'





Thank you to Melissa Cauley for her proactive work during the crisis! The Orangeville and Area CAREMONGERING Facebook group, which she began in March, became a powerful movement in Dufferin-Caledon.

Thank you DeJa Vu Diner and Jennifer Betz! Their continuous work in our community through donations to various organizations and food banks, as well as fundraising for many different causes, has had an immensely positive impact on Dufferin-Caledon.





Thank you to SOUND QWEST Virtual Jamzz for bringing stress relief by providing online house parties and raising money for our community! Their event on May 2 exceeded all expectations and raised $8,935 for the food bank; $5,420 for the hospital; and 13 tablets for Shelburne Residence, Dufferin Oaks, the Avalon, Family Transition Place, and Bethsaida Retirement Home.



Thank you Mario Pia! His initiative that was originally inspired by celebrities, now inspires others in our community. Mario organized his own meal drive in Bolton and many local restaurants jumped on board to help him. He and several friends, neighbours, and restaurant owners helped deliver about 300 meals to staff at the Davis Centre on May 7.

Thank you Curry Mantra Restaurant! Curry Mantra has been giving out free meals to those in need during the COVID-19 outbreak and is donating 10 per cent of all sales to the Orangeville Food Bank. They were donating a portion of profits to a Sikh temple prior to the outbreak, but quickly pivoted plans when COVID-19 became a threat locally.





Thank you Bolton Pizza Panini & Saunacore! These two Bolton businesses teamed up to deliver pizzas to frontline workers and vulnerable residents in Caledon. They delivered pizzas to Headwaters Health Care Centre, Caledon OPP, Caledon Fire, and to elderly residents in the community.

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Town of Caledon makes structural changes to prepare for future growth

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

While many places are laying off staff in the face of the COVID-19 crisis, the Town of Caledon have taken the bold step of strengthening its senior management core during these uncertain times.

Last Wednesday (May 20), the municipality announced several new additions, with some familiar faces returning to Town Hall. Mark Sraga has rejoined the Town as Chief Building Official, following a decade spent working for the City of Toronto. With 32 years of municipal experience and senior leadership roles, Sraga proved to be more than qualified to return as Chief Building Official. He last worked for the Town from 2003 to 2009 as Chief Building Director and as a member of the local bylaw enforcement department. Before his return to the Town, Sraga previously worked as Deputy Chief Building Director and Director of Investigation Services, Municipal Licensing and Standards for the City of Toronto.

"We are putting new leadership and a stronger structure in place to guide us through recovery from COVID-19 and beyond," commented CAO Carey Herd. "The world has changed, and we have to change with it. We have to modernize it and do things differently. Our community expects that of us, and we have to deliver."

The changes also saw two current members of Town staff take on new roles within the municipality.

Sylvia Kirkwood, who has worked with the Town of Caledon for the past nine years as Manager of Development and Manager of Policy and Sustainability, will be taking on the newly created role of Chief Planner. Kirkwood has previously worked with the City of Mississauga and City of Guelph and has over 25 years of municipal planning experience.

Brian Baird, formerly Manager of Parks and Landscape Architect, will be taking on the role of Senior Manager of Operations in a new unit within the Town, which will manage parks and road operations. Baird has been employed by the Town for nearly two decades, working in a variety of positions and departments.

"We are strengthening our building and planning divisions at a time when our economy needs a boost. Construction is one of our best economic engines," said Herd.

These new positions were created as Council puts plans into place to boost the local economy once the COVID-19 crisis subsides.

"The pandemic has put a spotlight on where we can improve our services," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "It has accelerated our need to change. Council is pleased to see these leaders, who are experienced, well respected and have a clear vision for Caledon, step into these roles. They will help us reimagine who the Town can be for the community and ensure we move towards the future in the post- COVID world."

For more information, please visit Caledon.ca.

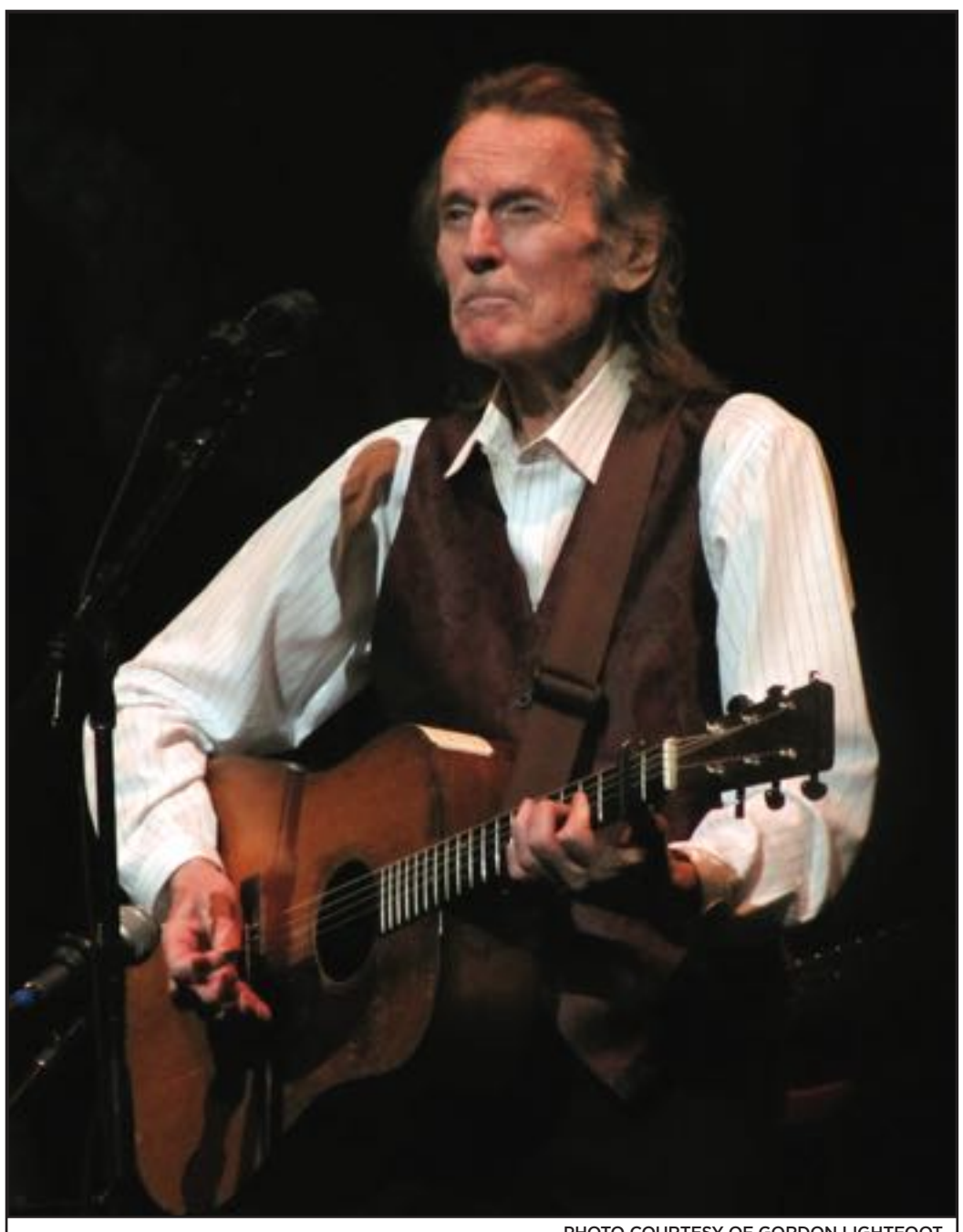


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A LIVING LEGEND: Citizen Arts & Entertainment reporter Constance Scrafield caught up with Gordon Lightfoot last week to discuss his career, and the impacts COVID-19 is having on his life. For the full story, see Page A6.



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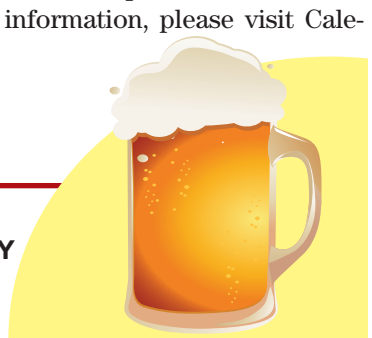
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Kyle Seeback frustrated with lack of support for small businesses

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback is frustrated by the lack of support being afforded to small business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a recent interview with the Citizen, Mr. Seeback criticized the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CERCA) program, contending it should do more to protect business owners who aren't able to fully operate, yet are expected to keep up rent payments throughout the ongoing crisis.

The program was first announced more than two months ago, with the federal and provincial governments joining forces, committing $900 million towards rent relief measures in Ontario. The program would see the government covering 50 percent of a tenant's rent, with the tenant required to pay an additional 25 percent. Essentially, property owners were expected to take a 25 percent hit on the rent they were originally supposed to receive.

CERCA was launched on April 24 and is intended to provide relief to tenants through to the end of June.

While the initiative has been lauded in some parts, many landlords and tenants see it as more of a burden than a gift.

Mr. Seeback says several landlords have reached out to him expressing concern over the difficulties they've had in applying for the program, while noting the amount of money they will eventually receive isn't enough to cover their own costs. This has led to landlords not applying.

"I'm hearing all kinds of stories across Dufferin-Caledon, where landlords are not applying for the commercial rent and relief programs. They're not applying for two reasons. Number one, they're saying 'why do I only get 75 per cent of my rent? I want 100 per cent.' And number two, it's a complicated and time-consuming process that is not easy to figure out and, therefore, they're not going to apply because they think they've got better things to do," Seeback explained. "Those are the two criticisms that I'm hearing about the program right now."

On top of that, a number of small businesses and property owners aren't eligible to apply for assistance under the current requirements. This has led to a feeling of discontent amongst some in the local business community, that aren't receiving the support they need to get through these difficult times.

"Some landlords have looked into applying. The eligibility criteria to be able to apply; they're having issues with it," Mr. Seeback said. "The amount of information that you have to supply to the government to be eligible, they find it too much and too complicated."

For property owners to meet the eligibility criteria, the government has listed a series of requirements, including owning property that generates rent revenue, being a commercial property owner for small businesses, having a mortgage loan secured by the commercial real estate property and occupied by a small business, have entered or plan to enter a rent reduction agreement for April, May and June to reduce small business tenant's rent by at least 75 per cent, having a rent reduction agreement with impacted tenants and having declared rental income their tax return for 2018 and/or 2019. Quite the mouthful.

An added complication – entrepreneurs currently renting space to operate their business can't apply for assistance themselves. They have to rely on the landlords to apply for them.

Many members of the local business community are growing increasingly frustrated by a program that they initially believed would be their saving grace throughout the ongoing pandemic.

"Small businesses have either voluntarily closed due to COVID-19, or they were required to close as a result of the provincial order. So, they have no income. They have obligations that are due every month pursuant to their leases. So not only do they have no income coming in, but they now have to also pay their rent," said Mr. Seeback. "It's an exceptionally challenging for a small business."



FILE PHOTO

THEY NEED TO DO MORE: Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback wants to see the federal government doing more to support local businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

Mr. Seeback says he had a very short conversation last week with Bill Morneau, the federal Minister of Finance, who refused to answer any inquiries he had about these issues.

"He wouldn't give me even the remotest answer. He dodged my questions. Five times I asked him, and five times he did a tap dance and refused to commit to anything," he explained. "The problem is we need answers quickly. The government doesn't have the luxury of taking months to figure out that their program doesn't work."

He added, "We're hearing all across the country that the commercial rent relief program is a failure, and yet there's no commitment to examine it or make changes to it, and I find that very troubling."

Mr. Seeback says that if tenants would be allowed the opportunity to apply themselves, and not restricting the eligibility just to the landlords, the program would see more action, and greater outcomes.

"Tenants should be able to apply. I think they have a greater incentive to apply for a program, file the necessary paperwork so that they can protect their businesses, and so their businesses don't collapse due to lack of financial resources."

For more information about the CERCA, please visit cmhc-schl.gc.ca.

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GoodLot beer available for curbside pickup during COVID-19

Written By REBECCA WESTON

Popular craft beer stop, GoodLot Brewery, has had to adapt their operations amidst COVID-19.

GoodLot has been deemed an essential service, since they sell their beer at the LCBO, grocery stores and the Beer Store, but with the closure of bars and restaurants, they have had to make changes to their operations.

"Bars and restaurants account for roughly one third of our business," said owner Phil Winters.

Since these closures, the brewery has stopped selling kegs.

"We are now packing everything into cans and bottles for take away at curb side pick-up."

Owners Phil and Gail Winters have seen an increased demand for their beer in recent times, not only at their curbside pick-up but also in stores.

"Folks would drop in, try some beer, and leave with a six pack," said Phil Winters. "Now we are seeing orders of 12 to 36 beers at a time, usually a variety."

To make sure staff and customers are all safe, the GoodLot team started to disinfect new spots around the farm, such as door handles.

Brewer, Zac Tremaine, has been making and bottling all of the beer himself.

2019 was the first year GoodLot opened their patio, where people could come and enjoy the farm while trying different beers.

"Our patio would have opened this past weekend, but of course it has to remain closed in compliance with the Province of Ontario," said Phil Winters.

With the patio not being open, it has created "a huge change as it is a defining characteristic of GoodLot," said Phil Winters.

"What a lesson in being prepared in business and learning how to pivot your business quickly to meet the current health challenge and stay in business," said Phil Winters.

Overall, the Caledon community has shown overwhelming positive responses and support for GoodLot.

This ongoing support makes GoodLot, feel "very lucky" to call Caledon home, Phil Winters said.

"We are touched by how supportive the community has been, with some expressing 'we really want to make sure you are here when this pandemic pass,'" said Phil Winters.



PHOTO: REBECCA WESTON

STILL BREWING: GoodLot Brewery has really had to adapt as the COVID-19 crisis continues to impact businesses across Ontario. The local brewery is still providing curbside pickup at its facility at 18825 Shaws Creek Road in Alton.

OHL hockey legends organize fundraiser to support pair of Ontario hospitals

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Sport is more than a competition. It's about dedication, hard work, teamwork and supporting one another. With that in mind, three Canadian junior hockey legends are aiming to channel that support through Hockey for Health Heroes.

Sherwood (Sherry) Bassin is known from his 36 years of work in the Ontario Hockey League as general manager, owner and coach with several accomplishments under his belt. Dr. Craig Donaldson, who now works in the ER at Headwaters Health Care Centre, and former Oshawa Generals player Joe Busillo, all played for the Oshawa Generals in 1990, where they won the Memorial Cup.

Through the heat of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the dedication from the frontline workers in the healthcare system, the former Generals launched Hockey for Health Heroes on the 30th anniversary of the team's Memorial Cup win, back on May 13, 1990.

"Now, more than ever, our country has an incredible appreciation for our hospital workers," said Bassin. "A country that, during this time of year, would be rallying at the rink or in front of the TV, are now staying home and relying on our local hospitals to keep our families safe. I had the unique opportunity to coach a lot of players that have gone on to serve their communities and Dr. Craig Donaldson was one of them. I wanted to do this event to not only honour Craig and health care professionals like him, but to also remind everyone how much hockey unites us."

He added, "I want to ask those I'm close to, and the people that are close to them, please, help us recognize the communities that helped us get to where we are today. For many of my former players, teammates and colleagues – that's Oshawa and Orangeville."

The initiative is designed to raise funds with a goal of $25,000 and awareness for local hospital foundations, Headwaters Health Care Foundation, in association with Lakeridge Health Foundation in Oshawa, to be able to provide each hospital with a new Smart IV pump.

The Smart IV pumps are one of the most vital pieces of equipment for patients in a hospital room, as they monitor and pump medication to patients. They sync with the patient's information to ensure the right amount of dosage for each specific person. These pieces of equipment are used in several areas of care, but also for many COVID-19 patients in the Intensive Care Units (ICU).

Headwaters Foundation is excited to be working alongside three prominent hockey legends, as well as Lakeridge Health Foundation in Oshawa, through this fundraiser.

"Headwaters has been overwhelmed by the ongoing generosity and support of our communities, and we are thrilled to be the recipient of such a unique and inspiring fundraiser to support our urgent need for Smart IV Pumps," said CEO of HHCF, Dora Boylen-Pabst. "We wish to thank all our staff that have risen to the challenges COVID-19 has presented, through their hard-earned, philanthropic dollars. Dr. Donaldson and physicians like him, can't do what they do, without you."

To support the initiative the community is encouraged to visit hockeyforhealthheroes.com and create your own personal fundraising or team page or simply donating directly to the event.

"The Foundation has a number of prizes lined up for the top individual and top team fundraisers. We'd like to thank Metro Orangeville and Canadian Outbuildings so far for donating the prizes," explained Nicole Warren, Senior Coordinator, Direct Response, Marketing and Communications. "We know that COVID has been difficult for many, and so we are hoping our community will enjoy our first-ever virtual event and come together to make a difference."



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HOCKEY FOR HEALTH HEROES: Dr. Craig Donaldson, an ER physician at Headwaters Health Care Centre, has joined forces with two other junior hockey legends to launch a fundraiser that will benefit hospitals in Orangeville and Oshawa.

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"Kidz in Caledon need you. Can you help?"

by Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Lead



Summer 2020 isn't shaping up the way many of us had hoped. After the bitter cold of winter, time spent soaking up the summer rays with friends and family, trips and activities were highly anticipated and COVID has left a void.

Normally this time of year is when children start counting down to the final days in the classroom and parents are busy planning family trips and registering for overnight camps, sports and other fun activities. But this summer promises to be anything but normal.

The current pandemic situation has created uncertainty and fear, not knowing what the coming weeks and months will bring. Many parents are facing job insecurity, loss of income and the programs and services they depend on have been downgraded or halted altogether. Suddenly even the most secure families in our community are feeling vulnerable.

Each summer Caledon Community Services launches Kidz in Caledon to raise funds to support families in need, ensuring access to food support, vital necessities and allowing kids to participate in life-changing camps and recreational activities. Each summer we reach out and let you know that this is only possible with your generous donations.

This summer your donation to Kidz in Caledon is more important than ever.

Our Food Support Program at the Exchange has had a significant increase in clients reaching out for help. Your donation will ensure families have nutritious foods on their tables. Your donation will support help with utilities and even internet access as kids continue their classes virtually and participate in other digital activities in place of camps. Your donation also provides basic personal items associated with daily living for children, youth and families. But we can't do it without you.

We need your help to ensure that those in need in our community can grow and thrive in uncertain times like these. You have the power to change a life today.

"CCS really is a great service for the community, it has been my rock and gives my children better opportunities for a bright future." – Jodi, single mom of two young boys.*

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Former Caledon teacher facing new sexual assault charges

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Caledon OPP Detachment has arrested a former Caledon elementary school teacher following a historical sexual interference and sexual assault investigation.

Last Thursday (May 14), with the help of Quinte West OPP Detachment, 71-year-old Wayne Hepburn of Prince Edward County, was arrested on sexual interference and sexual assault charges against persons under 16 years of age.

The reported incidents are said to have taken place between September of 2014 and June 2015. Hepburn was formerly a teacher at the Creditview Public School.

This isn't the first time Hepburn has faced these sorts of sexual-related charges. In November of 2014, Mr. Hepburn was arrested and faced charges after allegations of sexual assault towards a boy at an elementary school. OPP stated that the boy was touched inappropriately on Remembrance Day that year. Police were informed the day after, and quickly formed an investigation.

He was acquitted of all charges at Superior Court in Orangeville in 2016.

Hepburn is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 30 this year.

OPP investigate two incidents of attempted vehicle theft

Officers from the Caledon OPP are investigating two separate incidents of attempted vehicle theft that occurred within an hour of each other on Thursday, May 21.

The first attempted theft of a vehicle occurred on Hawthorn Avenue in Caledon Village at approximately 5:22 p.m. The residents were inside their home, when they observed an unknown male suspect approach their driveway and get in the vehicle parked at the end of the driveway. The residents spooked the suspect, who fled eastbound on Charleston Side Road in a black Mercedes SUV.

The second incident took place on Cranston Drive in Caledon East about an hour later. The suspect attempted to get into the vehicles parked in the driveway of a residence, but was unsuccessful as the cars were locked. The suspect was last seen going towards Airport Road.

Suspect description: male, dark skin complexion, 5 '7", thin build, wearing a faded blue hoodie, grey jeans, and black gloves.

Suspect vehicle: newer model black Mercedes SUV operated by the second suspect, unknown description.

Caledon OPP would like to remind the public to always lock your cars, never leave vehicles running and unattended, and to remove all valuables from plain view.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to these incidents, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

Two teens charged with stunt driving

On Monday, May 25, at approximately 12:25 p.m., an officer from Caledon OPP Detachment Traffic Unit was conducting speed enforcement in the area of Horseshoe Hill Road and The Grange Side Road in the Town of Caledon.

The officer observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed, and activated the radar unit. It was determined that the speed of the vehicle was 160 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone.

As a result, an 18-year-old G2 driver from Toronto was charged with Stunt Driving.

Just an hour later, the same officer stopped and investigated a vehicle for speeding. Another 18-year-old G2 driver from Amaranth was caught going 113 km/h in a 60 km/h zone. The driver was charged with Stunt Driving.

Both drivers received a 7-day licence suspension, and their motor vehicles were seized for a period of 7 days. The drivers are scheduled to appear in Caledon East Provincial Court answer to the charges.

Future Caledon updates Council on progression of new workplan timeline

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Town of Caledon is keeping on track with planning, as the Future Caledon committee isn't letting the uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic get in the way of long-term planning at the municipal level.

Town Council was held on Tuesday (May 26) to discuss updates on Future Caledon and where they are in their planning.

Sylvia Kirkwood, Manager of Policy and Sustainability regarding Future Caledon, alongside Marisa Williams, Senior Planner and Acting Manager, presented to council on Tuesday (May 26) on where they are in their workplan timeline towards the future growth of Caledon.

For the past four months, Future Caledon has been participating in community engagement to get as much information as possible out to the public, and to ensure they hear from them as well.

Future Caledon was developed back in 2018, with a four-year mandate to come up with something of a road map, or guideline, for the municipality moving forward. Staff is currently collecting the data they need that will help form the future of Caledon in regard to housing, transportation, employment and facilities to name a few.

"Currently, we're in the data collection phase, which is scheduled to run through (to the end of) 2020. We're working towards getting a number of studies complete and initiated as well, so that we're well in place for our 2020, 2021 policy formulation" said Williams.

Going into further details of their workplan, in 2019 the team focused on online engagement, satellite offices and pop-ups, community policy review, queen street corridor study, climate change action plan and preservation of rural community.

For 2020, the focus is on urban design, affordable housing, agri-tourism, aggregate and excess soil policy, and settlement area mapping along with several others.

"A number of different activities have been underway, increasing our engagement strategy and our online platform, as well as a number of satellite offices, the pop-up shops and the various studies and strategies that we have undertaken and continue to work on for 2019 and into 2020," explained Williams.

The Future Caledon official plan was compared to the Region of Peel official plan, to what, if any, similarities there were between the two. They align with the focuses of natural resources and agriculture, climate change, tourism and heritage, transportation and growth management.

"Staff has been commenting and reviewing documents that are being issued to the Region. There are lots of opportunities for us to try and comment on all the various topic areas that they're working on," said Williams.

Future Caledon staff members have been going out into the community to engage with residents and answers any questions they have about the plan.

"We have our Future Caledon website, our online platform, and we've received 916 contacts though the site, as well as our pop-ups in terms of engagement. People came to say hello, or to find out what we're doing were given a brochure and also information about how to relate their concerns and comments through the Future Caledon website," Williams explained. "We also encouraged people to come to our satellite offices where we had about 217 people come in to have discussions with staff."

Staff with Future Caledon are continuing collecting data and are working their way into the second phase of policy formulation.

With the community on the edge of their seats while amid the COVID-19 pandemic, it's vital to keep the plan to move forward strong and secure. The Future Caledon committee are continuing in their workplan timeline to ensure the future of Caledon in all aspects within the Town are on track.

For more information, please visit future.caledon.ca.





Caledon tennis courts won't be opening any time soon following CMO decision

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

The reopening of tennis courts in Caledon has been denied by Chief Medical Officer of the Region of Peel Dr. Lawrence Loh, president of the Caledon Tennis Club Terry Lawrence told The Citizen this past Tuesday.

Dr. Loh has advised the Town to prohibit reopening outdoor facilities. No further specifics have been identified beyond that description.

Recreation Supervisor at the Town of Caledon relayed this information to Lawrence, who has been working with the Town of Caledon over the past week trying to reopen his facility.

"It's just frustrating because we got the courts all prepared and ready thinking, after we heard the announcement from Ford (premier Doug Ford), we've got to be getting close to it."

Turns out that wasn't the case. Lawrence says that courts in Orangeville, Brampton, Mono, New Brunswick, Vancouver, Alberta and even in Toronto have been given permission to reopen their courts.

Although Mississauga has elected to prohibit the opening of tennis courts as well, Lawrence says that people in Caledon can find tennis courts elsewhere within a 20-minute drive.

"I can drive 20-minutes to Brampton and play tennis, I can drive 10-minutes to Orangeville and play tennis, but I can't play at my own court that is five minutes from my house," Lawrence proclaimed.

He says, his next step is to advise members of his tennis club of the recent news and where they can access other clubs in the area.

His club is currently losing revenue. Insurance bills still need to be paid and registrations need to open. He has advised the Town of these issues as well and the possibility of many of his former members seeking memberships for this summer elsewhere. Lawrence must also find somewhere else to play the sport.

The Town of Caledon has effectively shut down the majority of its services until July 2. But, Lawrence doesn't expect this particular date to be the magic number. Anything can happen.

If his court has the ability to open on July 2, members will be discounted 20 per cent for a membership.

Tennis Canada has put forward guideline recommendations for people planning to return to the sport. One of which, Lawrence says is to refrain from grabbing your opponent's tennis ball when setting up to serve. Tennis Canada suggests to bring your own tennis balls to the courts and your own hand sanitizer while cleaning your equipment before play.

The matches will predominantly consist of singles play.

Some courts, such as the Aurora Community Tennis Club (ACTC) have allowed doubles play only if the partners live in the same household.

"We have social distancing in tennis and it's probably one of the few sports, like golf, where you can," Lawrence said.

Within the Town of Caledon, golf courses have reopened with restrictions and rules of their own.

Lawrence wants to know what the difference is between tennis and golf.

"If golf is fine, I can't see why tennis is not."

Family Services of Peel develops new initiative to connect seniors stuck at home

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Family Services of Peel is doing its part to help ensure local seniors stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ongoing situation has devastated seniors' communities across the country, with many residents forced to isolate themselves in their homes, without human contact with friends, neighbours or their families. Seniors have been limited to small or no contact from their families in order to keep them safe.

Family Services of Peel have committed to a new project that will connect with seniors to keep spirts high, and to create that form of connection that they crave.

"This is a way we can keep us connected. We know this is an issue in Peel, it's an issue with our seniors," said Director of Client Services, Sandra Rupnarani.

The Seniors Social Table project connects registered seniors with other seniors who speak the same language.

"One of the things we found, is even adults who speak English, but we found many were marginalized in terms of really isolating, and English was not their first language," explained Rupnarani. "It was a combination of reasons that led us to needing to keep seniors connected. We need to keep those most vulnerable and who can't access their services in English, because it's not their first language, connected to a community, instead of getting isolated."

The project is provided in four different languages and will lead to opening up to several others as the project continues. They are starting with Spanish, Arabic, Urudu/Punjabi and Chinese. Seniors can connect with facilitators in the program, who will get them set up with a mobile device if they don't have one and coordinate someone to speak with them.

"Some might want to do yoga together, they may want to sing together, we've had seniors who wanted to do prayer together. We're trying to get to what they want to stay connected," Rupnarani said.

Each session lasts for two hours between 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, please call (647) 290-7543 or email rmcmillan@fspeel.org.

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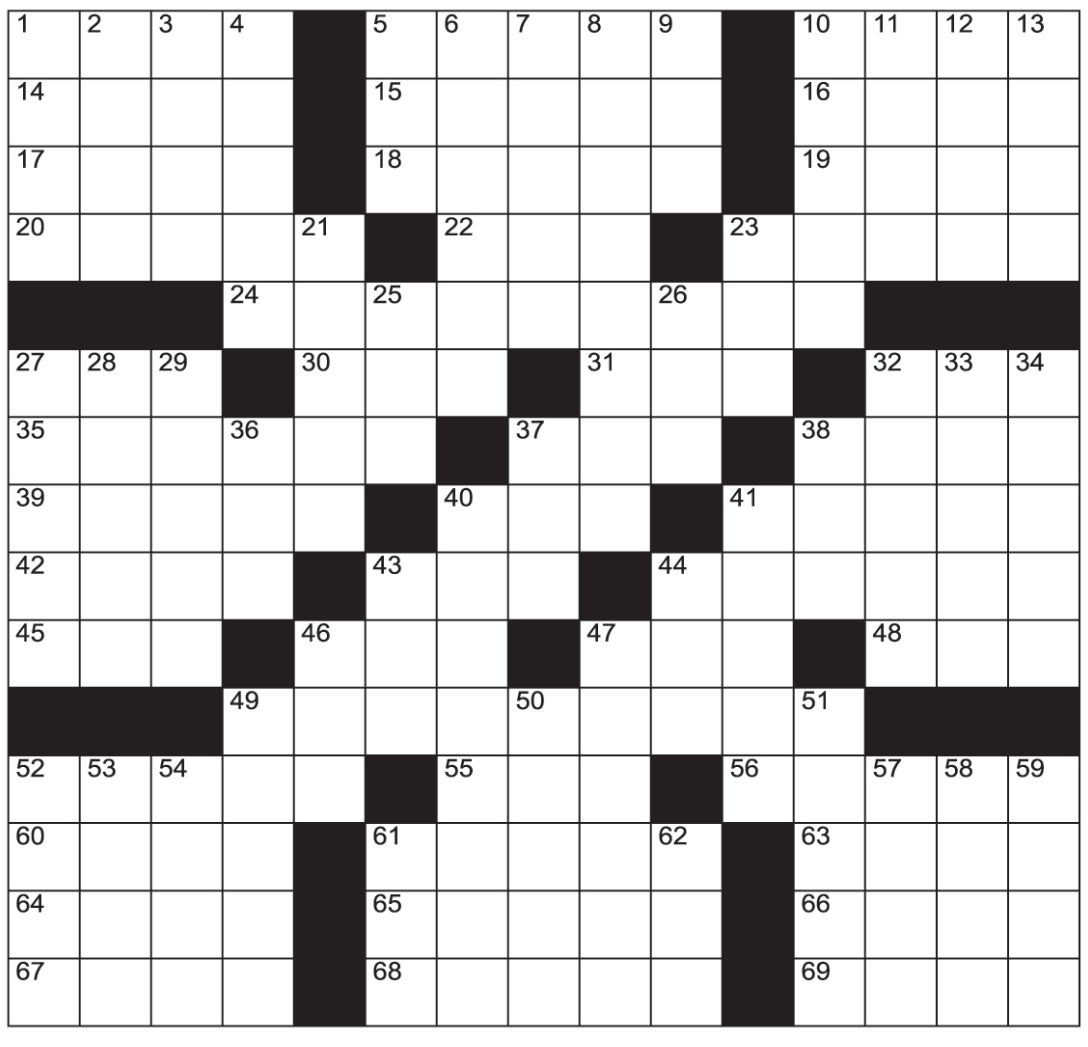
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1. Common request
5. Department in France
10. Fungi cells
14. Famed inventor
15. Hillsides
16. Cold wind
17. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
18. Resembling a doddering old woman
19. Geological periods
20. Assists
22. Comedienne Gasteyer
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. English soccer club
27. Body art
30. No (Scottish)
31. Clumsy person
32. Swiss river
35. Belittled
37. Luxury car
38. Single sheet of glass in a window
39. Monetary units
40. Supervises flying
41. Indian term of respect
42. Breezed through
43. The bill in a restaurant
44. Flower cluster
45. Moved quickly
46. Shooters need to do it
47. High schoolers' test
48. Split pulses
49. Salts
52. Breaking Bad actor __ Paul
55. Set ablaze
56. Semitic Sun god
60. Nervous system cells
61. Tourist destination Buenos __
63. A way to bind
64. Behave uncontrollably
65. Feels concern
66. Sportscaster Andrews
67. Subway dwellers
68. Astrological aspect
69. You may take one

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group
2. Serbian
3. Away from wind
4. Actor Oliver
5. Helps little firms
6. Intricately decorative
7. American state
8. Type of tumor
9. Midway between east and southeast
10. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
11. Fruit of the service tree
12. Grouch
13. Romanian city
21. Units of loudness
23. British Air Aces
25. Small amount
26. Hem's partner
27. Turkic people
28. Member of the banana family
29. Liam Neeson franchise
32. Expressed pleasure
33. Inward-directed part of psyche
34. Insurgent
36. Unhappy
37. Gateway (Arabic)
38. Fundraising political group (abbr.)
40. Well-known
41. Satisfies
43. '__ death do us part
44. Jailhouse informant
46. French river
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Drenches
50. Clouds
51. Companies need to make them
52. Created from seaweed
53. One's school: __ mater
54. A type of act
57. Member of Russian people
58. Neutralizes alkalis
59. Monetary unit
61. Play a role
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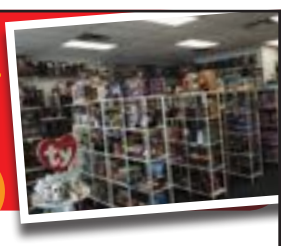
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Gordon Lightfoot struggling with COVID-19 restrictions

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD



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A LIVING LEGEND: Famed Canadian musician Gordon Lightfoot, born and raised in nearby Orillia, chatted with Citizen Arts & Entertainment reporter Constance Scrafield last week about his career, and the impact COVID-19 has had on his life.

"I'm paying attention to my very extended family," said Gordon Lightfoot in a telephone interview with the Citizen this week, referring to the three marriages (two divorces) and six children in his life. His son, "Eric [Lightfoot], for example, is living in Squamish, B.C. He and his wife, Ash, have two kids, a one-year young boy and the girl is four. He's working on a project."

As is everyone in the whole world (nearly), Mr. Lightfoot is struggling with the restrictive life imposed by the Coronavirus. His life normally sees him at his gym a few days a week and working hard on organizing his next tour with his band but now, he told us, "I have to keep fit but I have no gym equipment. So, I walk – and I walk. For a while the weather was cold; now I have to find a sun hat. I gotta keep doing this."

A moment to look way back, "There was the River Boat, [in the 1960's, in Yorkville in Toronto,] but before that, the Purple Onion in Yorkville and the Village Corner on Avenue Road. The building is still there. A team of lawyers uses it now.

"I made an album as the Two Tones, with Terry Whalen, in there. Funniest thing you ever heard – like Smothers Brothers. I couldn't keep that up for long."

He speculated, "This is going to blow over and we all have to go back to work. What we're doing here now – my drummer's wife is stuck in the U.S. with her mother and my dear wife is in California, taking care of her mother. We talk twice a day – thank goodness for Ma Bell. I don't know what people are going to do -they gotta get back to work.

"We're loosing our parents..."

In answer to whether he is still writing new songs, following the recent release of his new album, Solo, "I'm not writing," he said. "This album that I have put out is a landmark, my 21st album.

"It happened by a coincidence. It's all original: I found some missing material. I was moving my office around and I found this missing material. At first, I didn't even remember writing them, it was so long ago. But I listened to them and knew about it.

I already had five songs but you need ten to make an album. There were five good ones in the lost ones – it's all original material. I wrote them in 1999/2000, going into the new year.

"First of all, I thought, – I've got to get out my writing tools and orchestrate this thing. But if I had started, right now, we'd still be doing it and it might've taken a lot longer. I wanted to let the thing go but they were demos, just me and my guitar. I would have rewritten some of the lyrics but when I listened, it all made sense."

Mr. Lightfoot assured us, "The fans are going to love it – it's on the internet. It's really got legs – it only came out March 20 and there isn't even a physical copy of it. It's only on Amazon and Apple."

He said, "It is my 21st and I'm proud of it.

"Maybe, I've made my statement but I'm not retiring."

Watching a YouTube video of one of Gordon Lightfoot's recent concerts, one can certainly see that he is far from retiring. He stands behind a mike, with his 12-string guitar of which he has another standing by, perfectly tuned each of them. His band, who have played with him for decades, are ready to go the distance with him. Without a break, he sings one song after another, to huge applause from audiences who adore him. His years do not sit heavily on him – while he's on stage, at least.

He commented, "I don't even have a cell phone. One of these days, I'm going to enter the 21st Century. I was going to do the CNE this year, on the last day, August 30."

All that's left is, "What I do now is look after my extended family and I walk and I practice.

"You gotta get prepared and you can't miss a day. I didn't feel like going out every day.

"I don't have any aches and pains," he informed us remarkably, "but I'm slow, I'm slowing. That's what happens when you get older."

Yet, still anxious to go back on tour: "I love my band and we're all ready but I don't know how long this is going to go on. I was watching on TV, an interview with some actors and all of sudden, they're stopped. Everybody's trying to think of a way to get something going."

When, finally, the all clear is rung: "We'll put together a nine-show tour. We just need to decide whether to start in Canada or the States. Be good to do a show at Casino Rama. I love performing there. It seats almost 5000 people. So, they have space: if they could only bring in half that many people, they have enough space."

He lamented, "All the concert halls in the States where we play – they're beautiful but they're all shut down. Everyone wants to go back to work and there's the need to make a living."

His "very extended family – they were all here at Christmas. We all went to church and I sang at church and they were all there. It's Rosedale United Church. I sing there every year at Christmas Eve – every year for many years."

About the music world in this day and age, he said, "Everybody's basically doing their own thing – we've got some good talent around this country. Like Shania Twain who's such a good song writer. Leonard Cohen was and John Alan Cameron who wrote that Maritime stuff. They did the same as I did [in their early days], participate in music activities.

"Once I started writing songs I was already in grade 12," he explained. "Then, I knew that I could do it – the song writing. I had good influences all over the place: Bob Dylan, James Taylor. I worked with all these people – John Denver, Steve Goodman, Harry Belafonte. I sang once with With Johnny Cash. He was a nice guy. Then came along Kristofferson and he was writing new songs. And Joni Mitchell. Bob Dylan's so prolific.."

Gordon Lightfoot has been given every music award there is to give in Canada, as well as the Order of Canada and Order of Ontario. In 1998, he was one of the inaugural inductees of a star on the Walk of Fame in Toronto.



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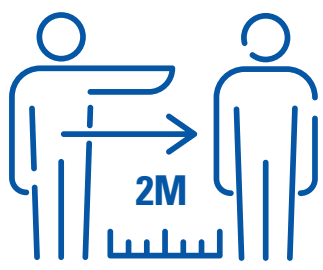


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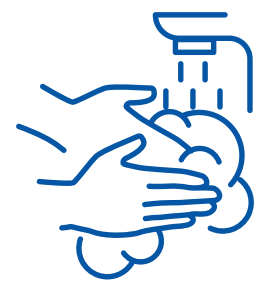
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Understanding our concept of the passage of time

by Mark Pavilons

"Why can't things stay the way they are?" asked the young inquisitive boy.

"Because of the passage of time," was the learned response.

"Time? What does that have to do with anything?"

What indeed.

Our concept of time is based on our planet's position in our solar system. A day (24 hours) is based on one revolution of our pretty green blue marble. A year is how long it takes for our planet to circle our life-giving sun, or sol. That's 365 days give or take. One would think everything is perfect, in sync and in harmony with the heavens above.

Guess again.

This concept of time – minutes, hours, days, months, years – only applies to us on earth and our 7 billion inhabitants. But on nearby planets, with a sun of their own, minutes could be hours and days could be weeks.

Jupiter rotates once on its axis every 9 hours, 55 minutes and 29.69 seconds. A day on Venus lasts for 116 days and 18 hours, our time.

It's all relative.

We mark "earth hours." But there is no one correct time in the universe.

Here's some more space stuff to wet your whistle.

The Earth is travelling around the sun at roughly 30 kilometres per second. Our Milky Way Galaxy is motoring through space at a phenomenal 200 kilometres per second! There's a whole scientific exploration regarding space and time and their unique relationships.

With fancy timepieces on our wrists, and armed with smart devices, we always know exactly what time it is, here and around the world.

What if I'm lost in the forest or desert island, or choose to live off the grid? Am I out of sync? Do I have any concept of time? Does time really matter?

I've often fantasized about living in a log cabin, or deserted island, away from it all, from "civilization" as we know it. My wife says I'm stupid and that it's an escape.

But think about it.

Stripping our lives to the bare bones, living in complete harmony with nature, with nary a carbon footprint.

As I drive through King's countryside, and during our occasional jaunts across Ontario, I scan the expansive countryside. There are many ideal locations for this cabin in the woods. I could pull of the road literally anywhere in Ontario, dash a few hundred metres into the woods, and set up camp. No on would know I was there or find me for months, maybe years!

Of course that's considered trespassing and squatting. But there's so much empty land out there waiting to be discovered and enjoyed!

My dad taught me to enjoy and respect trees. I marvel at some of these beauties, especially giant willows and birch.

Sometimes I wish I were a tree, a 100-year-old oak, swaying in the breeze, catching the winds, the scents, the passage of time. I tower above mere mortals, enjoying the view.

Time may heal wounds and it will wash over the current scars left behind by the pandemic. That doesn't make it any easier for those knee-deep in turmoil.

I don't think any of us will remember these times fondly, and share COVID-19 stories with our grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Of course, time will also allow us to grow, evolve and innovate, resulting in some really cool gadgets, procedures and methods to keep us all safe in the future. We may end up owing a certain amount of gratitude to this nasty virus, for giving us a needed wake-up call.

Again, this won't soothe the pain for those who've lost loved ones too early due to the virus.

If only we could "turn back time."

Despite our mental prowess, our race is a young one in the cosmos. Plus, our species has only really "evolved" scientifically in the last 75 years or so. Check out our slow progress:

Humans have been on earth roughly 6 million years and modern humans evolved roughly 200,000 years ago. Civilization as we know it, arose roughly 6,000 years ago. Industrialization only started in the 1800s.

Yes, that's a long stretch of time, indeed.

Now we're on a roll, however. We're making progress, advances and innovations in leaps and bounds, on yearly basis.

Tesla launched its first Roadster in 2008 and we've improved electric vehicles immensely in the past decade.

The iPhone is only 10 years old. Remarkable innovations that occurred in the last decade include Android, GPS, social networks, YouTube and touch screens.

We've seen the cancellation of the Space Shuttle program, but it's being replaced by private contractors. Virgin Galactic plans to operate a fleet of five SpaceShipTwo spaceplanes in a private passenger-carrying service and has been taking bookings for some time, with a suborbital flight carrying an updated ticket price of $250,000 U.S.

Time well spent?

So, while most of us are living on "borrowed time," we dwell upon it, or take it in stride.

I mentioned to my kids the other day that their lifespans may increase to as much as 150 in the decades to come. Innovations in medicine, robotics and organ cloning will all lengthen our longevity.

With that much extra "time on their hands" imagine what they can accomplish.

For me, chilling on a beach in the Caribbean, where time crawls at a drunken snail's pace, is just fine.

We all know we have a finite amount of time to spend on this beautiful planet. I know it's cliche to say we shouldn't waste a single moment, but our lives are made up of millions of moments, some of which are just boring and mundane.

I think a more sensible way of living is to spend time wisely. Always make time for love, fun and frivolity!

Our Readers Write

Swedish response hasn't worked

The Thursday, May 21,2020 editorial titled "It's time to reopen the economy" failed to note that "the Swedish Model" touted by Conrad Black was not successful. Although admired by economists wanting to loosen lockdown restrictions, it failed miserably in preventing needless deaths. Sweden now leads all Scandanavian countries in deaths per capita.

The Swedish model was designed by a single man: state epidemiologist Anders Tegnell who believed that it would not spread from China and that "herd immunity" would protect Swedes returning from vacations abroad. He was wrong. His misguided policy was reversed by the Swedish government by the end of March and Sweden is still playing catch-up. Germany, with 8 times the population of Sweden, has a COVID-19 death rate 3 times smaller.

And you might not want to be promoting economic advice from a convicted felon, who had his Order of Canada taken away.

Skid Crease, Bolton

Each day a nail in the coffin for small businesses

Mike Baker's thoughtful article was based on accurate data and raised many reasons why we need to reopen quickly.

Curves were flattened and our hospitals were not impacted anywhere near predicted.

Cases of COVID-19 will increase as restrictions are relaxed, but according to Dr. Scott Atlas, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institute, the data shows that 99% of people will not have serious problems with this virus.

The fatality rate is extremely low for anyone under 60 years of age. To put this into perspective, data from around the world shows the fatality rate for them is less than or equal to the seasonal flu.

The risk of serious consequences to children is near zero worldwide. Approximately 70% of children are asymptomatic. Also, children appear to be less contagious than adults.

With the benefit of hindsight, there was no reason to close schools. They could have remained open while adding extra hygiene precautions as some countries did. Dr. Atlas also said. "There is no evidence to think that people in schools K through 12 have to be six feet apart."

Protecting older, at-risk people eliminates hospital overcrowding. The vulnerable with serious chronic conditions will need to continue taking extra precautions until a treatment or vaccine is available.

People are dying because other medical care was not getting done due to the COVID-19 projections. The data is missing on the increase in deaths from suicide, drug overdoses, together with mental health issues, elder, spousal and child abuse and long-term health consequences resulting from this economic shutdown.

Each day that we delay is another nail in the coffin for small businesses and our economy.

Shelley Wister, Aurora

A positive nursing home story

My 93 year old Father suffered a stroke in January of 2019. After several months of improving at Etobicoke General Hospital I had the great fortune of getting Dad into Tall Pines Long Term Care Centre in Brampton. It is an Ontario Government run center through the Region of Peel. Dad was there until September of 2019, when he passed of old age. But his stay there gave him the best possible way to enjoy the last 6 months of his life.

The care was amazing. I was there almost daily. Doctor Kapoor, who works full time at the Brampton Hospital right next door, visited Dad every Wednesday and if he was there when I wasn't he would call my cell every time with a quick update of Dad's condition. I was both surprised he made time for those calls and so glad he did. And then Karen, who was the main nurse on Dad's floor would call me as well if she had any concerns. This gave me such a positive feeling that Dad was in such good care and I really slept better knowing he was well taken care of.

One of the PSWs asked me what Dad's favorite music was and I told her Sinatra. The next day when I visited Dad he said " My nurse just gave me a shower and Sinatra was on, singing Fly Me To The Moon " and Dad looked so happy and so comfortable in everything he did there. And there were people coming in his room all the time. They brought exercise equipment for him as he was not that mobile,



another woman was always bringing Dad and I up to speed with scheduled activities at the center, and so much more. And Dad would say he was so glad to be there.

I am writing this because of what we are seeing in the media right now. I am sure there are some terrible things happening at some homes and long term centres. But there are also some very good ones and with people like Doctor Kapoor and Karen, who feels all the patients are her family, well we owe these people so much thanks. I spoke to Karen a few days ago and they have not had any COVID-19 cases there. I also sat in on an annual review of this centre one night and, because it is run by the Province, I was interested to see what the admin people had to say. And I have to say it was very impressive. All about providing the best care possible.

Brian Perras, Caledon

A positive nursing home story

We are deeply disappointed in the Town decision to hold off opening tennis courts until July 2. The Town of Caledon Council has voted to keep all Caledon public tennis facilities closed until after July 2nd. Their decision is based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel. This is despite the fact that Caledon has far more in common with Dufferin, Mono and Erin than it does communities to our south. Caledon is part of the Region of Peel but we are and always have been distinct from our southern neighbours. Caledon is by far rural rather than urban in nature. This decision has been made in spite of the fact that the Ontario Government has given permission for tennis courts across Ontario to be opened as of May 19, 2020.

The Caledon Council's decision regarding our tennis clubs is questionable on a number of different levels. Courts are open in Toronto, Erin, Orangeville, Georgetown, and Mono. So why not Caledon? Could it possibly be that Caledon residents are not mature enough or responsible enough to be able to play tennis and maintain social distancing at the same time? Somehow, it seems that people at all those other tennis clubs across Ontario are responsible but not the people of Caledon. Difficult to understand.

We have been involved with tennis in Caledon for 40 years. The Caledon tennis community has been a positive force in promoting fitness in youth and tennis in Caledon is strong because of the tireless efforts of many volunteers. I am confident that the tennis community in Caledon can act responsibly and play safely!

Most importantly, tennis is a game that can be played at any age. It is fairly inexpensive, social, and an excellent sport for cognitive and physical well being of the player. People today, with everything that has been going on need a release and tennis is an excellent release for children and adults. That being said, with regards to social distancing, tennis can easily be played without causing any player to be within many meters of another player. In short, there is no logical reason for the Town of Caledon Council's decision. Tennis courts in Caledon should be open NOW!

Please trust us to be responsible and reverse your decision.

Linda Russell, Caledon



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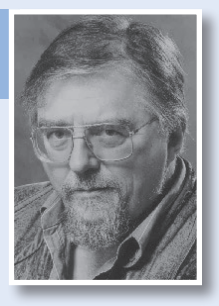
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Hong Kong: what went wrong?

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"We are the meat on the chopping board," said Martin Lee, founder of Hong Kong's Democratic Party. "They have set a precedent for Beijing to legislate on Hong Kong's behalf." Or as Dennis Kwok put it, former member of the Legislative Council, put it rather more succinctly: "This is the end of Hong Kong."

It's a premature death. The 'joint declaration' of 1997 by which Britain handed over its wealthy colony on China's south coast to the Communist regime in Beijing promised that Hong Kong could keep free speech, the rule of law and a high degree of autonomy for 50 years. Twenty-three years later, it's over.

Those characteristics, so different from the Party dictatorship, contempt for human rights and disregard for the law that prevail in the rest of China, were precisely the qualities that enabled Hong Kong to become Asia's financial capital. That was to Beijing's advantage in 1997, so it agreed to live with 'one country, two systems'. China would be reunited, but Hong Kong would remain different.

That served China's purposes at the time, because it still needed a capitalist 'window on the world'. It's not very relevant today, when the country has the world's second-biggest economy and companies that want to trade with China are much likelier to set up in Shanghai or Beijing. Hong Kong retains a residual value for Beijing, but it shouldn't push its luck.

Most people in senior political, business and media positions in Hong Kong understood that and acted accordingly. They walked a tightrope, defending the territory's essentially 'democratic' values, but they never, ever suggested that Hong Kong should have full democracy, because that would be intolerable to the Party in Beijing.

So the modus vivendi between Beijing and Hong Kong rattled along year after year, until eventually a new leader came to power in Beijing who dreamed of standardising, centralising and controlling everything. Last year, Xi Jinping started trying to whip Hong Kong into line.

Beijing pressured Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of Hong Kong's government, to pass legislation that would let Beijing bring criminal charges against Hong Kongers, extradite them to China, and try them in Communist Party-controlled mainland courts (which have a 99% conviction rate). It would have ended Hong Kong's autonomy and put every one of its residents at the mercy of the Party.

Lam reluctantly put the new law on the legislative agenda, and the people of Hong Kong, led by the students, predictably began demonstrating against it. This is a ritual dance that has been staged before, and when the citizens had adequately expressed their dislike of the proposed legislation, it was withdrawn.

It was never certain that this would work again, for Xi is very determined and Hong Kong's importance to China has dwindled. But it might have worked, and won Hong Kong another five or ten years of autonomy. Indeed, Lam did withdraw the offending legislation (by slow steps, so as not to embarrass Beijing) – but the protesters did not stop.

The demos continued and grew more violent, and the demands escalated. By the end of 2019 the protesters were demanding full democracy, which was politically suicidal in the Chinese context. Then the coronavirus emergency shut everything down for a few months, and it looked like the political crisis had subsided. But of course it had not.

This week the Chinese People's Congress in Beijing, the regime's rubber-stamp parliament, will pass a special law banning subversion, separatism, acts of foreign interference and 'terrorism' in Hong Kong. The demonstrators are already back out on the streets, and the new law allows 'security forces' from the mainland to operate in the city. The stage is being set for the final act.

I don't usually point out that I called things right (and I NEVER point out where I got things wrong), but it was blindingly obvious where this was all heading by mid-summer of last year.

On July 31, I wrote: "(The protesters) must never challenge the Communist regime's ultimate control, but from time to time they have to demonstrate to Beijing that tolerating a local aberration like civil rights in Hong Kong is less costly politically than ending it by force. They have done enough to achieve that for now, and it's probably time to stop."

On October 2. I wrote: "The protesters have won what they originally came out for: the withdrawal of the extradition law. Their other demands will never be granted, because they imperil the ultimate authority of the Communist Party. It's time to collect their winnings and step away from the table."

On November 24, I wrote: "If they go on demanding free elections under universal suffrage for the Chief Executive and the Legislative Assembly, sooner or later Beijing will feel compelled to intervene and crush them regardless of the financial and reputational damage it would suffer. So it could go the distance, and end in tragedy. That would be a great pity."

And then I stopped writing about it, because I couldn't stand what comes next. I still can't.

Bunch of yahoos

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



By now, we've all seen the video clips and pictures of the estimated thousands of people flocking to Toronto's Trinity Bellwoods Park this past Saturday to enjoy the warm weather and sunshine. Which in theory is fine, had they also all chosen to wear masks and practice social distancing. They did not. Bunch of yahoos.

I won't lie, I've about had it "up to here" with folks preaching about how their civil liberties are being infringed upon. With the folks who continue to flagrantly, without any regard for their fellow persons, flout the recommendations of some of the best minds in the country. The advice that comes from medical doctors, top scientists and oh yeah – the evidence from around the world of over 300,000 deaths and counting from the COVID-19 virus. These are the people who rather conveniently use words like "civil liberties" without, one assumes, having ever looked up its definition. As a noun, civil liberty is "the state of being subject only to laws established for the good of the community, especially with regard to freedom of action and speech." How on earth then, does being asked to wear a mask while in public, infringe upon one's civil liberties? Choosing NOT to wear a mask, infringes upon MY civil liberties and those of every other person who lives, works and breathes the air. Every. Life. Matters. Not just yours park people! Everyone's rights matter and most certainly, your "right" to choose whether you will wear a mask does not supersede our collective right to not get sick. Your choice becomes my illness, or that of my mother, a senior who hasn't felt the hug of her grandchildren in 73 days and is unlikely to feel it any time soon. Your choice to go without a mask undermines the work of thousands of front line workers who are putting their lives on the line, possibly even to save your sorry self when you contract the virus and end up in their care. If you truly believed in civil liberties – you would know that donning a mask is for your own good AND for the good of community. In other words, it's actually not all about you but rather, understanding the role of civil liberty means you understand it's "for the good of community."

Growing up, one of my absolute fondest memories was watching my Nanna play the piano. She had beautiful hands and lovely, long, shaped nails, always painted in pretty spring colours. I admired those hands and from quite a young age tried to model myself after her. When I was finally allowed to grow my nails long and polish them (age 13, thanks Mum!) we would often do the activity together. To this day, as I take time out to "pamper" my nails – it's my Nanna I think of. One of the final acts I was able to do for her, as she lay in hospital dying, was to file and polish her nails and massage her hands with lotion. It was a sad but special moment. You know who doesn't get to have those special moments? Anyone currently in a medically induced coma with a ventilator shoved down their throat helping them breathe, while NOT ONE FAMILY MEMBER is allowed to be present, to comfort them or to hold their hand as they lay dying. It's a tragedy that is unfolding daily in hospitals all around us, and YOU can't wear a mask? My long nails and these special memories are a part of me but not so important that my "need" to go to a salon, or a drugstore (wearing a mask) to buy nail polish is more important that anyone else's right to live.

Regular readers may, by now, know that while I have some fairly strong opinions I generally try to keep my tone respectful, that I sometimes resort to sarcasm to get my point across and that for most people, and in most things, I have the utmost respect. We all have our battles, our own individual challenges and one never knows just what another is experiencing so we must endeavour to avoid judgement as much as possible. This time however, I'm afraid I'm finding it quite difficult to "tone it down." COVID-19 is not an individual challenge – it impacts us all. If in fact you non-maskers truly believe in civil liberties, then you must, by default, believe in supporting decisions that are for the greater good. Put on your damn masks you bunch of yahoos.



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Five key tips to help you prepare for your next big home project

The planning process is one of the most exciting parts of a home renovation project, and with social distancing keeping us indoors, now is the time to dream big and get ready.

Whether it's a basement makeover, a pool addition or even building a new house from scratch, here are some tips to get started:

1. Factor in your lifestyle. Think about your priorities and lifestyle – do you work from home without a proper home office? Do you enjoy cooking and entertaining? Is your backyard living up to its potential as an extension of your home? Asking these kinds of questions can help you determine the most beneficial focus for your next project.

2. Educate yourself. Take advantage of this extra time you have to learn about materials, processes and new innovations. You can make smarter purchasing decisions by finding out the answers to key questions, such as: Is this material mold-resistant? How long will it last? Is this a passing fad or will it stand the test of time?

3. Consider sustainability. Products and materials that reduce your carbon footprint don't just help the planet —they're often better for your wallet, too. When doing your research, look for energy-efficient appliances, windows, walls and more to build a greener home that will last longer and save you money in the long run.

4. Disaster-proof your design. The pandemic has taught us that sometimes the worst can happen. From natural disasters to fires and flooding, we need our homes to offer as much protection as possible. Whether you're planning an extension to your home, pools and spas for your backyard or a custom-built home, insulated concrete forms from Nudura are a smart investment. An eco-friendly alternative to traditional materials like wood, ICFs are disaster resilient, designed to withstand wind, fire, tornados, and more.

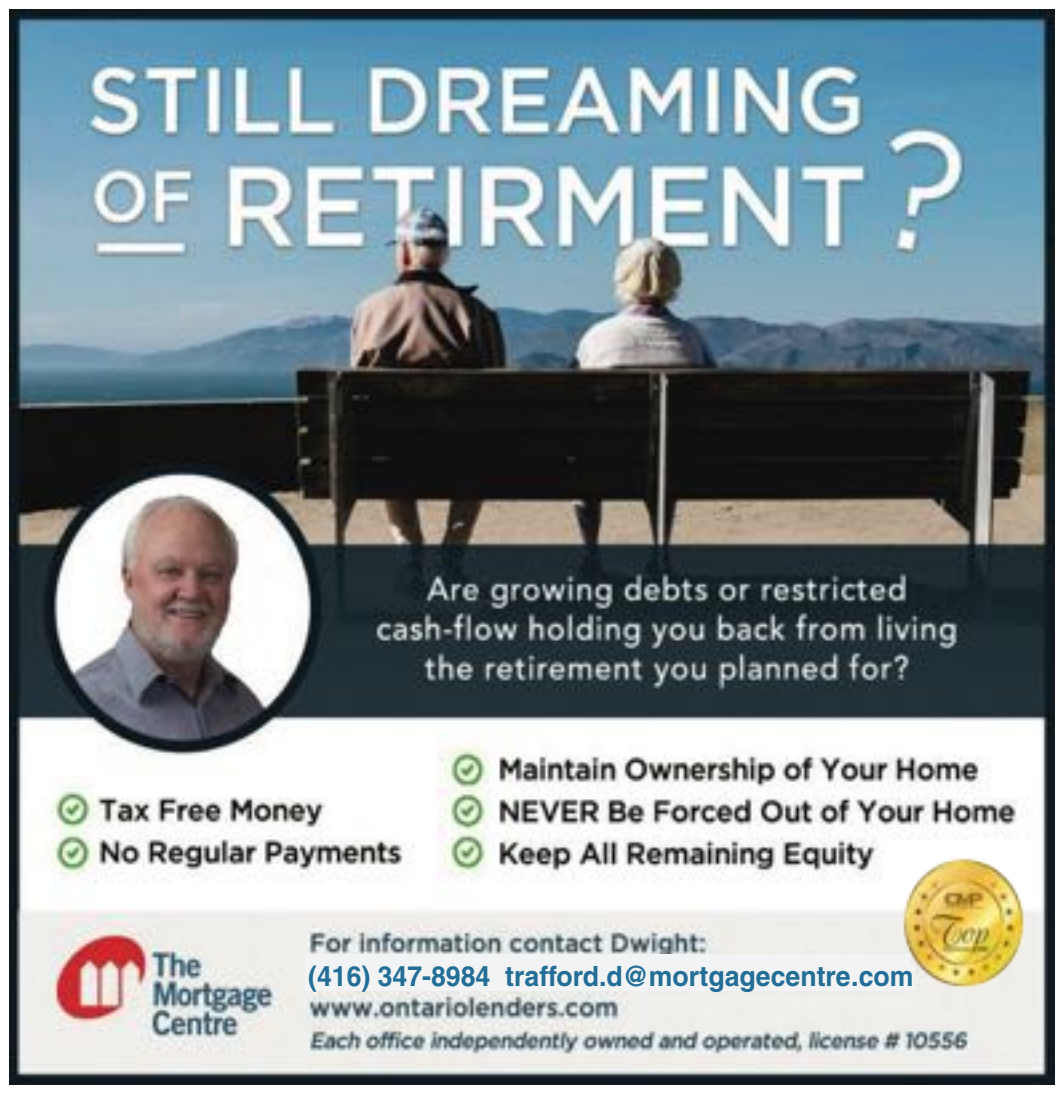
5. Budget for smart splurges and savings. Budgeting is one of the most important parts of the planning process because you want to spend your hard-earned money wisely. You'll want to splurge on items that will boost your property value, like energy-efficient features, creating more living space and a solid foundation. Upcycling and repurposing furniture, DIY-ing simpler projects like painting, and spending more on nicer hardware but less on cabinets are clever ways to save.



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Average Selling Price	$1,082,355	$1,136,031	$1,068,704	-5%
Average Days on Market	45	42	40	-+7%
Active Listings	217	291	1022	-25%

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Ranked by month's supply; this number tells how many months it would take for all current inventory to sell given the monthly sales. This number determines the market status
Sellers Market | Balanced Market | Buyers Market | 7.0 Months Supply

	Inventory	Sales	Supply
Caledon	217	31	7.0

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CALEDON | May 2020 (YEAR TO DATE)
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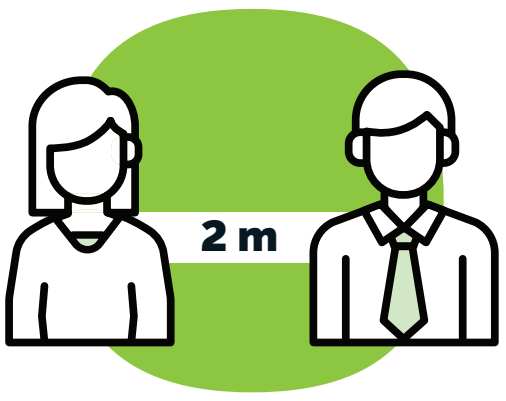


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Mayfield Golf Club primed for success following recent reopening

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

For the first time all season, owner and director of golf and food services at Mayfield Golf Club Christopher De Laat opened his doors May 16.

De Laat has been preparing a staged-process since February, analyzing how he can evolve his business at the course.

The family founded Mayfield Golf Club in 1978. De Laat and members of his family got out on to the course to maintenance the playing field.

He says he is very grateful to be open, something he feared would never happen.

"I'm just grateful. I didn't know if I was going to be able to operate our business. In whatever capacity you can operate, you do your best to make it work. All I wanted was a fighting chance and I think I have that now," De Laat said.

In February, De Laat's ingenuity on reshaping his business for what was to come, is indeed for the future as well. He analyzed the flaws within his business and with some research and predictions on what things could look like in limited capacity, he prepared his golf club for the inevitable.

"I started doing research finding a new system and I found one. That new system allows me to do a bunch of new things I couldn't do before, including pre-payment, self-check-in, current inventory, past inventory," he explained.

So far, the system is robust. He says the customers know how hard the staff is currently working to procure the safety of the players and the staff are very much aware how much De Laat cares about their safety as well.

Using Golf Ontario's recommendations, De Laat has set a guideline of his own.

It is a simple system. Players' tee-times are staggered by 12 minutes. Snack foods and drinks for now. His golf shop has already been streamlined to one check-out counter years ago.

The restaurant will remain closed. Rental clubs will not be permitted. Putting greens will not be open for practice prior to rounds. He says, it's about changing the habits of golfers; for now of course.

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>
> Christopher De Laat, Mayfield Golf Club

As for power karts, De Laat is resorting to an older system that was in place years ago.

"Back in the day we used to do it this way, where there is a value of the kart. If you rode alone we used to charge a single rider fee and if you shared the kart you have a shared fee."

When you reserve your tee-time online, you purchase a kart for yourself; if a kart is in stock at the time.

Single riders will pay two-thirds of the initial kart value and shared riders will split a slightly, large cost.

When riders are out on the course at staggered tee-times and others are moving too slow, De Laat says he will use his nine-hole golf course to move the group to. His analogy is to think of a golf course as a train station, you just switch lines.

He is optimistic by July his course can move into the second phase. BBQ stations with hot dogs and hamburgers will be set up and the restaurant; with a limited menu, will be offering take out. Then, he can also work with 27 holes permanently.

De Laat; a pro-golfer for the PGA for the past 35 years, will continue to monitor the circumstances while ensuring the safety of his course, questioning golfers at the gate prior to entry.

York9 FC becomes the first Canadian club to sell a domestic player to European team

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

York9 FC became the first Canadian Premier League club to sell a player to Europe this past week.

The Nine Stripes confirmed the sale of 21-year-old Toronto native and Chinese Taipei international player Emilio Estevez to the Dutch, Eredivisie side ADO Den Haag.

According to the club's press release, Managing Consultant Angus McNab's brevity thanked Estevez for his time with the club and added the progress the league has made in a short time.

"Everyone at the club would like to wish Emilio all the very best following the agreement of his transfer to ADO Den Haag," NcNab said.

"This transfer is a further sign of the progress the CPL has made in a relatively short period of time. On our side, Jimmy Brennan deserves so much credit for identifying Emilio and working with him. We want to be a club that is known for developing talent and we hope this is the first of many sales to top divisions in Europe."

Estevez, formerly played for League 1 Ontario club North Mississauga FC making 8 appearances. He made a move to the Canadian Soccer League a year after, joining the SC Waterloo Region.

This transfer, would not be the first time Estevez's boots caress European soil. In the same year with Waterloo, he travelled to Europe to join EFL Championship club Queen's Park Rangers and La Liga club Levante on trials.

In 2018, York9 FC signed Estevez to a deal after seeing his efforts in the Canadian Premier League Open Trials.

"Coming from trials two years ago and now going to Europe is obviously a huge thrill for me. I learned so much and owe a lot to the coaching staff at York9 who believed in me and gave me a shot," Estevez said in the press release.

In 18 appearances for the Nine Stripes, Estevez recorded one goal.

The club also announced one day after Estevez's departure the signing of Canadian U-17 midfielder and Vaughan, Ontario native Julian Altobelli to a contract. If options are exercised, this contract can be up to 2023.

The young midfielder, arises from the Toronto FC academy. He becomes the youngest signing for the club in their young history. He also becomes the third U-20 signing of the year, right behind Aurora native Max Ferrari and Brampton native Ijah Halley.

Altobelli, competed with the Canadian national team last year in the U-17 World Cup. The national team were eliminated in the group stage, that saw matches against Brazil, Angola and New Zealand.

McNab told reporters, "Julian is clearly a young player with a great deal of talent – his selection for the National Team at last year's U-17 World Cup shows that – but what impressed me most was his desire to get better."

Altobelli expressed his emotions on what it means to be a professional in the release.

He stated, "It is an amazing feeling to sign my first professional contract. The stadium is a few minutes (drive) from my house so starting a pro journey with my local club is something special."

Canadian Premier League clubs launch new mask campaigns amid COVID-19 crisis

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Three Canadian Premier League club's unveiled branded face masks to uniquely support those in need in their communities.

The Halifax Wanderers were the first club to announce on May 8th, the production of masks will be sold in support of United Way on the east coast.

According to the club's press release, all funds will be going to the United Way's Atlantic Compassion Fund.

This charitable institution supports people in need of essential services, such as food and mental health support.

The second club to come forward and announce a deal has been struck is local Canadian Premier League club York9 FC.

The club stated on May 11th, their campaign will be benefitting Mackenize Health Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund. All proceeds from the sale of these masks will be donated.

Managing Consultant, Angus McNab said in the team's press release, he is delighted to be offering these masks to fans.

"This is a great extension of our Health Care Heroes initiative and I'm delighted to be offering these masks to our fans. It is absolutely vital that we continue to follow the advice of government and medical experts, and these face coverings are an opportunity for us to both assist in protective measures and raise money directly to help support the fight against the virus in our community."

The third team to unveil themselves this past week is Pacific FC in Victoria, British Columbia.

Pacific FC has partnered with the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association. Partnering with restaurants and working with the city of Langford, the sales from the branded masks will help 14 restaurant's and other local food sources in the area.

All sales of branded masks according to all three press releases, will be shipped in early June. All masks will be sold at $19.99 each.

Amidst the nobility from all three soccer clubs, pledging their assistance to organizations within their communities respectively, the Canadian Premier League season has yet to commence.

Soccer fans globally had the pleasure of watching the German Bundesliga this past weekend aired on Sportsnet. All in front of no fans within the stadiums.

Some notable games were the Revierderby between Borussia Dortmund and Shalke 04. Dortmund earned themselves a comfortable victory in Signal Iduna Park, defeating their bitter rivals 4-0.

Bayern Munich and Canadian international Alphonso Davies also returned to action against Union Berlin. Goals from Robert Lewandowski and Benjamin Pavard earned Munich a 2-0 victory.

Seeing the Bundesliga opened eyes across the world. The English Premier League wants to return to action soon and the Italian Serie A has reportedly agreed on a return date on June 13th.

The Canadian Premier League Commissioner David Clanachan has reportedly, "taken notes" on the Bundesliga's approach back to action, according to the CANPL.CA staff.

The latest proposition is reportedly, a single-site solution.

Clanachan told reporters, "we at the league office, are very interested in this idea of playing an event where we bring all the teams together and how that would work."

"We think that would be very entertaining for our fans across the country. We'll see how it works, ad it will take a lot of work to get it done. Things are starting to move along now and we're excited."

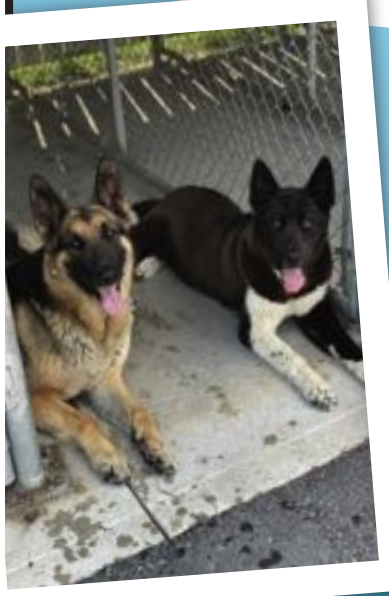
This weekend, would have been the seventh matchweek in the year.

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OBITUARIES

Joe (Guido) Van Tichelen



Left us suddenly on Wednesday May 13th, 2020, at the age of 79, beloved husband of Jean. Cherished father of Debbie (Glen) Davis, Sandy (Luciano) Panezutti and Jody (Claudio) Fiorini. Adored Poppa to Kyle (Ashley) and Duane (Cassandra) Davis, Kyle, Lucas and Luciano Panezutti, Cassandra Van Tichelen, Samantha and Kristina Fiorini and Great-Poppa to Emilee and Rylee Molnar. Predeceased by his parents Leo and Julia. Remembered with love by his cousins in Belgium, Francis, Ferdy (deceased), Johnny and their families.

Joe arrived in Canada from Belgium, along with his Mother and Father, at the age of 7 in 1948. They originally settled in Fergus at a dairy farm, later moving to Caledon East in the early 1960's where they owned and operated the Caledon East Creamery, supporting local farmers and their families. While at the creamery Joe met Jean and their love story began. On May 5th they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. After the creamery, Joe moved on to trucking and enjoyed many years of driving, until his retirement from Cavalier Transportation in 2017.

Joe and Jean raised their family in Caledon East. They travelled throughout Europe with his cousins and explored Canada and the US in their motorhome. He was a fan of NASCAR and liked nothing better that to share his love of the sport with anyone that was interested. He loved to read, his favorite being John Grisham novels, and enjoyed sitting on his backyard swing, watching the birds at his feeders.

Joe appreciated old cars, especially his 1955 Chevy Bel Air which was his pride and joy. He spent many great afternoons cruising the countryside with Jean, and loved it when people stopped to ask him about his car.

Joe was a man that showed kindness to everyone he knew, a gentle giant, a true gentleman. He was a man of few words, but he had a huge impact on those that knew and loved him.

Raised as an only child, having such a large family brought him great joy. A dedicated and loving Husband, Dad, Father-in-Law, Poppa, and Great-Poppa, his happiest days were spent with his children, grand-children and great-grandchildren. He was loved and admired by his family; he was our hero and we will miss him everyday.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory may be made to Southlake Hospital Foundation – Regional Cardiac Care Program or Bethell Hospice Foundation.

Service details will be released at a later date.

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

Joseph Daniel Chaney



Suddenly at home in Victoria B.C on April 27 2020 at the age of 56. Born in Orangeville, Joe left C.D.D.H.S at age 17 and joined the Canadian Navy. He was active in the Gulf War aboard the H.M.S Athabascan. He was also a proud sub mariner. He retired after 20 years as Petty Officer 1st Class and was the recipient of many medals.

In 2003 he joined the Fleet Maintenance Facility as an Underwater Weapons Technican, where he was employed at the time of his passing. Joe was always active in many outdoor activities and was very passionate about music.

Joe will be loved and never forgotten by wife Patti, son Kristian, daughters Alexandria and Eryn. Mother Nora Martin, Father Harry (Joe) Chaney, brothers Randy (Barb) Steven (Teri), Harold Jr (Melissa), Mark (Stacey), Mitchell (Tania) and sister Cheryl, many other relatives and countless friends.

Donations may be made in his memory @ Headwaters Health Care Hospital Orangeville Pediatrics or the Shelburne Food Bank, or the Children's Breakfast Club.

OBITUARIES

RODGERS, Brian "Lee"



Lee passed away suddenly at Brampton Civic hospital on Tuesday May 19th, 2020 in his 66th year.
Lee is survived by his loving son Steven (Amanda) and step-children Jessica (Parm), Ryan (Angela) and Josh Wagner.
Also surviving are siblings Penny Rice, Kathy Thomas (Ted), Dolores Einboden (Phil), Gord (Dawn), Rob (Terri) and predeceased by his sister Diane, and parents Isabel and Emerson Rodgers.
He will be greatly missed by the Lambertus and Paulitzki families, and by his many nieces and nephews.
Lee was a long time employee of Bryan's Fuel in Orangeville, he also spent over 40 years officiating both minor and junior hockey over his long career. He enjoyed baseball, golf and socializing with his many friends.
Always ready with a smile, he will be missed by all who knew him.
A celebration of life will take place at a later date.
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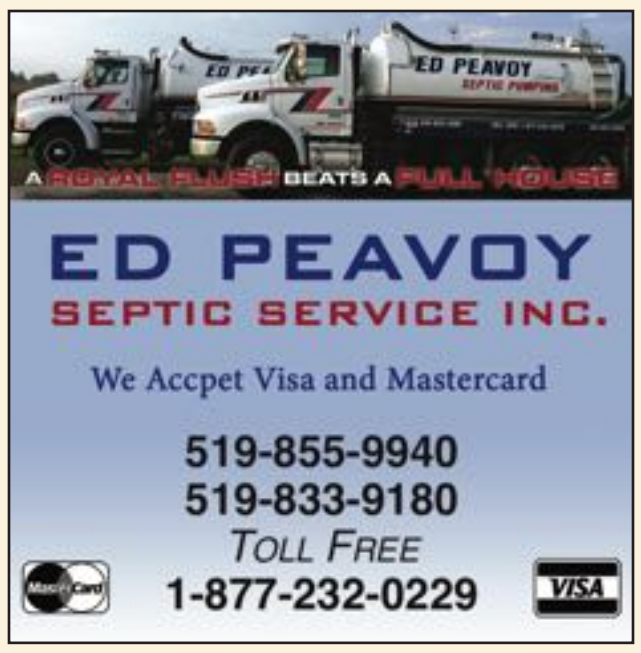
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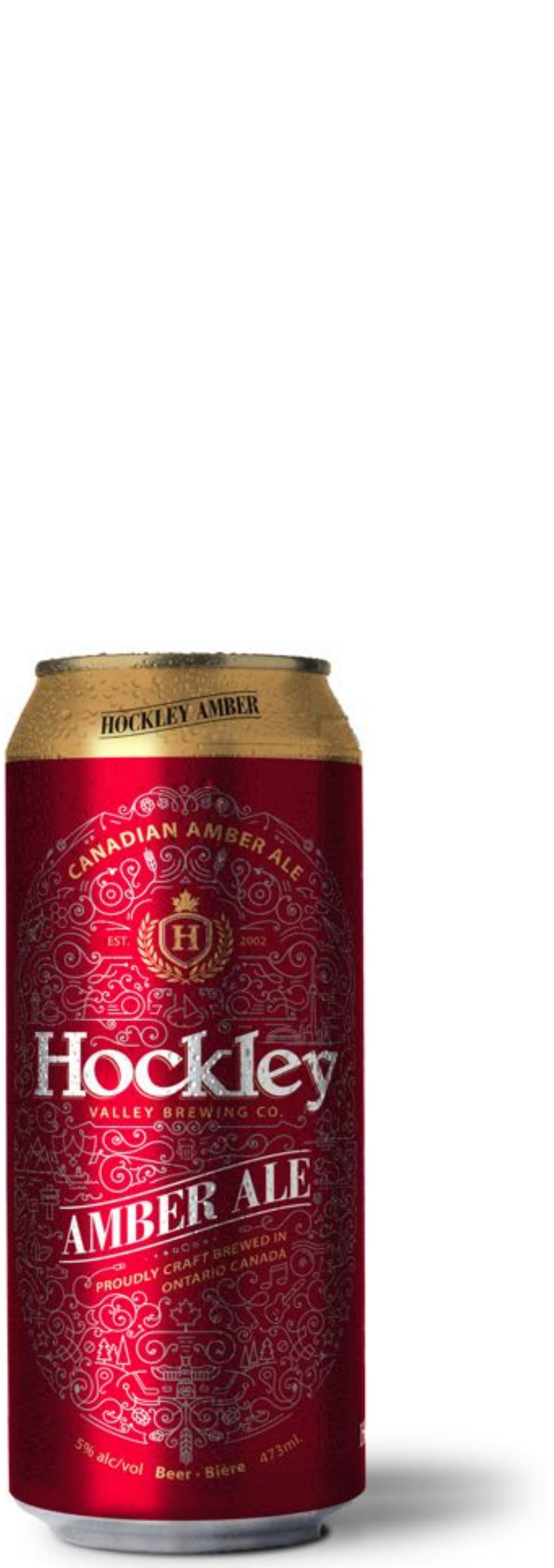
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