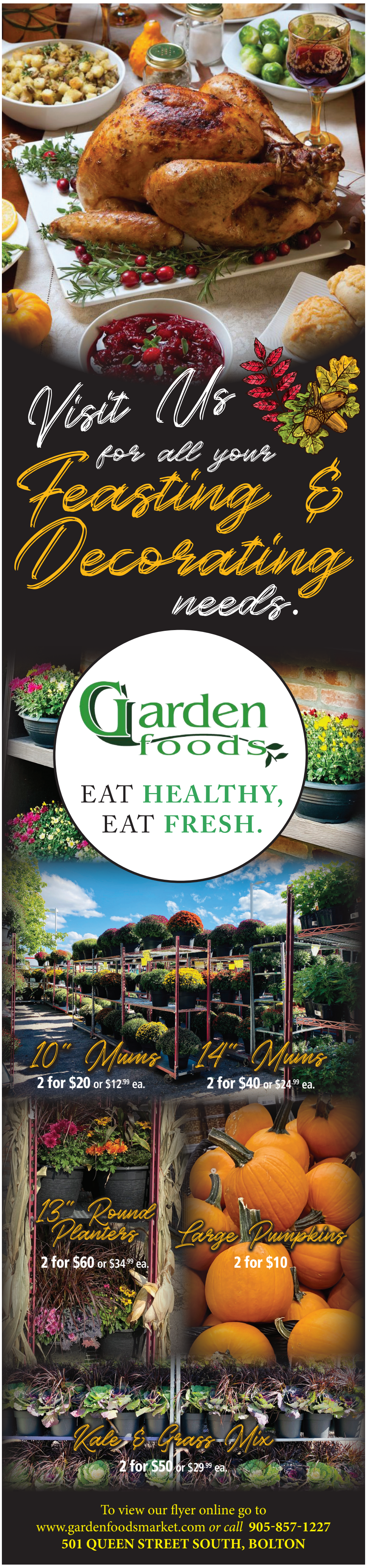

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SHOWING THEIR SMILE: Sorrento Retirement Residence owner Raymond Nicolini was able to succeed two tasks in one last week, feeding his construction team and supporting local charity, Caledon Meals on Wheels. Tim Hortons here in Caledon is supporting CMOW through their annual Smile Cookie campaign, where that $1 spent on a yummy smile cookie, goes to local charities for a limited time. Nicolini bought smile cookies for all the construction crew members located at the site of the soon-to-be open retirement residence, located at 10 Station Road. Ward 3 and 4 Regional Coun. Jennifer Innis joined in on the excitement, as well as CMOW Executive Director, Christine Sevigny.

Caledon, Peel Region introducing new Automated Speed Enforcement cameras

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Lead-footed drivers around Caledon will have to watch out for more than just police cruisers if they want to avoid being hit with a hefty fine from now on, after the municipality installed its first Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) camera in the community this week.

The first location to be loaded up with an ASE camera is Old Church Road, near Robert F. Hall Catholic School.

The ASE program uses a camera to measure speed to improve and help enforce speed limits in school and community safety zones. Officials hope this will encourage drivers to slow down where there are children or residents walking, running, playing, cycling and just generally being out and about in their community.

Back in April, warning signs were put up letting community members know that the program was coming to Caledon, whereas now installations are being completed.

The Town of Caledon and Region of Peel have identified five other locations where cameras will be set up for the ASE program.

These locations include Caledon East Public School on Airport Rd., Herb Campbell Public School on King St., Caledon Central Public School on Charleston Sideroad, Palgrave Public School on Highway 50 and Alton Public School on Main St.

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Ontario provides supports for jobs, growth in local riding

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was joined by local and provincial officials this past Fridat (Sept. 25) as she announced new supports for jobs and economic growth across the riding.

Jones stood alongside Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, several members of Caledon council, as well as TRCA members at the Albion Hills Conservation Centre, to talk about the funding from the provincial government for 66 projects across Ontario.

The Rural Economic Development (RED) program was developed to support 'activities that create strong rural communities in Ontario.' The support includes funding to help communities attract new and more jobs and investments to enhance economic growth, funding to build and support community capacity, as well as investments in rural communities to help diversify and grow economies.

"We want to ensure that our rural communities remain great places to live, where our children learn, grow, work and play both now and in the future. And the Rural Economic Development Program is helping to do just that," said Minister Hardeman. "This project supports projects that help create jobs and prosperity and investments in rural communities' economic development."



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PROVINCIAL INVESTMENT: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones alongside Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Ernie Hardeman, Dufferin County Warden Darren White and Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson during a recent gathering at Albion Hills Conservation Area to announce funding to support jobs and economic growth in Dufferin-Caledon.

The Ontario government is investing $3 million in cost-share funding to help communities such as Caledon and Dufferin County.

The Town of Caledon will receive $43,000 towards economic development and tourism, through virtual reality video productions and a new website to promote tourism, and the County of Dufferin is receiving $50,000 to look into opportunities to bolster the meat processing industry across the region.

"It focuses on diversity, diversifying regional economics and improving the competitiveness of rural businesses in communities like Caledon across the province," said Hardeman.

Applications for funding are being accepted until Oct.9, and Minister Hardeman encourages not-for-profit organizations to apply to the RED program.

"This is definitely going to help Caledon in so many ways move forward, and it will help our municipalities to promote and market our small business and tourist assets," stated Mayor Allan Thompson. "It's the partnerships between the municipality, TRCA and the province of Ontario to help make things possible to better the needs for our smalls businesses here, but also for the rest of people of Ontario to come and enjoy and experience the great things that both Caledon and Dufferin have to offer."

Dufferin County Warden Darren White was also present for the announcement and was thrilled to receive funding to better understand the meant processing environment and capacity in Dufferin.

"This project will conduct an environmental scan and needs analysis and will lay out an action plan for how we should move forward in pursuit of enhancing the availability of meat processing in Dufferin County," said Warden White.

For more information about the Rural Economic Development program visit ontario.ca.

Caledon Council bans events following rise of COVID-19 cases in Peel

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Council chatted about upcoming events and the safety of the community on Tuesday (Sept. 29), ultimately decided to cancel any planned gathering until further notice due to the steady rise of COVID-19 cases in the region.

Peel Public Health Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh joined council members during this week's meeting, providing an update on the latest COVID-19 status within Peel.

Loh explains to council that, though Premier Doug Ford has declared Ontario is basically entering a second wave of the coronavirus pandemic, Peel Region has done a good job flattening the curve, and numbers have been steady and consistent, not putting Peel into a second wave.

"Despite the Premier's recent announcement that Ontario is entering a second wave, in the Region of Peel, our data suggest that we're not quite in a second wave just yet. Our cases have stayed roughly in the 60 to 90 range over the last month, which means that we're essentially seeing linear growth and to some extent staying in a rough plateau over the course of four weeks," he stated.

As upcoming festivities slowly get closer including Thanksgiving, Halloween, and Christmas to name a few, council members shared their concerns on whether these events, or any upcoming events, are safe for the community to participate in.

"I don't think it's the right time to be encouraging gatherings," said Ward 3 and 4 Regional Coun. Jennifer Innis.

Coun. Innis brought forward a motion to cancel all upcoming events unless approved by council, to keep the community and residents safe from the spread of COVID-19.

"These are all holidays that we are actively looking at, at Peel Public Health. The Province is actively looking at Thanksgiving and Halloween, so we're waiting for further guidance from them," said Dr. Loh.

Staff at the Town of Caledon are also looking at organizing a report to bring forward to council regarding the upcoming holidays, which has been difficult as they understand and appreciate the importance of these events to the community and members of council.

All members of council, with the exception of Ward 5 Regional Coun. Annette Groves, approved the motion that besides the events that had already been approved, that no further events take place unless approved by council.

"I'm going to have a difficult time explaining why I'm not encouraging events in my ward," said Innis. "During budget pressures and safety measures, I don't think that it's the appropriate time."

Further information will be coming forward from the Town of Caledon regarding upcoming holidays such as Halloween, as well as further discussions from Peel Public Health.

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Town askins for public feedback on Bolton downtown revitalization project

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon's economic development team is in the process of working through the second stage of the Town's downtown revitalization project for Bolton.

Caledon's Economic Development Strategy was adopted by the Council in March of this year, which included the plans to revamp the downtown core in Bolton.

"The purpose of the Bolton downtown revitalization project is to boost overall economic well-being of the historic Bolton core area," said Ben Roberts, Manager of Business Development, Tourism and Culture. "The research part of the project is already underway and considerable work has already been done to review relevant adopted studies, plans and policies."

The plan's timeline includes research and stakeholder engagement, which will be taking place throughout October. A draft plan will be presented in December, with a public meeting to discuss the proposal to be scheduled by January. It's expected that a final report will be ready to be presented to Council by March.

"Council and staff have been consulted to determine development/improvement limitations, outstanding actions, works completed to date and jurisdictional actions," explained Roberts.

The data that staff are collecting includes development applications, capital projects, vacancy rates, business mix and best practices for revitalization of comparable urban core areas stated Roberts.

Currently the Town is looking for public input on the project through an online survey.

"We strongly encourage anyone who lives, works or owns a business or property in downtown Bolton to take the survey and let us know what they think would make the downtown core a better place for residents, businesses and visitors," said Roberts.

He noted that it was too soon to comments on responses already received. While there have been some submissions already, Roberts is hopeful that residents will take the time to provide feedback to ensure the project reflects the community's values and needs.

"The process will culminate in a multi-year plan that utilizes the findings from existing policies, plans and studies, consultation and municipal best practises to recommend actions and specific tactics to revitalize the Bolton core area," explained Roberts.

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Students struggle with online learning, but happy to be back at school

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
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Students packed their backpacks and headed back to school last month, even while the global COVID-19 pandemic raged on.

Schools have implemented a wealth of health and safety protocols to protect students. While the majority of students returned to the classroom on Sept. 8, there are thousands who have opted to partake in online learning from their home. For the most part, elementary students from kindergarten to Grade 8 have returned in-person, five days a week, while secondary students' classes are being split between in-person and online.

Masks are mandatory for all students and staff on the school site, while maintaining social distancing – six feet from other people, is also being recommended.

Proper screening is taking place for students when they arrive, and as they leave school. As well, parents are encouraged to screen their children before they leave for school. Students are asked to know and understand the symptoms and how to properly identify them themselves in the case of developing COVID-19 while at school.

Grade 12 student Alexis Faria from Robert F. Hall Secondary School was excited to head back to school, but the nerves of the world we live in now were still in her mind.

"I was both excited and nervous to return to school," she stated. "I was excited to see my classmates and teachers, but I was nervous because of the ongoing pandemic and the possibility of an outbreak occurring ."

Though she felt nervous, staff and her teachers were able to comfort her.

"When we arrived at school, the principal Mrs. Currah and other staff members greeted us outside, which was nice. On my way to class, it was easily noticeable, the precautions placed to keep everyone safe and socially distanced. There were arrows in the hallways, sanitizer jugs in each class, everyone worse masks and there were not many students per class."

As Faria is in her final year of high school, she's finding it difficult balancing the in-person and online approach. The new protocols, she says, make it difficult to properly focus on her studies.

"I understand the need for this approach, but I personally work better in a full-time classroom setting to achieve my best marks. As a Grade 12 student, I'm getting ready to apply to universities and my marks are significant for my success," she said.

Principal Natalie Currah shares that the shutdown of schools and changes that have-come along with it has impacted not only her, but other members of staff.

Schools closed following March break to keep students and staff members safe.

"My staff and I have embraced coming back to school and working with students. The shutdown has been hard on all, but most of us who came into the profession of teaching did so because we love being able to work with children, nurture them and watch them grow," stated Currah. "I can honestly say that even behind the masks it's nice to see students' smiles as they enter the building."

Currah agrees that students at Robert F. Hall are mainly concerned and struggling with the online factor for students. As more and more students are switching to online to keep away from physically going into school, it's been difficult to organize timetables and accommodations.

With smaller classes in place as more students elect to work from home, Faria stated that it actually makes it easier to connect with other students and teachers.



FILE PHOTO

GLAD TO BE BACK: Students at Robert F. Hall Secondary School in Caledon returned to the classroom last month. While most students were happy to return to school, they are still mindful of the dangers of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think the biggest difference is the class sizes. There are only 14 students in my period two class, I have period one spare, and I honestly prefer it this way. It's a change for the better," she said. "When in-class, we have class discussions, and everyone is involved. I feel with less students everyone becomes more comfortable and involved. My period two is leadership, so we spend most of our in-class participating in interactive activities and we've all connected well with one another."

The recent rise in COVID-19 cases in Ontario, and especially in Peel Region has caused some concern among teachers, staff, students and parents. With more than 1,000 active cases in the region, Currah is hopeful that the steady increase we've seen over the past week slows down.

"I really hope, as a community, that people continue to wear masks, practice physical distancing and other health and safety measures as it is the only way we are going to be able to ensure that the numbers do not increase" she said. "It's a shared responsibility we all have."

For more information, visit peelschools.org on further updates.

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Caledon, Peel Region introducing new Automated Speed Enforcement cameras

"Safety on our streets is so important and using ASE is one way to help ensure vehicles are not speeding," says Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson. "As we are all driving around in Caledon, I encourage motorists to please drive according to the speed limit and road conditions. If you're riding your bicycle or walking, be sure to follow the appropriate rules and always be aware of your surroundings."

The signs that flash lights and demand maximum speed limit at 40 km, will be changed to permanent signs and will include some other minor changes.

The program was released in Ontario this past Spring for participating municipalities to protect vulnerable persons in communities. It was first implemented in Saskatchewan during a pilot project from 2014 to 2017, which brought impressive results of decreased speed in school zones. Approximately 56 per cent of residents in Saskatchewan said they wanted to continue the program, while 93 per cent wanted it to expand.

Other parts of Ontario are looking to bring forward the program including Mississauga, Burlington, Hamilton and Oakville, just to name a few.

"Speed enforcement is a reminder that we all need to slow down to keep our communities safe," said Terry Ricketts, Director of Transportation, Region of Peel. "The automated speed enforcement program will help increase public awareness about the critical need to slow down in school zones and community safety zones, change driver behaviour and ultimately improve road user safety."

The cameras capture images of vehicles who are speeding in these safety zones. The images are then sent to Provincial Offence Officers, who review the images. Tickets are then sent to the owner's address. Demerit points are not added to the owner's license and their driving records will not be affected.

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Caledon OPP investigating multiple thefts in Inglewood

Officers from Caledon OPP are investigating five incidents of theft from vehicles that occurred in Inglewood.

All reported incidents occurred overnight between Thursday, Sept. 17 and Friday, Sept. 18, where locked and unlocked vehicles were entered by an unknown suspect, and valuables such as cash and sunglasses were stolen.

The suspect is described as a male, tall and thin.

The following streets were targeted by the suspect: North Riverdale Drive; West Village Drive; East Village Drive, and MacDonald Street.

Caledon OPP is asking the residents of the above neighbourhoods to check their security cameras for suspicious people, vehicles or activity. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to these thefts, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 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.

Caledon OPP reminds local residents to always lock vehicles and remove valuables from plain view; Never leave the car running and unattended; Store car keys in a secure location in your home, and; Keep all doors in your home locked.

Reporting COVID-19 related violations

Caledon OPP has responded to numerous reports of COVID-related complaints last-weekend.

Frontline Caledon OPP members attended several calls for services, which included complaints of large gatherings in private residences and possible COVID-related violations in staffed business facilities.

Caledon OPP would like to remind residents that as of September 19, 2020, under The Reopening of Ontario Act the new social gathering limits are: indoor events or gatherings: 10 people (previous limit of 50), and outdoor events or gatherings: 25 people (previous limit of 100)

This applies to social gatherings in private residences, backyards, parks and other recreational areas. This includes - functions, parties, dinners, gatherings, barbecues and wedding receptions.

The new limits do not apply to events or gatherings in staffed businesses and facilities since they must already follow specific public health and safety guidelines to minimize risk and limit the spread of COVID-19.

If you believe a gathering or a business is not adhering to the Reopening Ontario Act, here are the local phone numbers to call:

Reporting a non-compliant food establishment, personal service setting, or recreational water facility. These establishments include: restaurants and bars, grocery stores, convenience stores, discount and big box retailers selling groceries, tattoo studios, body piercing shops, aesthetics salons, and hairdressing and barber shops, public pools, spas, beaches, splash pads and wading pools. Call Peel Public Health at 905-584-2216.

Reporting non-compliance in all other businesses or public spaces, including prohibited private social gatherings and organized public events: call Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To report non-compliance with the Town's Mask By-law, call the Town of Caledon at 905-584-2272 ext. 3462.

Business owners with questions about provincial closures and other aspects of the Provincial Order, including compliance related inquiries and interpretation, contact the Provincial Business Information Hotline at 1-888-444-3659.

The OPP encourages everyone to do their part to support our health care system and workers at this difficult time and minimize the impact of COVID-19 in all of our communities.

Bolton senior charged with aggravation assault

On Monday, Sept. 28, at approximately 5:18 p.m. officers from the Caledon OPP responded to a reported domestic incident on Hesp Drive in Bolton.

Once on scene, the officers located an 86-year-old victim with very serious injuries, who required an immediate medical assistance.

As a result of the police investigation, an 86-year-old male was arrested and stands charged with aggravated assault.

The victim was transported to a hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date. Members with the Caledon OPP Crime Unit are continuing to investigating the incident.

Any person with information regarding this investigation should immediately contact the Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or toll free at 1-888-310-1122.

Police searching for local senior

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are requesting the public's assistance in locating an 87-year-old Caledon senior.

The missing senior is Louis Cauz, who was last seen on Monday, September 28th, 2020 in Coboconk, Ontario.

Louis is described as male, white, 5'10", 180 lbs, medium build, short grey hair; he was wearing khaki-coloured pants, dark blue long-sleeved shirt, glasses.

Louis was driving a black 2019 Honda Civic bearing an Ontario license plate 24LN09.

Police and family are concerned for Louis's well-being and ask anyone with information in relation to Louis's whereabouts to contact Caledon OPP detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

Another man missing

Caledon OPP are requesting the public's assistance in locating a 32-year-old male, who previously resided in Caledon.

The missing party is John Di Pasquale, who was last seen on Saturday, August 29th, 2020 in the area of Agnes Street in the town of Caledon.

John is described as male, white, 5'9", 160 lbs, light brown hair, facial hair, blue eye.

John is a Caledon resident but recently he has been living with his family in Mississauga, and is known to frequent Brampton.

He may be driving a grey 2009 Ford Edge bearing an Ontario license plate CRAW881.

Police and family are concerned for John's well-being. Anyone with information in relation to John's whereabouts is asked to contact Caledon OPP detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.



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Headwaters Assessment Centre preparing for increased COVID-19 testing

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LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With Ontario reporting high numbers of new COVID-19 cases, reaching an all-time high of 700 new cases on Monday (Sept. 28), assessment centres are preparing on how to cope with a new wave of residents requiring testing.

Headwaters Health Care Centre has been following the advice and guidelines set by the Ministry of Health regarding their assessment centre, and what changes have needed to be made in order to prioritize testing individuals in a safe manner.

Residents are being asked to visit the Assessment Centre if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive in their area, are a resident or employee where there has been an outbreak, or are eligible for testing as part of a targeted testing initiative.

"As we have seen time and time again during this pandemic, situations can change rapidly and we all need to be able to adapt," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO, Headwaters Health Care Centre. "We encourage people with symptoms to come to our Assessment Centre and to stay informed about the recommendations from Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Health."

Peter Varga, Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Executive stated that the daily number of residents seeking the COVID-19 tests has increased from 200 people previously, to between 350 and 400 people in the past week.

"The lineups are long and we have had instances when we have had to close the lineup early, or just temporarily while we complete our testing. Our numbers continue to fluctuate. Our staff have been wonderful and are doing their best," he said. "We have also hired additional staff to manage the demand. We do ask that people are patient as they wait in line and reconsider their need for a test is based on the most recent updates from the Province."

The Assessment Centre has been handling as many people as they can while following the changes in the guidelines, which were set on Sept. 25, but their lineups continue to grow.

Premier Doug Ford claimed this week that Ontario has entered a second wave of coronavirus and that hospitals and assessment centres are being prepped to deal with more cases.

"Our team is working along with our community partners including Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health to plan for a second wave. Our enhanced infection and prevention control measures continue. These include screening people at hospital entrances, enhanced high touch area cleaning and wearing masks inside the hospital," Varga explained. "We are now up to pre-COVID-19 activity in our hospital ramp-up of services and procedures. Our team is also working on addressing the waitlists, which will take several months to complete. Our Emergency Department visits have also risen to pre-COVID-19 volumes.

Now at the beginning of October and flu season upon us, the team at Headwaters is encouraging residents to seek their family doctors or emergency medical care if their issue is urgent, and highly encourage everyone to get the flu shot.

"Our messages are consistent. We encourage people to keep following public health guidelines, wear a mask or face covering, wash their hands regularly, maintain physical distance and also contain your social circle. Please get your flu shot. We all need to do our part to help flatten the curve," he said. "We have been working hard each and every day to fight the coronavirus to ensure that patients, essential visitors and staff are safe at Headwaters and those who require our services are able to receive the care they need."

He added, "Our collaboration with our community partners has been critical in all our activities as we plan to manage the second wave."

The Headwaters COVID-19 Assessment Centre is currently not winterized, so the team is preparing on moving the centre to a location better capable to handle the upcoming cold weather months. More information regarding the Assessment Centre and updates will be available in the next weeks.

For more information, please visit headwatershealth.ca.

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PDSB apologizes to community activist for acts of racism

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Peel District School Board (PDSB) admitted last week that a long-standing dispute between some Board officials and a local community activist, stemming from an incident on PDSB property back in March in which police were called, was "discriminatory" and "an act of anti-Black racism".

The local school board issued an apology to Idris Orughu last Wednesday (Sept. 23), who was issued with a notice of trespassing after he attempted to attend a PDSB board meeting in February. The Citizen caught up with Mr. Orughu this week to capture his thoughts and feelings following a stressful, months-long disagreement with PDSB.

PDSB holds bi-weekly board meetings, which are open to the public. Mr. Orughu was a regular attendee at these meetings, along with other residents and parents. At one particular meeting, held on Feb. 25, a discussion amongst Board members made reference to an incident that occurred at a Mississauga elementary school four years ago.

In September 2016, a six-year-old girl was detained and bound by her wrists and ankles with handcuffs after her school in Mississauga called the police due to 'violent behaviour'. The young girl was held for 28 minutes straight.

Her family was shocked and distraught by the knowledge of how the girl was treated and pursued a civil lawsuit against Peel Police. Mr. Orughu expressed his feelings to the Board members, that the actions taken against the young student were out of line. Inwardly, he wondered, since the girl was black, whether this could be seen as an act of racism.

"This child could have been any child, but it just so happened that she was black, but we had seen a pattern that's been ongoing where police were called unnecessarily for misbehavior that could be addressed by the school. A young black kid that was having some challenges ended up being handcuffed and hogtied. This was a practise that was just unconscionable," Idris explained.

Himself and other members of the community went to the Board to talk about that practice of police being called to address situations involving children to come to an end. Parents were upset at the meeting, expressing their belief that the school board, principals, or teachers should have been able to handle the situation without having to involve the police.

Orughu explains that the men remained seated, while the women spoke their words stating that "if a man had expressed his feelings the way some of the women were, it would have been seen as trying to stand up to authority."

Things slightly escalated and some parents were asked to leave the meeting. Eventually the board decided to enter into a private session. When some members of the public wouldn't leave, the police were called.

"We had two trustees come and join us because they heard that they were calling the police. I wondered, why would you call the police? Eventually the police came, they never spoke to me, nor did they speak to anybody. They walked right by me," said Orughu. "I went about my business standing and watching. We felt intimidated, because there was no need to call the police on black parents that were telling (the board) to stop the practice of handcuffing young black children."

He remembered waking up the next day and reading a news article that one of the trustees feared for his life.

On March 9, Orughu received a letter from the school board banning him from showing up to any Peel District School Board premises for one full year, stating that he harassed and threatened board members.

Orughi was both appalled and confused about the reasoning behind their decision to ban him from all PDSB facilities, especially given there had been no other correspondence, either verbal or written, telling him that his behaviour at the board meeting was inappropriate.

"The only reason was that they just wanted to silence me as the face and voice of the protect against the treatment of children of Peel movement," he said. "They tried to make this a black issue. The affects to black children was just one part of the issue. There was also Islamophobia, there was the way they saw children of South Asian descent. We were also talking about Indigenous children, kids who are members of LGBTQ community, and children who had a learning disability, which encompasses all races."

Months after he received that letter banning him and accusing him of harassment and threatening behaviour, PDSB released an apology on Sept. 23.

"The Peel District School Board extends an apology to Mr. Orughu," stated the letter. "The issuing of the notice of trespass and contacting the Peel Regional Police were acts of discrimination and anti-Black racism."

Orughu is appreciative and thankful for the work of PDSB Supervisor Bruce Rodrigues, who was brought in by the provincial government earlier this year to oversee the school board and take necessary actions to eliminate inequality and racism in the PDSB.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

SCHOOL BOARD SORRY: Idris Orughu received an apology from the Peel District School Board after they sent him a letter banning him from all PDSB premises for an entire year. Mr. Orughu received the notice shortly after attending a PDSB meeting, alongside other parents in February.

"He understands our pain. He knows what needs to be done, and he's trying to do it, so I welcomed the apology," Orughu stated. "But at the same time, for me personally, it's a small price to pay for the pain and trauma being experienced by these marginalized people. There's still a lot that needs to be done. We cannot fix a broken and rotten system within one year for something that's been going on for generations, for multi-generations."

In its release to the public, PDSB says it will work to ensure the elimination of discrimination of any kind within the school board.

"The Peel District School Board recognizes and apologizes on behalf of senior leadership for the impact of that trespass letter on Mr. Orughu's advocacy efforts to change education policies that perpetuate anti-Black racism and oppressive practices," the release states. "The Peel District School Board is committed to working with members of its community to address anti-Black racism, inequity, and social inequality that impact the ability for all students to achieve their potential."

PDSB has been under constant fire in recent years for perceived racial discrimination in their schools, but Orughu states this issue does not begin and end in Peel.

He explained how several schools in Ontario have these issues, but are not in the spotlight. With Orughu's face and voice speaking out and advocating on these issues, people from broader areas are reaching out to him for assistance.

"I've had tons of emails and correspondence, hearing about incidents from students from the Catholic school system from Hamilton to Vaughan. Because of what I've been doing, I'm getting all of this, and you realize that this is all over Ontario. And if it's all over Ontario, there's something wrong with our educational system in Canada," he said. "We don't send children to school to harm them. We send children to school so that they can learn, and become productive, good citizens of this country."

He added, "When you harm them at such early years, those such formative years, you are costing society a lot because we have to pay for those mistakes."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

7904 Mayfield Road

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (Temporary Use)

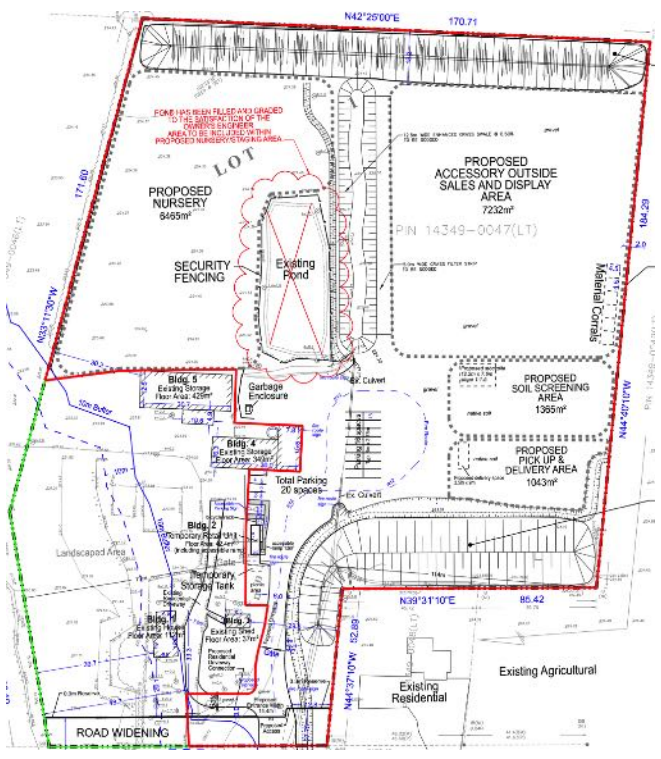
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APPLICANT: Weston Consulting on behalf of Tarpa Construction Co. Ltd.
LOCATION: 7904 Mayfield Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:

To amend the Zoning By-law for the subject lands from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 (EPA2) to Agricultural – Temporary XX (A1-XX), Environmental Policy Area 1 – Temporary XX (EPA1-XX), and Environmental Policy Area 2 – Temporary XX (EPA2-XX) to temporarily permit a commercial nursery and garden supply centre for a period of three (3) years.



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

LEAD PLANNER:
Adam Wendland, Community Development Planner
905.584.2272 x.4024
adam.wendland@caledon.ca

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

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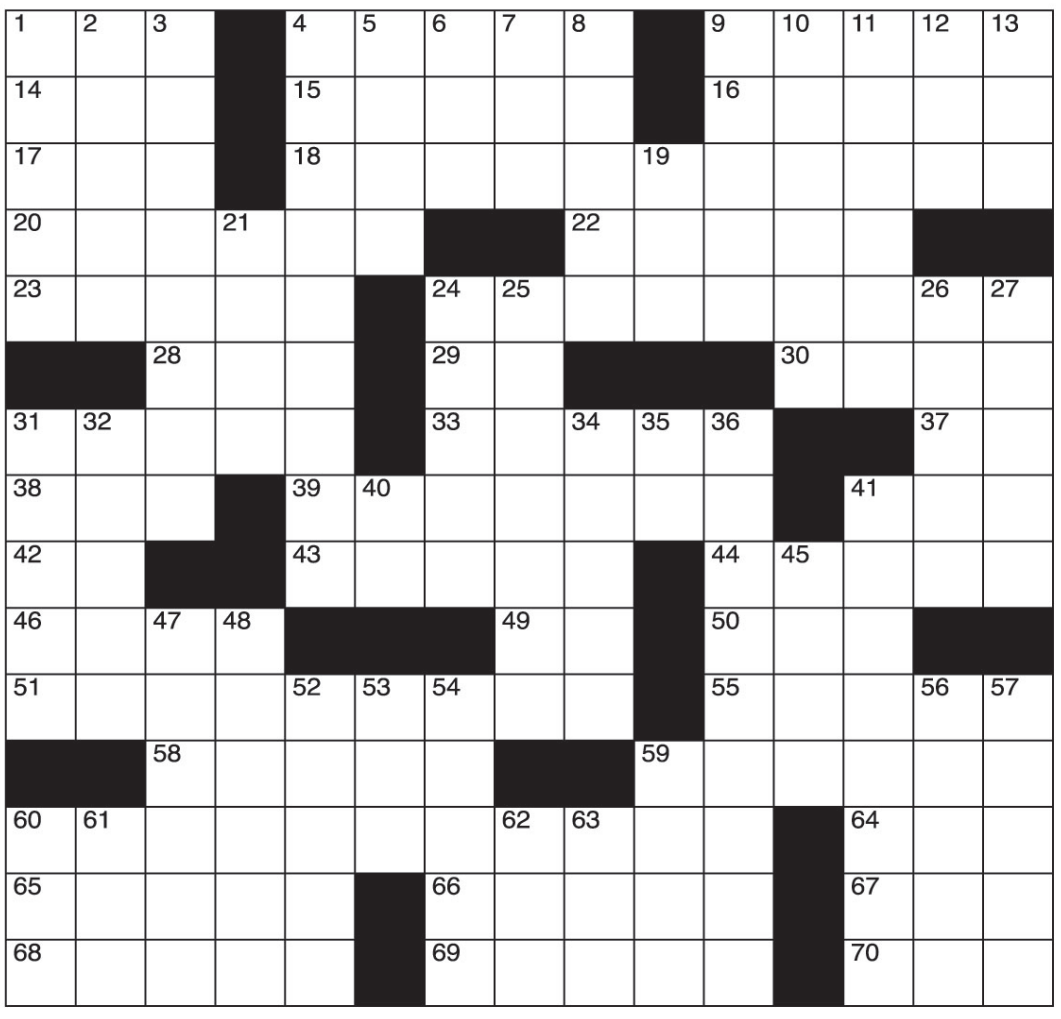
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The Citizen CROSSWORD

Solution on page A12



CLUES ACROSS

1. Part of (abbr.)
4. Persons
9. Moved with a curvying trajectory
14. Bitterly regret
15. Cause to feel embarrassed
16. Type of toast
17. Bobby __, NHL champ
18. Analogies
20. Mixes
22. Beloved flowers
23. Clinton special prosecutor
24. Avoids
28. Innermost brain membrane: __ mater
29. Atomic #18
30. Remain as is
31. One who's been canonized
33. Indian king or prince
37. The Bay State
38. Forms adjectives
39. Give off
41. Partner to flow
42. Biblical Sumerian city
43. Popular clothing material
44. Organism parts
46. Central US Native American people
49. Blood type
50. Wrath
51. Perennial tropical grass
55. Vetches
58. Buffaloes
59. Envelope type
60. Tuberculosis
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66. Indo-European languages
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69. Not fresh
70. Scientist's device (abbr.)

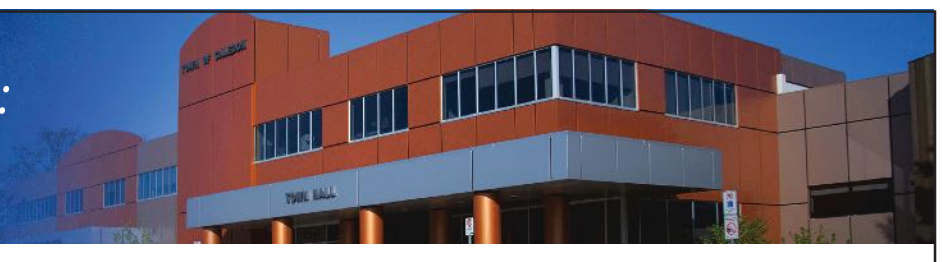
CLUES DOWN

1. High schoolers' dances
2. Style of rock music
3. Maryland athlete
4. Softened by soaking
5. Native Aussies
6. Some are on it
7. Clairvoyance
8. Broken piece
9. Wrong
10. Starts over
11. Where to hang clothes
12. One point north of due east
13. Gov't lawyers
19. Mass of eggs in a shellfish
21. Smile
24. Wrap
25. A citizen of Iran
26. Island off the coast of Tanzania
27. Knifes
31. Beloved "Doctor"
32. Type of turtle
34. Leg (French)
35. Indicates position
36. Self-doubt
40. Of I
41. Retired but allowed to retain title
45. Algerian port
47. African country
48. "Wayward Son" rockers
52. Bring out of sleep
53. Auburn legend Newton
54. Heavy wooden shield in ancient Greece
56. Choose to represent
57. Peace
59. Work hard
60. Reciprocal of a sine
61. Express delight
62. Explosive
63. Journalist Tarbell

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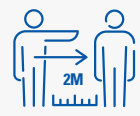


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2. **Maintain physical distance.**



3. **Wash your hands often.**



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Caledon's new community centre opens in Southfields



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Simpson Road

Area-Specific Development Charges By-law and Background Study

On Tuesday, October 13, 2020 the Council of the municipality of the Town of Caledon will hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended to present and obtain public input on the municipality's proposed area-specific development charges by-law and background study. The area under consideration is Simpson Road (221m north of George Bolton Parkway). It will be imposed within a defined area of the South Simpson Industrial Secondary Plan.

Due to the continuing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect individuals, Town Hall will not be open to the public to attend Public Meetings until further notice. These meetings will be held electronically.

DATE AND TIME:
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 6 p.m.

HOW TO LISTEN:
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HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:
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In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is available online at **caledon.ca/dc.**

Copies of the proposed by-law and the background study are available from the Municipal Clerk at the above location or by calling 905.584.2272.

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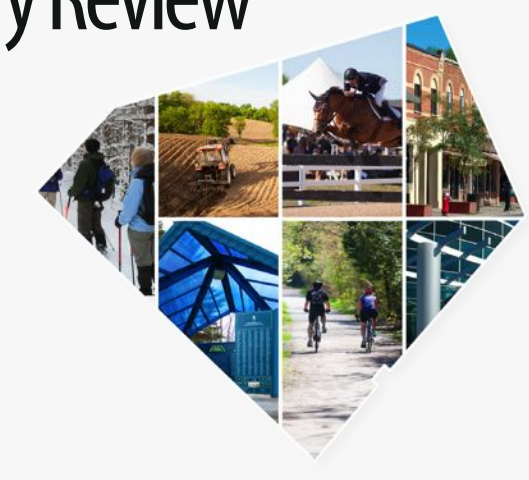
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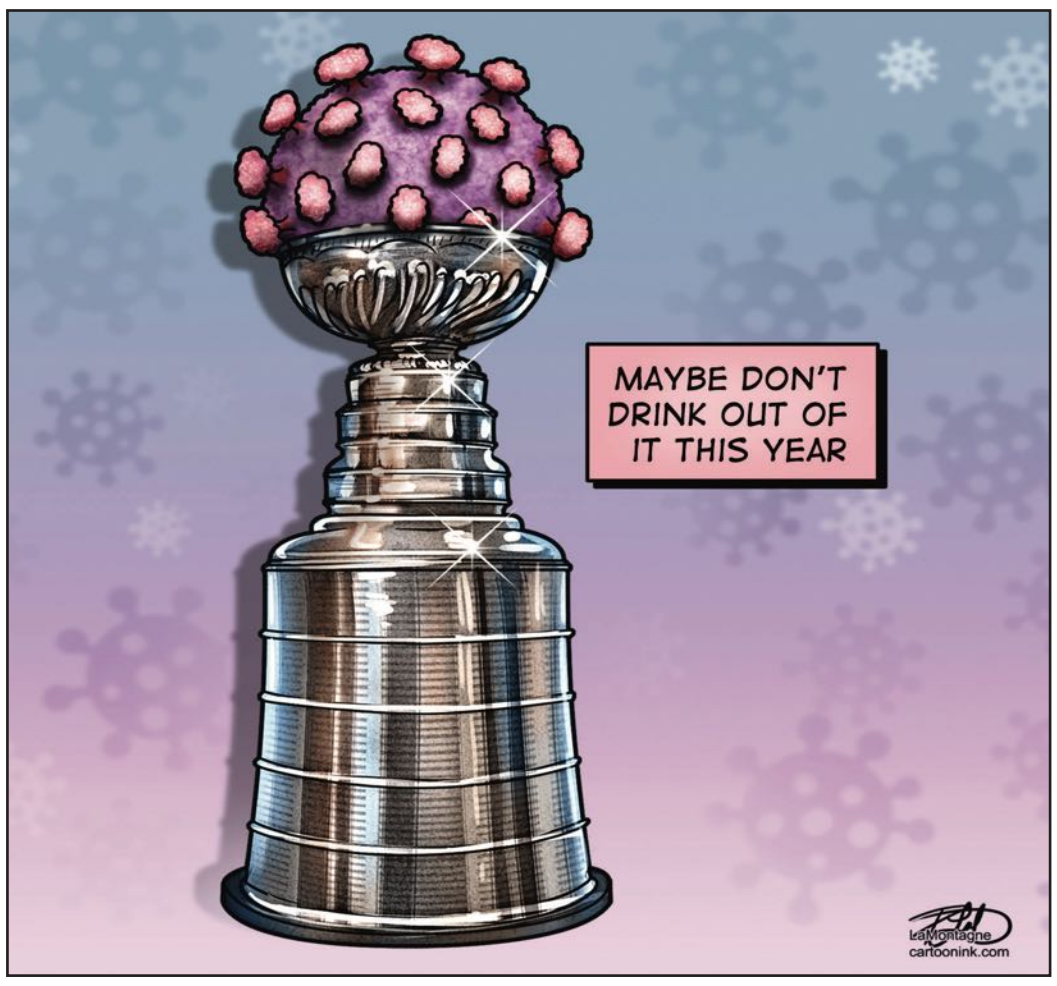
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Observations from inside looking out

by Mark Pavilons

Looks, outward appearances, are for other people.

A realization dawned on me the other day, one that may change the way we look at ourselves, or rather, glance outward.

I don't have a concrete idea of what I look like.

The other day I watched the beginning of a sci-fi movie on Netflix. The main character's lifeless double is found on the floor. He turns the body over and he's shocked to find out it's him.

I thought about this for a minute. If I found a body on the floor, turned it over, I wouldn't readily recognize myself. I'd turn his head left and right, study it, and then sigh, wondering to myself if that's really what I look like.

Let me qualify.

I spend maybe 90 seconds looking in the mirror in the morning, and another 90 seconds at night, while brushing my teeth. The rest of the day, I never check myself out.

Our brains are our internal computers – they are everything we are. We perceive, judge, weigh, decide and calculate everything by what we see. Our eyes flip the information to our brains, where the whole process takes place.

We glance downward at our hands, arms, legs and feet. But we can't look at our faces, unless we stand in front of a mirror, a reversed image of our real selves.

If we never look in a mirror, or lose our eyesight, how do we know what we look like? Is our mental picture of our appearance burned into our brains? Is it slightly different than the real deal?

For some, they have a mountain of photos of themselves, perhaps even videos, where they can see themselves in all their glory. They can watch themselves in action.

I joke to my wife that during my wake, the room will be somewhat void of photos. I don't have many of myself – I don't like them. Sure, there may be half a dozen family shots but very few depictions of this outstanding man exist.

You will notice that I have a graphic, a cartoon, of myself at the top of this column. I did have photos in my younger days at the Caledon Citizen, but tossed that idea as I aged, not so gracefully.

Wait, there's more.

If no photos of ourselves existed, the only "images" would be from other people's minds. Everyone perceives things differently. Does that mean we look slightly different to each person we know and love? I'd say yes. So what's our true form?

Good question, indeed.

About 15 years ago, I developed a condition known as rhinophyma, characterized by a large, red, bumpy or bulbous nose. This condition is significantly more common in men, especially between the ages of 50 to 70 years. I contracted it in my early 40s.

It worsened gradually, and to me, when I looked in the mirror, I saw the same careworn face. Others did not. In fact, I can honestly say it startled a few passers-by.

It required surgery to correct and my youngest referred to as the time I got my "new nose."

Again, this is a matter of perception, which is obviously subjective. Do we see what is actually there?

My whole life shows on my face and I'm damn proud of every wrinkle, dent and irregularity. I've earned them all.

I look my wife's face. In the past 25 years of marriage, I don't think it's changed one iota. She has the same bright smile and cute laugh. Everything about her seems perfect.

I don't know what she sees when she looks in the mirror. But does it matter?

There's the question we should all be asking ourselves – does it matter what I look like?

Aesop once wrote that we should look to the mind, not the outward appearance.

And Bryant McGill observed that while many show discontentment with their looks, few show it regarding their intelligence. "I, however, assure you there are many more plain minds than faces," he said.

I've heard that many Hollywood stars don't like how they look on film. Many don't watch their own movies or TV shows.

Looks, by and large, are genetic and by design. There's very little we can to do alter them, despite the thousands of infomercials claiming otherwise. It's the luck of the draw, the hand you're dealt with.

But doesn't that make you truly unique and one of a kind? Isn't that something to celebrate?

Shakespeare once observed that God gave us one face, and yet we make another.

Here in the "civilized" world, looks are king. They are everything, especially in advertising, entertainment and furthering the affluent gene pool.

Again, our brains may disregard the useless information we absorb. It only processes and stores new information, something interesting or visually appealing. Everything else falls by the wayside.

And so it should.

I'm a big fan of things that are remarkable by being "out of place." I love creative photos or artwork that depict dichotomies or contradictions.

I love it when people stand on the sidewalk with signs and I'm drawn to the ones that indicate the Messiah has arrived and the end is near.

I suppose my point is we don't have to be aesthetically pleasing to be important or make a difference. I say ban all mirrors, photos, selfies, videos, even for just a day. Let's all walk around as if we're new to the species, meeting one another for the very first time.

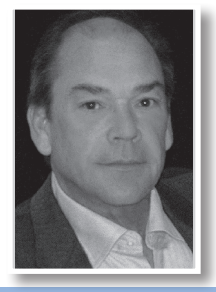
I'd say things like "Oh my, what a well deserved face you have. Tell me what's behind it."

Let the stories flow.

A big red barn

I have always heard that farmers painted their barns red because they are large buildings and red was always the most inexpensive paint to buy.

However, I had a job actually making paint at one time, and there was no special ingredient that made red paint any less expensive than white, black, or green paint.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

I think some farmer just painted his barn red one day because that's the colour he chose and other farmer's liked the way it looked and followed suit.

In fact if you take a drive through our rural area, most barns aren't painted at all.

Maybe the red barn theory is just one of those old wives tales someone made up and it stuck.

I'm pretty sure in this day and age, 'old wives tale' is probably an outdated phrase. Maybe it's more appropriate to say 'old person's tale.' Although maybe the word 'old' is also discriminatory, so maybe it should just be 'person's tale.'

Either way, there a lot of fun 'facts' we all learn that have become somewhat muddled over time or just aren't true.

A few years ago, word got out from 'sources' that you should be drinking a minimum of six, possibly eight, depending on the authority, glasses of water a day to stay hydrated and healthy.

While this new health news was great for the bottled water industry, it doesn't make a lot of sense.

If your body needs water, you have a very accurate built-in system that tells you when it's time to water-up. It's called being thirsty.

Doctors have since confirmed that, if you feel thirsty, you should drink something.

French Emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, has always had the stigma of being rather short in statue, thus explaining why his 'little man complex' resulted in him conquering most of Europe to show the rest of them a thing or two.

Actually, Napoleon was of average height for a man of his era and country.

An English general once referred to him as 'that little corporal', which was intended as a derogatory slur regarding his position in politics and power.

However, the reference stuck, and for years, people thought Napoleon was a pint-sized dictator ordering all the tall guys around.

Here's another one - swimming after eating causes cramps, and you could drown if you decide to jump in the water before letting your food settle. I was taught that during my swimming lessons as a kid.

Apparently there is no truth to that at all. Even the American Red Cross has said that is just a myth.

The theory actually came from a Boy Scouts manual in the early 1900's, with no basis in fact.

How about the one that says the Great Wall of China is the only man made object that can be seen from space.

Where that idea comes from is a mystery. No astronaut every claimed to see it. While the Great Wall is long, it is narrow, maybe ten metres wide.

Common sense tells you that if you could see an object only ten metres wide from space, then you should be able to see every 100 metre football and soccer field on the planet with ease.

One of my favourites is the myth that a penny dropped from a great height will kill a person. This one I was taught in science class by a teacher who sternly warned if you dropped a penny from a tall building, it will go completely through a person's head and kill them. He even told us he knew of a place were people did this and the pavement below is filled with pennies that fire into the asphalt at such a speed they are buried six inches deep.

He was actually a great teacher, but I think he should have paid more attention in his physics/weight/gravity/air resistance class. A penny dropped from height is so light, if it did hit you on the head, the most that will happen is a slight 'boink' effect as it bounces harmlessly off your noggin.

The Myth Busters TV show even did a segment on this – Myth busted!

Another good one - when you look up into the night sky, you see millions of stars.

Well, there are millions of stars, but you don't see most of them.

Noted astrophysicist, Neil deGrasse Tyson said during a lecture, "When you look up in the night sky, you don't see millions of stars – you see thousands. I've counted them."

He also said, "With automatic spell checkers running unleashed over what we compose, our era is that of correctly spelled typos."

Who said scientists don't have a sense of humour?

Finally, Thursday the 12th, is just as rare as Friday the 13th.

Go figure.



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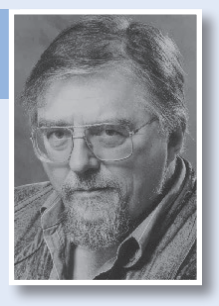
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China, climate and blame

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OUR WORLD TODAY



China took a major stride forward on climate on Tuesday. President Xi Jinping, addressing the annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, for the first time committed China to a hard target for future greenhouse gas emissions.

By 2060, he promised, his country will be carbon neutral ('net-zero'). After that, China will put no more carbon dioxide gas into the atmosphere than it takes out.

Xi also promised that China's CO2 emissions would actually stop rising by 2030, only ten years from now. It was especially welcome after the bombast and abuse of US President Donald Trump's speech. (Trump will pull the US out of the global climate agreement on Nov. 4 if he wins, and maybe even if he loses.)

Yet joy over the news from China was hardly unconfined. Most world leaders understand that Xi's promises, while long overdue, nevertheless mean the world will miss the goal of holding the rise in average global temperature to 1.5° Celsius.

That was the 'aspirational' target agreed at the Paris climate summit in 2015, but it was never very likely in reality. Average global temperature is already +1.1° higher, and to hold it to +1.5° would have required the human race to start cutting its total emissions by 7% annually this year. In fact, emissions are still rising (not all China's fault), and there's no chance that they will start heading down soon (mostly China's fault).

The United States is a mature industrial power with relatively high emissions (15% of world emissions), but they are dropping slowly despite Trump's efforts to revive the coal industry. China is a rapidly industrialising country that already accounts for the largest share of global CO2 emissions (28%), and it is still growing them rapidly.

What Xi's 2030 promise actually meant was that China's emissions will go on growing for another ten years. So wave good-bye to the hope of holding the temperature rise to 1.5°, and say hello to bigger storms, more wildfires, worse droughts, and killer heatwaves in some places.

Xi's other promise – carbon neutral by 2060 – is even worse news. 'Net-zero by 2050' is the consensus long-term goal shared by every major country except the United States. Xi is moving China's goal-posts down by ten years. That virtually guarantees that the world will also miss the never-exceed goal of "well below +2°".

Going through +2° higher average global temperature means that some tropical and sub-tropical areas will become lethally hot outdoors in the summertime for weeks at a time. Famines will spread, refugees will start to move by the millions, borders will slam shut, and wars become likely.

A torrent of glacial meltwater may disrupt ocean currents like the Gulf Stream, causing abrupt climate changes on land as well. The floods and hurricanes, droughts and wildfires will intensify. And there is a risk, real but hard to quantify, that enough tipping points will be triggered to send the global climate off on a self-sustaining and irreversible transformation to a much hotter 'new normal'.

Xi is not really the villain of the piece. He leads a regime whose only claims on the Chinese public's support are nationalism and rising living standards: the ideology is long dead. He's knows that if living standards stall, nationalism alone may not be enough to save Communist rule, so he dares not slow the economic growth even to avoid a climate disaster.

But every global leader faces the same dilemma to a greater or lesser extent, and that's why we are where we are. We understand the problem, we know how to fix it, but we can't make our political systems move fast enough. So the human race is heading for a very hard choice ten or fifteen years from now.

It will be clear that we cannot cut our emissions enough in the remaining time to avoid going through +2°. We will have to choose between risking a potentially irreversible calamity by staying on our present course, or making perhaps equally risky technological interventions in the atmosphere to hold the heat down temporarily while we continue to work on eliminating our emissions.

Theoretical research on such technologies is already underway. As time goes on, you will be hearing a lot more about Stratospheric Aerosol Injection, Marine Cloud Brightening and the like.

Lockdown - Part two

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It should come as a surprise to no one that we are staring down the imminent possibility (can you use those two words together in a sentence?) of another lockdown, one I'm sure is to happen sooner than later.

Human nature is a frustrating condition. Thankfully, in most people it brings out the best in them. Sadly however, for a select few, it brings out the very worst and it's during troubling times like these that the most frustrating element of all is the nature of the latter group impacts both groups.

The "silent majority" must stay silent no longer – after all, the anti-maskers are busy gathering in the streets of Toronto protesting their right to abdicate their civic responsibility. It's high time the more civic-minded amongst us not only take a stand publicly but also advocate, equally loudly, that enforcement becomes more rigorous. When we are ALL going to end up confined to our homes once again because of the actions of a few – it's time to speak up.

A part of me believes perhaps we were all just resigned to the fact that another wave of COVID-19 was expected and unavoidable. Perhaps we also just assumed we would hunker down in our homes again, like "last time," for a few weeks and all would be fine. When the weather is lovely and backyards, playgrounds and beaches are open, it was easier to forget about what it felt like being stuck behind four walls for weeks.

Lockdown Part One began as a two week "vacation" for many, puzzles were built, bread was baked and families spent some much needed time together. That is, if you were privileged, had a home, a secure job where you could work from home, were not an essential worker, did not rely on public transit or the food bank, or require shelter because you were living with an abuser. I have to wonder if those folks parading up and down Yonge St. last weekend have ever given a thought to anyone, literally anyone, other than themselves.

How does it not occur to people that while you are healthy and have the time, energy, money and selfishness to walk with upwards of a thousand other like minded people, not wearing masks or socially-distancing, that YOU are a significant part of the problem and the reason we'll all be heading into lockdown again soon. What will you be protesting then? Perhaps it will be a relief to you? You'll be in your home and won't have to wear that darn little piece of cloth around your nose and mouth and you'll be free to spout off without hindrance and presumably "breathe easier".

At least you and your germ spreading will be confined – that is if you obey the lockdown parameters – something I'm pretty sure you won't do. Because just like not wearing a mask, you'll probably find reasons why lockdown doesn't apply to you either.

Our numbers are climbing drastically and there is a shortage of paper towels already. Paper towel? I'm guessing that's the new toilet paper of lockdown part two?

No one knows why but that's what folks appear to be hoarding now – maybe in anticipation of having to clean up all the various things that will get thrown at one another in frustration as we're all cooped up with family during a long, cold winter.

I'm surprised schools are still open, but don't worry, that will all change soon too. Hope you're prepared to home-school again. Don't blame teachers please, blame the anti-maskers, the summer party-goers, the folks who can but refuse to self-isolate after a possible exposure and all the "John Doe's" who visited strip clubs using fake phone numbers (is anyone really surprised by this) for the fact that the rest of us are staring down six months of stir-crazy.

Because of pandemic parade protestors who refuse to believe the evidence, your grandparents will be lonely (if they're lucky) or sick, alone and dying (if they're not.) Your neighbour with a compromised immune system won't be able to get groceries safely – will you help them? Your children will miss out on school, socialization skills, sports and probably even minor little holidays like Halloween and Christmas – "no biggie" right?

Hope you all enjoyed that beer at the overcrowded beach or crowded around the fire at your illegal backyard party out in the middle of nowhere at the Air BnB you rented. Selfishness knows no bounds and it's because of you we're staring down Lockdown Part Two.

Hopefully, the other side (the selfless side) of human nature will stand up as it has done countless times before and there will be enough corporate and volunteer citizens to help stock the food banks, support women and families leaving domestic violence (good thing pandemic stress doesn't tend to cause an increase in abusive behaviour) and organizations that cater to seniors to help them through this second wave.

Welcome to "Lockdown Part Two". Enjoy your stay.



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Caledon celebrates special airing of triathlon championship

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

This year was supposed to be a big year for Olympic coach Barrie Shepley.

The Caledon resident, Chairman of the Coaching Association of Ontario and Olympic Triathlon coach, had three prestigious events lined up in his calendar. It was all set. Head over to Tokyo in July for the Olympics to work with CBC, then Edmonton in August for the ITU World Triathlon Grand Finals and finally, cap it all off in the sunny islands of Hawaii for the Ironman Kona in October.

He went to bed New Year's Eve, believing 2020 was going to be a special year.

But, everything seemingly fell apart in March because of COVID-19. A year full of celebration left many aghast. He saw the depression, carving its mark into the faces of all the athletes, whose hard work and dedication for competitions would have to wait until this is all over.

But like most athletes and coaches, it's not about how you get knocked down. It's how you get back up. And Shepley, got back up.

"I sat down with our C3 board; C3 stands for Canadian Cross Training Club it's a Caledon based organization not for profit that we've had for 25 years. This is our 25th year actually. Instead of relying on other people, clearly big things like one-thousand-person events couldn't occur this summer, what is it that we can do?" Shepley said.



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CROSSING THE FINISH LINE: Tamara Jewitt (middle) takes home first prize for the women's championship, Amelie Kretz (right) finished in second place and 42-year-old Rachel McBride (left) left with the bronze medal.

The James Dick Quarry, situated at 18119 Hurontario Street in Caledon Village was the best bet.

It's a retired sand quarry, C3 has had for the past fifteen years.

There was a lake in there and a unique subdivision owned by TPC Osprey Valley that hadn't been built yet in behind in Alton.

"It meant that we could do many races in the summer, just with smaller numbers," Shepley exclaimed.

Over 30 races were hosted this summer, some for children as young as three, and up to those as old as 60. Sons, daughters, fathers and mothers all ran at the same time. There was no way to have a 1,000-person event. Over 30 races, 1,000 people participated.

Now, if amateur racers were able to participate, what about the pros? What about the professional triathletes, who lost their competition this year? It didn't take long for Shepley to put that one together.

His friend and reporter Brenda Irving from the CBC helped him out with television coverage.

One of his famous clients, who is a triathlete himself and CEO of Lululemon, Calvin McDonald didn't hesitate to assist with naming the competition. Within 15 days, the agreement was made and the artwork for the competition was complete.

Athletes from across the country were set to stay in Caledon for three days for the competition and to sight-see the town. A $20,000 purse prize was up for grabs for the winners.

With a limit of 100 people on the grounds, everyone wore a band for tracking and tracing of the virus if needed. Shepley said, the biggest challenge was to turn down 250 volunteers, who were anxious to help with the event. Instead, 25 volunteers were in attendance.

Two weekends ago, one of Caledon's grandest success stories emerged and professional triathletes competed in the lululemon Canadian Pro Triathlon Championship.

Toronto, Ontario native Tamara Jewett finished in first place, Quebec Amelie Kretz took home second and B.C native Rachel McBride held the last place on the podium.

Following a long-hard year of recovery since a gruesome shoulder injury, Ontario native Jackson Laundry won the men's championship, B.C native Brent McMahon took home second and Quebec native Jeremy Briand finished in third.

The race premiered on YouTube last Friday.

Shepley, turned the negative of COVID-19 into a beautiful positive.

"It was beyond my expectations. In the middle of April when I started to consider this, there was no racing going to be happening in the entire province and literally, I'm a race commentator, I announced more races this summer than any other race summer in my life. That's 35 years now commentating and coaching. It turned out to be spectacularly busy."

Shepley kindly thanked everyone who was a part of this, including local sponsors such as Royal Containers, Benson Steel, Nuvo Iron and Kinetico.

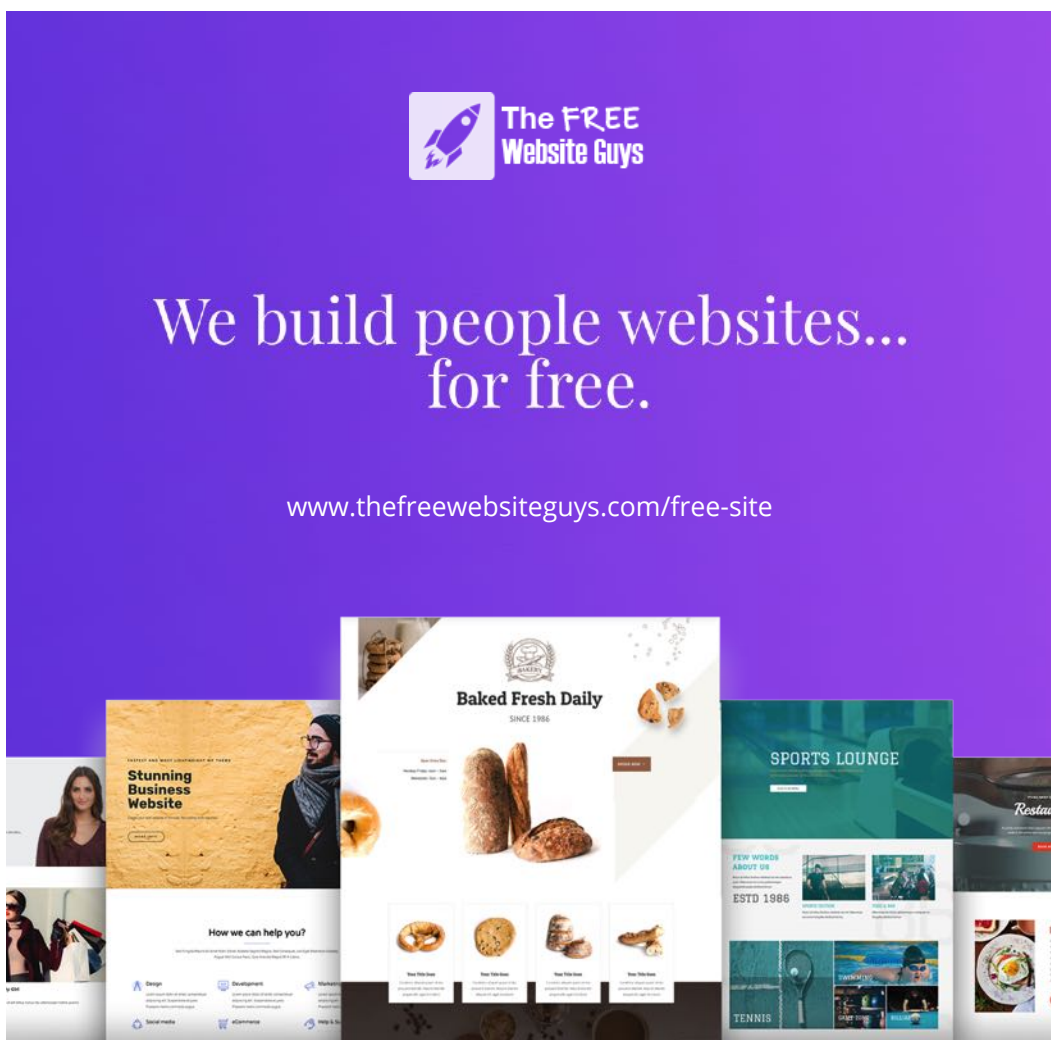
Without everyone's work, the quarry and the subdivision, this would not have been possible.

Last Saturday, was also a heartfelt moment for the C3 staff. Shepley and many others held a memorial bike ride for one of their members who tragically lost her life in a car accident on Highway 10 and Old Baseline.

Patricia Lopez, was a mother, grandmother and triathlete, taken too early at the age of 51.

Looking further ahead into the Winter, Shepley is going to continue to make sure triathletes are trained and prompted for competitions. He will hold an indoor triathlon every last Sunday of every month until May.

Only then, we will see what happens.



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CPCC set to reopen following months in limbo due to pandemic

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The Caledon Parent-Child Centre (CPCC) is preparing to reopen its doors to the community.

The team at CPCC have struggled being closed for in-person visits since March, senior staff say, and have faced their challenges like most other organizations in the community. But after months of closure, they are finally preparing their reopening.

"Our resilient and creative team worked hard during the closure period to find alternative ways to serve our community. During this time, we have had tremendous support from all of our funders. But although it's been challenging, overall, the experience has also shown us the incredible dedication of our board and staff and the strength of our community" said Shelly Ives-Sargent, Manager of Community Relations and Volunteers. "It has also reinforced to us our community's capacity for working together to serve the needs of Caledon residents"

The CPCC team has always been dedicated to providing safe space for children to learn, grow and thrive. The organization has been offering programs and services to the Caledon community since 1987 and have wanted nothing more to continue to do so throughout the pandemic.

They are preparing for their reopening in Bolton, planning what needs to be done to keep not only themselves safe, but the parents and their children they serve safe as well.

The Region of Peel is supporting EarlyON providers with increased health and safety policies and training supports, as well as guidance regarding program resources, procedures should staff, a child, parent or caregiver gets sick, and assistance in acquiring personal protective equipment.

"Re-opening plans have been underway from a systems level for quite some time, but it is a huge job with many critical components. Primary, of course, was the need to ensure that Peel Public Health's health and safety protocols were met," Sargent said. "The Region of Peel is continuing to work with EarlyON service providers and community partners as guided by the Ministry of Education and Peel Public Health to keep children, parents, caregivers and staff safe."

Their greatest challenge has been organizing and preparing all the steps to be able to safely reopen within a span of time. The CPCC team worked hard to perfect the process, to ensure that all safety measures were put into place and to have a detailed and comprehensive plan.

Virtual programs were offered while their locations remained closed.

"The greatest impact on the CPCC EarlyON sites has been the closure to 'in-Centre' programming and its impact on our community and staff. We have also had to do temporary layoffs of some staff and cease our use of in-person volunteers," said Sargent. "All of our staff have shown incredible resiliency and creativity, learning new skills and working together remotely to ensure we could serve our families."

The CPCC is planning on opening one site at a time to ensure a smooth, and safe transition. Bolton Centre will be the first to open. Although a firm date has yet to be announced for this reopening, it will take place in the very near future. For safety reasons, all programs offered will need to be pre-registered. There will also be a two-step screening process, and each session will limit the maximum number of participants allowed on-site.



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REOPENING SOON: Caledon Parent-Child Centre is preparing their reopening to the community with several changes to follow safety measures put in place to keep staff, parents and children safe.

"We miss our families terribly. Some of them have welcomed new babies while we've been closed. Some babies have started walking and talking. Other families have preschoolers who have started school for the first time. Our staff has always shared in these family milestones with our families and we miss that engagement," said Program Manager, Ailsa Stanners-Moroz. "And although we have worked hard to stay connected through phone calls, emails and virtual programs, we are thrilled to be getting some of that ability to interact back again, even if it is in a limited manner.

She added, "But we are very aware of the level of vigilance and attention to detail that is required for our reopening and we take it very seriously."

Once CPCC got word from the Ministry of Education and Peel Public Health that they were able to begin planning their reopening, staff and management dived deep into each protocol and each process and how they can safely reopen their locations.

"Caledon families can't wait to come back to the CPCC and begin enjoying our free programs and services again. And we can't wait to see them and are working hard to that end," said Sargent.

Local hockey plays excited as CMHA makes long awaited return to the ice this week

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Since COVID-19 surged through Canada in March, it was tough to imagine hockey returning anytime soon.

Fast-forward five months and the long, egregious, wait is over. Hockey is finally coming back.

On September 21st, 2020, Caledon Minor Hockey Association's (CMHA) VP Rep, Richard Archer wrote to members their return to play proposal has been approved by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA).

Following long, strenuous months of meetings and conversations between OMHA and the Town of Caledon, knowing there's a plan is a sense of relief.

The return to play plan, states it is an overview of proposed programming for the upcoming season and any further update will be announced via social media and the organization's website. Documents are available for members to review.

Still, with details fully agreed between Caledon Minor Hockey and the OMHA, it was confirmed the Region of Peel and the Town of Caledon will justify the proper proceedings within their facilities.

As for Caledon Minor Hockey, from what was a traditional method of selecting teams and organizing house league formats, seems now all forgotten ahead of this new season.

This year, players will be selected primarily on last year's roster and will be sequestered in their "own bubbles" so to speak.

"The maximum amount of players allowed in a single hockey bubble is 50," the release wrote.

These bubbles will consist of multiple tiers, judged upon the previous year. These tiers, may consist of multiple age groups as well as minor and major players combined all together. That means, these 50 players, along with select coaches, can only see each other for the season. It is prohibited to see staff and players from other bubbles during this time. There will be 25 players allowed on the ice at one time.

The final date to register your child, is Oct. 1, in order to "guarantee" your child's spot.

Once everything is completed, teams will have 120 minutes of ice time a week. Currently, return to play is in phase 3B, but, once phase 3C is introduced, bubbles may create their own teams, consisting of nine skaters and one goalie. Stats, scores and standings will be recorded. It's game on from there.

Yet while all in the fun, the biggest concern for the CMHA is safety.

Members are expected to arrive no longer than 15 minutes before the start of practice. An employee within the arena will screen the families upon entry. Entry into the building will require a mask and will require those who enter to wear the mask at all times.

Screening will consist of a COVID-19 questionnaire, hand sanitizing and contact information.

At this time, parents will not be permitted into the Town of Caledon facilities. There is exceptional entry, such as assisting their child when tying their skates for instance. This of course, can change later depending on the situation of the pandemic.

If someone contracts the virus, the release states, "contract tracing, isolation, cancellation of ice etc.," measures will be taken to ensure everyone else is safe. Players were set to take the ice as of this past Monday (Sept. 28).





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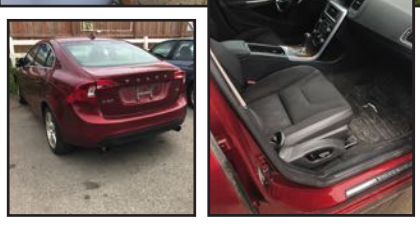
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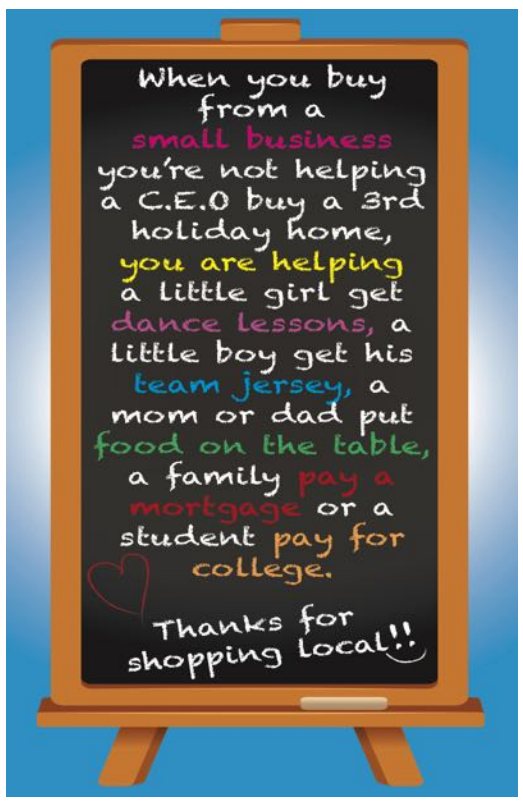
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OBITUARIES

WATKINS, Ronald Edwin (Ron)
March 3, 1947 – March 21, 2020



After a brief but courageous battle with lung cancer, it is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved brother Ron. Ron was a loving, kind and generous person who often put the needs of others above his own. He was a dedicated son and brother, an exceptional uncle and loyal friend who will be missed by all who knew him.

Ron is predeceased by his father Vic Watkins (1992), and his mother Wilma Watkins, who also passed away on March 21st, 15 years before. We take comfort in knowing she was there to greet and guide him on the next part of his journey.

Ron is survived by his sister Lynda Erwin (Terry), brother Bob Watkins (Ursula), and sisters Vicki Kelloway (Ted), Heather McKee (Rick), Laurene Rutledge (Charlie) and Allison Cummings (Jody). As well, Ron will be fondly remembered and missed by 11 nieces and nephews, 22 great-nieces and nephews, and 1 great-great nephew.

We are also thankful that Ron had such wonderful friends as Cyril Wells and Will Sibalski, with whom he spent many years going to Pickle Lake on fishing expeditions and golfing the summer away. Through them, he extended his "family" to include many more friends, who will miss him. Also missing Ron is his friend and neighbour Stu Daigle, with whom Ron enjoyed making birdhouses and passing the time talking.

A Memorial Service will be held at ***Dods and McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre***, 21 First Street Orangeville ON on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 9:30 to 11:00 am.

Interment at Shelburne Cemetery on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Face masks or face coverings must be worn during all events in the funeral home.

Memorial donations in memory of Ron can be made to Headwaters Health Care Foundation (Palliative Care).

A tree will be planted in memory of Ron in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com.

M^{c}CLURE, Barbara Joan (Joanne, dougie)

Joanie passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, September 18th, at age 62.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Patrick Wallace (Michael Cole), Naomi Wallace (David Ewert), and Joseph Wallace (Amber Blanchette). Proud grandmother of Kayden and Emma. Daughter of David McClure (Muriel) and the late Doreen Rose. Dear sister of Doug McClure (Marlene), Donna McClure, and Paul McClure (Amanda). She will be greatly missed by her 6 nieces and nephews and fondly remembered by family and friends.

Joanie's family will gather together, privately, for a graveside service in celebration of her life in the family plot at St. John's Cemetery in Mono Mills. Online book of condolence www.GFTompkins-Township.ca

OBITUARIES

YATES, Ronald John



Born in Brampton, Ontario July 12, 1940. Died in Brampton, Ontario September 16, 2020. Pre-deceased by his mother Violet Graham, his father Henry Stanley John Yates, his older brother Mervyn, his older sister Lorene. He is survived by his younger sister Marilyn. Ron was born in Brampton, and grew up on the farm in Bolton. He went to Brampton High School, and attended Ryerson. He spent many years in purchasing. He finished his working years buying and helping to build Northern Coatings. After retiring, Ron moved to Mount Forest where he became very active in the seniors organizations. He gained many new friends in the four years he lived there. He kept those relationships until the end. In recent years, Ron moved to Orangeville so he could be closer to his daughter Maryann, her husband Patrick and their three children.

They all took many memorable adventures, and holidays together. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Aven, Jada, Will and Mylo. They all carry special memories of him. Ron leaves many different family members, and friends behind. He was ultimately happy. And his sense of humour and comedic timing was untouchable. He will never be forgotten.

Funeral Service was held at ***Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre***, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with visitation one hour prior. Memorial donations to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

JOBE, Mary Margaret (nee Dubosky)



Passed away peacefully at her home in Orangeville on Monday, September 21, 2020 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of the late William Jobe (2015). Dear mother of Bill and his wife Lara. Cherished grandmother of Liam and Calen. Mary will be greatly missed by family and many friends.

Graveside Service will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery, Orangeville. on Friday October 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to ***Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre***, 21 First St., Orangeville. Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation or the Orangeville Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Mary in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The next annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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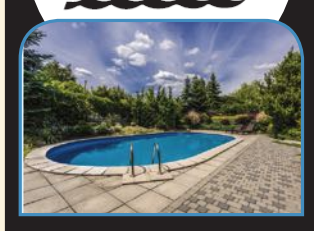
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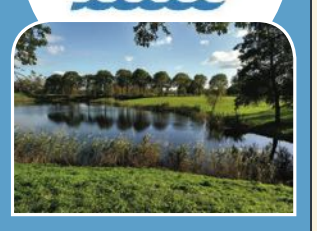
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