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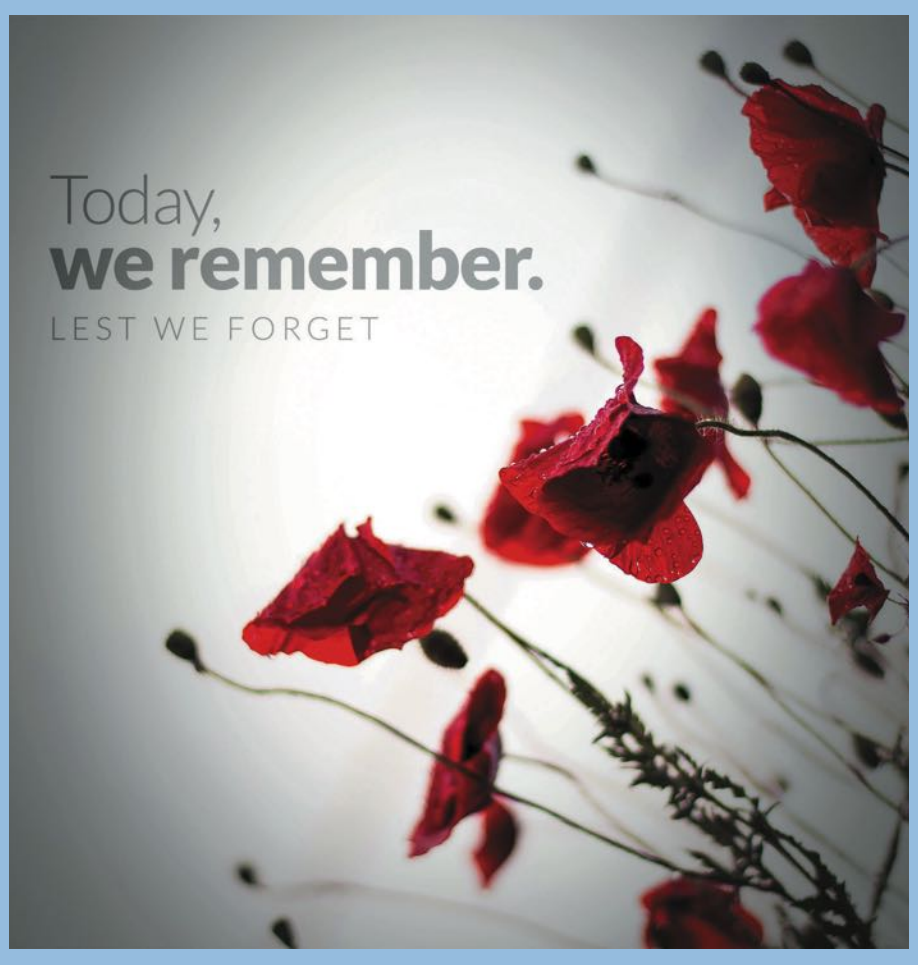


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This is also a time to remember that Canadian Legion Branches, including our own in Dufferin-Caledon, continue to struggle as a result of the pandemic. They need our help now more than ever. They perform an invaluable service in our community, bringing us together to proudly celebrate our Canadian identity. Let's join together and show our support for our Veterans and our local Legion Branches during this very difficult time.



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INTERNET INVESTMENT: Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson was joined by Vianet Director of Business Development Brian McCullagh (left) and local business owner Thomas Toliopoulos (middle), to celebrate the installation of high-speed internet in south Bolton on Monday (Nov. 2). For more, see Page A8.

Mayor Allan Thompson 'fighting for Caledon businesses' as lockdown restrictions remain

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson has listened to the many complaints of local residents and entrepreneurs regarding the latest COVID-19 enforced lockdown, and is demanding answers from Premier Doug Ford.

Dozens of community members have reached out to mayor and council members in recent weeks in an attempt to help local businesses stay afloat after the Province forced Peel Region back into a modified Stage 2 in October.

The modified restrictions included closing down businesses such as fitness centres, cinemas, venues and gaming establishments, and prohibiting indoor dining at restaurants and bars.

In response to the community members who felt strongly against closing down local businesses who are struggling as it is, Mayor Thompson, alongside Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown and Peel Regional Council Chair Nando Iannicca sent letters to the Premier asking that they be included in further discussions regarding any potential changes, positive or negative, to lockdown restrictions across the region.

In addition, they requested the help of Peel Medical Officer Dr. Lawrence Loh to reach out to the Province as well.

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Caledon Council in favour of ward boundary review process

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
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The Town of Caledon is currently in the midst of a thorough ward boundary review following a recommendation made by municipal staff earlier this year to look into the community's lines.

Caledon Council currently sits with nine members, including a mayor, four regional councillors and four local area councillors. The Town was divided into the existing five wards it currently has back in January of 1994, and has not been modified since.

Caledon has seen extensive growth in recent years, with the community's population more than doubling since 1994. The population 26 years ago sat at 39,150, and is projected to hit 89,000 by next year.

With this constant growth, the Town sees a review of the ward boundaries as a "necessary process" to ensure fair representation to all Caledon residents.

"Given the length of time that has lapsed since the last review, and the fact that population growth in certain wards has grown, staff believe that undertaking a ward boundary review at this time is appropriate," said Amanda Fusco, acting Town Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services, in her report to Council.

In February of this year, Town staff came to Council with the recommendation to commence a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to gather consultants to undertake the ward boundary review.

Watson and Associates and Dr. Robert Williams have been chosen by the Town to conduct the review. Together, they have conducted over 20 ward boundary reviews in Ontario. Watson and Associates is made up of municipal economists, urban planners and accountants, while Dr. Robert J. Williams himself is a professor of political science at the University of Waterloo and is known for his expertise in municipal ward systems.

So how will this review be carried out?

The project includes a timeline of nine tasks beginning with Project Initiation, Information Gathering and Research and ends with Preparation of Final Report. The team of consultants will conduct thorough background research along with interview town staff and elected officials.

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>
> Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson

They will assess the current ward boundaries and create alternative designs. Public consultation holds a significant part of the Phase 1 process.

"It is essential that the ward boundary review considers input from the public to ensure it serves and reflects the community," said Mayor Allan Thompson.

Caledon councillors are mostly looking forward to hearing from the public through the consultation process. Many shared similar sentiments on how the review is impacting them.

Ward 2 Area Coun. Christina Early stated, "The ward boundary review is a legislated process that aims to provide effective representation for Caledon residents. Given the changing landscape and population growth projected for Caledon; coupled with the fact that the last review took place in 1994, it is timely for this process to take place."

She added, "I look forward to the public information meetings and encourage involvement of Caledon residents to gain a stronger understanding of what our residents feel in regard to the current and future wards."

Ward 3 and 4 Regional Coun. Jennifer Innis shared similar words commenting, "I encourage residents and businesses to participate in the process as there potentially could be an impact on the effectiveness of their representation. I look forward to hearing their thoughts and concerns on this important matter for Caledon's future."

Ward 1 Regional Coun. Ian Sinclair shared his experiences of past ward boundary reviews he was a part of back in the early 80's, where minor changes involving wards shifting took place.

"There has been significant population growth in Wards 2, 3, 4, and 5 since over the last 35 years. In addition, as urbanization has occurred, the common community of interest, which used to exist, does not hold across Caledon. Bolton and Mayfield West residents' thinking is now different from residents in Ward 1," he said.

When asked if there are any changes that could or should be made, Sinclair commented that Wards 2 and 4, which are inside the Niagara Escarpment Plan, should be turned into one ward.

"With the considerable growth demanded in the 'White Belt', the areas between May considersfield Rd and the south boundary of the Green Belt Plan, Ward 3, Caledon East could be included in Ward 1 as a means of maintaining representation by population," he said. "Ward 5 could be expanded up to Castlederg Side Road."

Councillors are hopeful that the community will participate in the process, and that they understand the importance of their voice.

"I sincerely hope voters are not worried, the review itself is a Caledon initiative, and again it's important that we hear from as many residents as possible," said Ward 1 Area Coun. Lynn Kiernan.

Coun. Sinclair again shared some insight on what changes or options there are for the future.

"Mississauga councillors have taken strict rep-by-pop position that all of Caledon should only have one regional representative. This would mean just whoever is the Mayor of Caledon sitting at Peel and attempting to read all committee reports, which would be an impossible task. It may be that Caledon should drop a regional representative, shifting the representative to Brampton, which has some regional councillors representing 135,000 residents," he stated. "Another option may be to expand Peel Council, while maintaining Caledon at five members. There has been little discussion among Caledon councillors on these issues. The Ford government has stated their intention to impose rep-by-pop on municipalities that cannot solve their own representation issues."

Five sections are being considered during this process, including effective representation, representation by population, communities of interest, future popular trends and physical and natural boundaries.

Open houses are being planned for this month for further discussions and allow the public to share their opinions and views on the review.

For more information, please visit Caledon.ca.

Out of concern for the health and safety of the families we have served and our community as a whole, we will not be holding our annual Christmas Memorial Service this year.

This has been a difficult decision for us as we know, for many of you, this is an annual tradition to gather and reflect on the readings, Dr. Bill Webster[1]s message, special music and, of course, the lighting of the candles. However, we felt, given the current restrictions on large gatherings due to COVID-19 and not knowing what lies ahead in the near future, we wanted to let you know of our decision as soon as possible.

It goes without saying we will miss seeing you in person but we are here to help you through the grieving process. Please do not hesitate to call us at 905-857-2213 and we will put you in touch with an appropriate support network. We will continue to help our community stay safe and supported.



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CVC unveils new sign, launches $10 million fundraising campaign

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

New signage has been planted into the ground at the Upper Credit Conservation Area in Alton.

On Tuesday (Nov 3), the Credit Valley Trail got its first wayfinding signage in the conservation area in Alton as well as a special announcement of funding for the trail.

Representatives from the Credit Valley Trail Leadership Council alongside Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Board of Directors, CVCF Board of Directors, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Community, Greenbelt Foundation and 407 ETR joined together to announce a new campaign.

A $10 million fundraising campaign has been launched to connect the entire 100-kilometre trail. The vision for the trail first discussed in 1956, is the 100-kilometre trail from the headwaters in Orangeville and all the way to Port Credit in Mississauga.

"This is a milestone day for the Credit Valley Trail," said Karen Ras, Chair of the CVC and CVCF Boards and Mississauga Councillor. "The sign unveiling takes the bold vision of this legacy trail from strategy to reality."

The trail has been explored for over 60 years and out of the 100-kilometres, 32 has been completed. This new campaign will help fund the connectivity of the remaining 68 kilometres.

"We've come a long way from the first concept of the Credit Valley Trail explored in CVC's 1956 inaugural watershed report," said Deborah Martin-Downs, CAO of CVC. "We are bringing this vibrant trail to life. These signs give the CVT an identity and sense of place, but we still have a long way to go. Our work must continue as we connect the remaining 68 kilometres."

The trail is planned to "connect people to the beauty of nature, rich cultural experiences, Indigenous heritage and values, and the sustaining waters of the Credit River," according to the CVT website.

Recently, along the upper areas of Caledon, 44-acres of land sits as a significant piece of development to enhance the route of the trail. The area has partial forestation as the Credit River runs through with stunning views of nature.

The 'legacy project' is led by CVC with help, through partnership, with local municipalities including the Town of Caledon, Brampton, Mississauga, Halton, Orangeville as well as CVCF, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Region of Peel.

"This is an important step as we continue to work with our generous donors and supporters to help complete the trail that will connect our communities and become a protected, natural legacy for future generations," said Ras.

For more information, please visit credit-valleytrail.ca.



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SHOWING OFF: A new sign has been unveiled on the Credit Valley Trail in the Upper Credit Conservation Area in Alton.

Continued from FRONT

Mayor Thompson 'fighting for Caledon businesses' during lockdown

During the Oct 27 meeting of Caledon Council, the town's elected officials, in addition to Dr. Loh, discussed recent updates to COVID-19 numbers and the impacts local businesses are struggling with because of the restrictions.

"My understanding is that the restaurants are all following protocol, and I can say that for sure for the restaurants here in Bolton," said Ward 5 Regional Coun. Annette Groves. "Restaurants aren't the problem, the problem that we are seeing are those large social gatherings."

Mayor Allan Thompson spoke out about conversations he has had with not only Premier Doug Ford, but with several Cabinet ministers as well.

"I did speak with the Premier and several Cabinet ministers, and daily to (Dufferin-Caledon MPP) Sylvia Jones," said Mayor Thompson in a recent statement online. "In every conversation, I'm fighting for Caledon businesses. Decisions about public health are made a based-on recommendations by our medical officers of health, not by politicians."

Other municipalities, such as in Halton have also reached out to the provincial government regarding the hurt small businesses are going through and how residents and the overall economy are suffering tremendously due to these latest scalebacks.

Mayor Thompson provided an update on Nov. 3, after he received a phone call from the Premier stating that restaurants and gyms will be allowed to reopen with some limitations.

"I'm grateful that the Province has listened to our concerns and is taking a tiered approach to the pandemic restrictions," he said. "This balances the safety of residents with the tremendous economic impacts to our local businesses."

The provincial government has released 'Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework' to ensure keep communities safe, and the flattening the spread of COVID-19 virus, but while keeping schools and businesses open.

The framework introduces measures taken to help avoid future closures and increasing public safety and protocols. Public health unit regions will be categorized into five levels that will outline the type of public health and workplace safety measures businesses and organizations must follow.

The levels include Green – Prevent, Yellow – Protect, Orange – Restrict, Red – Control and last measure being Lockdown.

"It's clear COVID-19 will be with us for a while, which is why we are putting in place a framework that will protect the health and safety of individuals and families, while avoiding broader closures across the province," said Premier Ford in a news release. "This framework, developed in consultation with our health experts, will serve as an early warning system allowing us to scale up and scale back public health restrictions on a regional or community basis in response to surges and waves of COVID-19. By introducing public health measures sooner, we can keep this deadly virus at bay, bend the curve and reclaim a little more of our normal lives."

Brampton Mayor Brown and Mississauga Mayor Crombie are both equally satisfied with the Province's announcement to keep supporting and assisting local businesses.

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Local police officials warn 'porch pirate' season is here

Officers from Caledon OPP responded to a theft call for service that occurred on Oct. 28, on Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard.

The complainant advised that they arrived home and observed a package that was delivered and left on the porch. The complainant went inside the house and returned to retrieve the package just a few minutes later, however, the package was no longer there. After reviewing their security footage, the following was observed:

At approximately 4:43 p.m. an older model blue Honda Civic was seen travelling northbound on Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard. The vehicle stopped in the middle of the roadway, reversed and came to a stop in front of the complainant's residence. The lone driver was then seen exiting the vehicle, approach the porch and steal the package valued at approximately $200.

Suspect Description: male, tan complexion, short hair, beard; wearing a face mask, a red Mickey Mouse jacket, a yellow shirt underneath, dark coloured pants, dark coloured shoes, several gold rings and a bracelet.

If you recognize the suspect or have any security footage that could assist with this investigation, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

As online shopping continues to grow, the opportunity for theft has risen significantly.

Here are some findings to consider about porch pirates that could potentially help you protect your deliveries:

Most thefts occur during daylight hours - the theft of a package takes only seconds and usually involves one individual on foot, and a lookout in a vehicle nearby.

Package location is important - packages closest to the road and visible from the street are stolen more frequently. Larger size packages are targeted more often.

Suspect behaviour - after taking the package, most thieves use a vehicle to flee the scene. In some cases, a trunk or a vehicle door is left open to facilitate a quick escape.

There are many ways for you to protect your delivery, including: encouraging your neighbours to watch for your deliveries and do the same for them; Track deliveries online; Remove packages from your porch quickly once they arrive; Consider getting a BoxLock for your online deliveries to keep the packages safe; Request to have packages delivered elsewhere if you are away from home for an extended period of time.

Impaired driver crashes into pond

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, approximately 8:29 p.m., uniformed officers from the Caledon OPP responded to a reported single motor vehicle collision in the area of Olde Base Line Road and Bramalea Road in the Town of Caledon.

A concerned motorist informed the police that a vehicle travelling north on Bramalea Road went through the intersection straight into the pond located on the north side of Olde Base Line Road. The vehicle was partially submerged and the driver, who appeared intoxicated, was out of the car.

The officers attended and investigated the incident further. The driver was identified and located by the officers some distance away from the collision. The driver was displaying signs of impairment and was arrested for Operation of a Motor Vehicle while Impaired. The officer made several demands for the driver to provide a sample of his breath into an approved instrument, however the driver refused.

As a result, Brian Savoie, 45, of Mono, stands charged with: Operation while impaired - alcohol; Failure or refusal to comply with demand; Failure to stop after accident; Operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code; Careless driving; and Having care or control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on January 7, 2021 to answer to the charges.

Police investigate carjacking

On Friday, Oct. 30, at approximately 10:32 p.m., officers from Caledon OPP responded to a carjacking that occurred in a parking lot of a plaza located on Parr Boulevard in Bolton.

The victim, who was operating a 2017 silver Infiniti sedan, parked their vehicle in the plaza, and remained in the car. A male suspect wearing a balaclava approached the victim, displayed a firearm and instructed the victim to exit the vehicle. The victim complied. At that point, the suspect got into a car and took off in an unknown direction.

The suspect is described as a male, 6 feet tall, slim to medium build, wearing a black hoodie, black balaclava, black pants and work boots.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, at approximately 6:08 p.m., as a result of the investigation, the vehicle was located in the area of Castlemore Road and McVean Drive in Brampton. Officers attempted to effect an arrest of the occupants, however the suspect vehicle intentionally struck several OPP cruisers repeatedly and was able to flee the area.

Three police cruisers and the stolen vehicle sustained property damage as a result; there were no injuries.



DO YOU KNOW HIM?: Police are searching for an alleged 'porch pirate', pictured above, following an incident on Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard on Oct. 28

Caledon OPP would like to remind everyone that carjacking is a crime of opportunity. Here are some safety tips that could assist you in keeping yourself safe if your vehicle is being targeted:

No vehicle is worth your life - let them have it, and do not resist, especially if the thief has a weapon; Always be hyper-aware of your surroundings - be suspicious of people approaching your car, asking for directions, selling items, etc.; If a suspicious person approaches your car - drive away slowly; Park in well-lit areas; Equip your vehicle with a GPS tracker to assist police with their investigation.



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Town, Vianet continuing partnership to improve local broadband

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has taken another step in improving broadband for the community.

On Nov 2, customers who frequently visit local businesses in south Bolton will now have access to high-speed internet. An agreement between the Town of Caledon and telecommunications company Vianet is reason behind the project.

The project has been ongoing since last year when the collaboration came together to install eight kilometres of fibre-optic cable across south Bolton.

"When we announced this project last fall it was before the pandemic," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "If anything, the pandemic has really brought home how important broadband is to our local economy. Congratulations to Vianet for getting the job done; this is a huge boost for business in the Bolton industrial area and it fills the gap for one of our most underserved areas."

The Town and Vianet split funding down the middle, each investing $250,000, equaling a total of $500,000 for the project.

This isn't the pair's first time working together, as Vianet partnered together with the Town back in January, when 35 kilometres of cable was installed along the Caledon Trailway.

With the positive feedback from local businesses in Caledon, Vianet wanted to push their services further.

"We are very proud of this project and excited to serve the businesses in the Bolton industrial park," said Brian McCullagh, Director of Business Development for Vianet. "We've already heard from many businesses who are eager to access our ultra-high-speed service. In fact, response was so positive we decided to go beyond our original scope and instead of 8km, we installed over 14km of fibre."

The announcement for the installation was held at TSA Process Control Integrators at 25 Nixon Road, where President Thomas Toliopoulos explained how the high-speed internet will improve his customer service, and overall business.

"We are thrilled about this project," said Toliopoulos. "In this day and age you have to have high-speed internet, it's so important not only for customer service, but all aspects of our business. For businesses in south Bolton it instantly makes us more competitive."

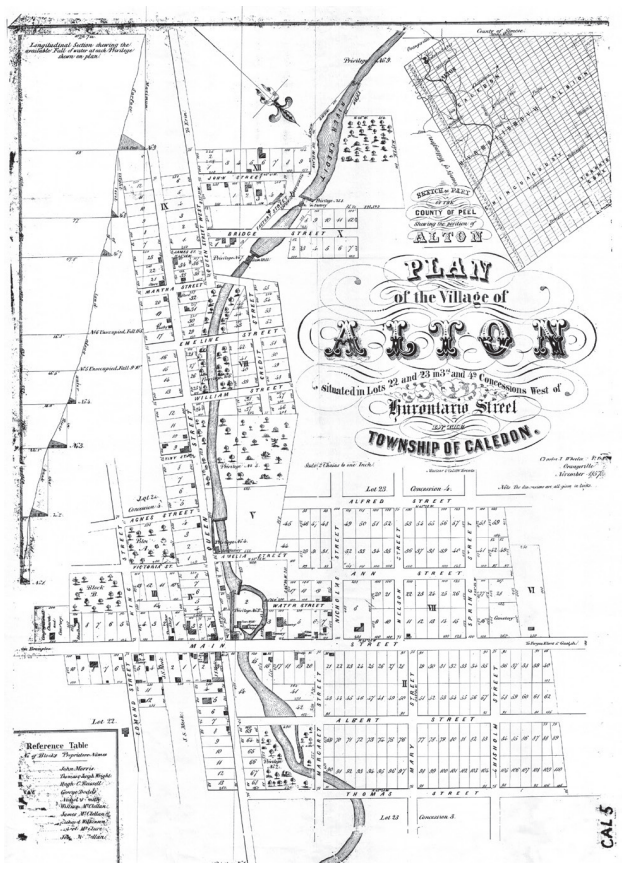
The project is a part of the 2018-2022 Council Work Plan, which prioritizes high-speed internet for Caledon residents. Included was a proposal to provide high-speed internet connectivity to the eight locations in Caledon that have been identified in the Town's Broadband Gap Analysis.

Because some internet providers are refraining from building infrastructures in the poor connection locations, the Town decided to take it upon themselves to join forces with companies like Vianet, as well as Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT), to make the necessary changes to ensure all residents have access to broadband.

"This positive demand for our services is indicative of how crucial broadband service is to remain competitive in today's economy, and we're optimistic that the service will only grow over time," said McCullagh. "Thank you to our staff, to the Town of Caledon and all those involved who have worked so hard over the past months to bring this project forward."

Community Consultation for the Alton Village Heritage Conservation District Study

Presentation of Initial Findings of Heritage Character and Recommended District Boundary



You are invited to a virtual community consultation meeting for the Alton Village Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Study on November 5, 2020. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Study's initial findings regarding Alton's heritage character and a recommended district boundary, and solicit community feedback.

WHAT ARE THE INITIAL FINDINGS?
The project team has conducted historical research on Alton's development and compiled an inventory of buildings and features within the HCD Study Area, and concluded there is merit in pursuing the designation of a portion of the Study Area as a HCD under the Ontario Heritage Act.
Based on these findings, the team has drafted a description of the heritage character of Alton and a list of its heritage attributes, and developed a recommended HCD boundary.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE MEETING?
The community consultation meeting will be held virtually on Zoom. A presentation by the project team will be followed by a Q&A session. Afterwards, the presentation materials and a recording of the meeting will be posted to the project webpage together with a comment form for your feedback.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE MEETING?
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THE MEETING?
You can find information about how to register for this meeting on the Heritage Conservation District page of the Town of Caledon's website at **caledon.ca/HCD**

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Caledon developing new structure to assist with economic recovery

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has this week announced it will be making several changes to assist the municipality as it continues on its road to economic recovery following the crippling effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a recent news release, Town CAO Carey Herd stated that, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,, the Town is shifting several departments to prepare for the after effects of the past few months.

"The pandemic has put pressure on the Town economically and has changed the way we need to serve our community," said Herd.

The structure being introduced provides further support and enhancement of digital technology, infrastructure planning and economic development and tourism.

"Our population is going to grow to more than double in the next 20 years, which will impact every area of the organization," said Herd. "I believe this new structure allows us to pivot and prepare for a future that strengthens services to residents and businesses."

Customer services are being grouped together with communications to allow the community to better interact with members at the Town and gather what information they need

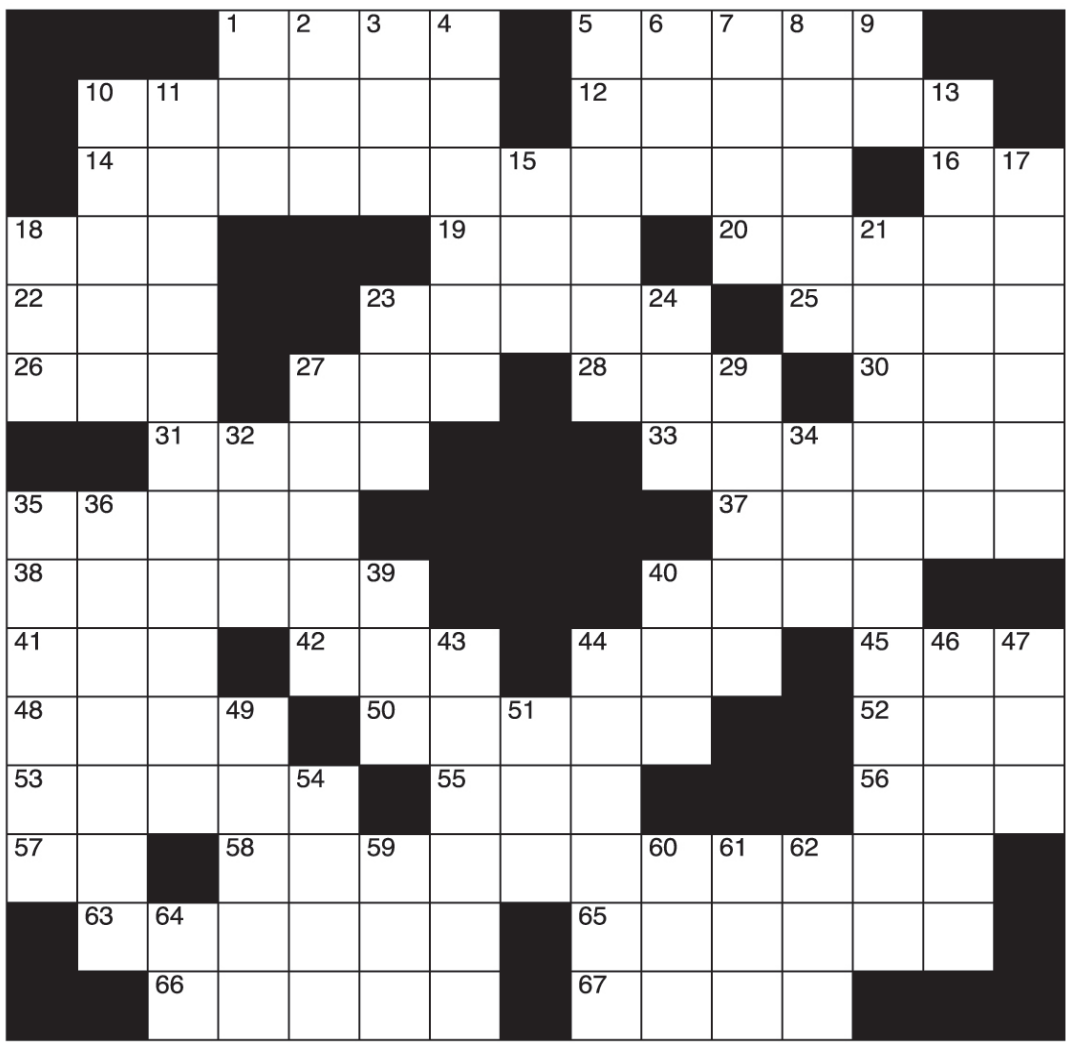
"Governments have been moving quickly to meet community needs in new ways. The Town of Caledon must do the same," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "We need to be a municipality that is efficient and brings value to every taxpayer. We need businesses to thrive and grow, and new ones to come and invest. Council is pleased that the CAO is putting in a new structure that will support our success."

For more information, please visit Caledon.ca.



The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Upright post on a boat
5. Sentimental person
10. Native American tribe
12. Wear away
14. Where you're going
16. Doctor
18. Popular Chinese dialect
19. One point east of due south
20. Northern sea duck
22. Note
23. Wives (law)
25. Trigonometric function
26. A way to communicate (abbr.)
27. Swiss river
28. No (Scottish)
30. Commercials
31. Large instrument
33. __ Chantilly, __ de Menthe
35. Small, saclike cavities
37. High and thin in tone
38. Treat extremely well
40. Famed track star Usain
41. Secure web connection (abbr.)
42. Rob of energy
44. Paving material
45. Cool!
48. Tip of Aleutian Islands
50. Indicates silence
52. Water in the solid state
53. Security interests
55. Popular hoopster Jeremy
56. Shed tears
57. Low frequency
58. Harmful bacterium
63. Common language: lingua __
65. Standards of perfection
66. They consist of two parts
67. A detailed description of design

CLUES DOWN
1. More (Spanish)
2. A subdivision of a play
3. Japanese title
4. More jittery
5. Fabric
6. Luke's mentor __-Wan
7. Cleaving tool
8. Ancient city of Egypt
9. 36 inches
10. Farewell
11. Second to last
13. Improved by critical editing
15. Defensive weapon (abbr.)
17. Fancy attire
18. __ Farrow, actress
21. Completely opposed
23. Supervises flying
24. Pouch
27. True firs
29. Mistake
32. Computing platform (abbr.)
34. Snakelike fish
35. Greatly horrify
36. Despicable person
39. Tell on
40. Ballplayer's tool
43. Central Brazilian town
44. Court game
46. Land
47. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
49. Retract a statement
51. Data executive
54. Capital of Yemen
59. Portable computer screen material
60. Electronic data processing
61. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
62. Resinous substance
64. Rural delivery

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

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COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall

November 10
6 p.m.

caledon.ca/events





Please send your questions in advance by email to ***mayor@caledon.ca.***

Join Mayor Allan Thompson and Dr. Lawrence Loh, Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel, for a virtual Town Hall about recent developments in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

To participate, Dial 1-833-311-4101, access code 132 242 1782#.

HAVE YOUR SAY | 55+

Age-Friendly Action Plan Survey

Our action plan requires insights from you. Learn more about the Age-Friendly action plan and complete a short survey online at

caledon.ca/adult55

Unable to get online? Call us for support: **905.584.2272 X.7750.**

The Town of Caledon is committed to strengthening community connections for residents aged 55 and over. We are building an action plan designed to help remove barriers that impact our residents' ability to connect with the people, places and services that make Caledon a great place live.

Age-Friendly Caledon



Remembrance Day services will look different this year.

While we are not able to get together, community members can individually reflect on and share with their family in a time of remembrance for those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Residents can also tune into local or national services that may be being broadcast online or on television.

Mayor Allan Thompson and Members of Town Council

Final Property Taxes are Due

For those that can, please make your payments by November 5, 2020.

For those experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19, tax payments can be deferred to December 31, 2020 without penalties and interest.

HOW TO PAY:

- Pre-authorized payments
- Through your financial institution/online banking
- Place payment in the drop box located outside of the main entrance at Town Hall
- Through your mortgage company
- By mail

For more information and further details on how to pay, visit **caledon.ca/tax**.

Caledon Ward Boundary Review

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Town is reviewing its ward structure and your input is important!
Attend a virtual open house to learn more about the project and have your say!

DATE	TIME
Tuesday, November 10	10 a.m. - noon
Thursday, November 12	7 - 9 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18	10 a.m. - noon
Wednesday, November 18	7 - 9 p.m.

Register now to reserve a spot! Call 905.584.2272 x.2366 or visit **caledon.ca/wbr.**

PUBLIC NOTICES

Division Fence By-law
Open House Public Meeting



You are invited to participate in an online Public Open House meeting to learn more about and provide feedback on a proposed new Division Fence By-law for the Town.

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Time: Begins at 7 p.m.

For details on how to register and participate in the online Public Open House meeting, please visit **caledon.ca/events**.

PROPOSED BY-LAW DETAILS

A Division Fence By-law provides a process for residents to resolve disputes with thier neighbour(s) should they be unable to agree on the construction or repair of a fence on their shared property line.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED BY-LAW INCLUDE:

- A process requiring notification to be provided if a resident wants to build a fence on a shared property line so neighbours are informed about their role in the process.
- Fairly apportion costs for a division fence to empower residents to use the local court to independently collect a reasonable portion of money if agreement cannot otherwise be reached.
- A Procedural Guide to help residents better understand how to apply the process.

The draft By-law and Procedural Guide are available for consideration at **caledon.ca/notices**.

For questions, please contact us at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or by e-mail to legislative.services@caledon.ca

Notice of Passing of Area-specific Development Charges By-law



The Town of Caledon has put into effect its new Area-Specific Development Charges By-law (2020-78) for Simpson Road Phase 2, which was passed by Town Council on October 27, 2020 in accordance with the Development Charges Act 1997, S.O. 1997 c.27. This By-law applies to lands located within the study area as outlined in the key map.

Any person or organization may appeal the Development Charges By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal under section 14 of the Act, by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Caledon on or before December 7, 2020. A notice of appeal must be submitted setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at Town Hall: 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J6. Town Hall is currently open by appointment only.

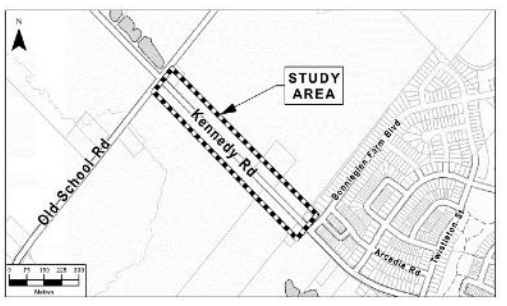
SCHEDULE B – BY-LAW 2020-78
Schedule of Development Charges (effective October 28, 2020)

Ref Number	Municipal Address	Developable Land Area (ha.)	D.C. per Property
N-1	12485 Coleraine Dr	2.77	532,493
N-2	12485 Coleraine Dr	2.71	521,084
N-3	0 Coleraine Dr	1.03	198,455
N-4	0 Coleraine Dr	1.03	198,012
Total Simpson Rd. Phase 2 Lands		**7.55**	**1,450,045**

Please visit **caledon.ca/dc** for more information.

A notice of appeal can be submitted to: Laura Hall, Municipal Clerk, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon

Revised Notice of Completion
Kennedy Road from Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard to Old School Road



The Town of Caledon is planning for improvements to Kennedy Road from Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard to Old School Road to address growth related demands on Town infrastructure. A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed in April 2019 to evaluate improvements for this section of Kennedy Road that support future land uses and enhance road safety for all road users. The preferred alternative identified in the EA for Kennedy Road improvements included a two-lane road with curb and gutter (Urban Reconstruction) and paved shoulders to be shared by both cyclists and pedestrians. The existing sidewalk in front of Tony Pontes Public School was to be retained but not extended to Old School Road.

A minor adjustment to the preferred alternative identified in the EA includes a change from shared on-road paved shoulders for cycling and pedestrians to a continuous 3.0 m wide off-road paved multi-use trail on the west side of Kennedy Road constructed within the limits of the existing right-of-way. The existing sidewalk in front of Tony Pontes Public School will remain. The pavement width of Kennedy Road will be reduced to exclude the paved shoulders and provide two wider 3.3 m traffic lanes with curb and gutter. The adjustment meets existing road standards and improves the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the off-road facility, while supporting active transportation and accessibility along the corridor for a wider range of users.

To request additional information, or to provide comments or concerns about this project, please contact either of the following Project Team members by 4:30 pm, December 7, 2020:

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If there are outstanding concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, a request for an order requiring a higher level of study or conditions on those matters should be addressed in writing to the Minister of the Environment and the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry. Other concerns regarding the project are to be directed to the Town for a response. The request should be sent by 4:30 pm, December 7, 2020 in writing or by email to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
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minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Project and notice information will be made accessible upon request in accordance with the Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

This Notice first issued on November 4, 2020.

Theatre partnering up with FTP to shine a light on domestic violence

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

With Nov. 1 marking the beginning of Women Abuse Prevention Month, Theatre Orangeville is partnering up with Family Transition Place to host a special virtual production in an attempt to shine a light on an issue that still very much exists here in town.

"This play is by Dwight Storring and Gary Kirkham," said Norah Kennedy, Executive Director at Family Transition Place. "They were commissioned by Waterloo Women's Crisis Services, to bring attention in a very real way to the abuse of women in their community."

In this telephone interview with the Citizen, Ms. Kennedy went on to explain, "They interviewed women who had suffered from violence, plus the people who had helped them. So, the language is their own; one of the nice things about our version is utilizing actors from Theatre Orangeville. Shelburne Police Chief, Kent Moore, will also be doing a reading. So is [Dufferin-Caledon MPP] Sylvia Jones and some staff from FTP, including Travis Greenley and Christina Gonzales."



FILE PHOTI

RAGE AGAINST VIOLENCE: Theatre Orangeville will present the online production 'Rage Against Violence', beginning tonight (Nov. 5). The production, offered in conjunction with Family Transition Place, aims to shine a light on the ongoing issues many women in our community still face with domestic violence.

Ms. Kennedy goes on to highlight the great lengths the cast and crew went to in order to ensure a "safe" production.

"This version, obviously due to COVID-19, is being delivered remotely. It is organized in a series of monologues and recorded over Zoom. We wanted to make sure that we were really emphasizing [remote delivery], to show that we were staying safe.

And so, how can one tune into this powerful play?

"You buy a ticket [link] from Theatre Orangeville and they send a link over the internet. This is a one time thing. It opens on Nov. 5[today]; then you have 72 hours to watch it.

She continues, "Hearing in the womens' own words what it was like for them... It makes it impossible to turn away, because you're hearing from their perspective. There's the story of Bernice Bourdeau, who was killed by her partner in Waterloo in 2007, told by her nephew and recounted in her own words from a letter found after her death."

Ms. Kennedy wanted to be clear, "Although the piece is heavy and can be difficult to watch, there is hope as the women connect with others – the shelters, councillors and get the help they need."

She said, "There are people who are willing and available to help. Always."

In answering a question about the response she hopes, or expects to receive, Ms. Kennedy said, "The first time we performed something like this, in Orangeville, about three years ago, we had a very strong response. People found it powerful, moving, touching. They were impressed by how it informed them about gender-based violence."

She commented, "There has to be balance in reporting; we have to get past the point of saying, 'it's not my business'.

"Usually, the best thing you can do: you can speak to that person. Sometimes, the best thing you can do is to reach out and let her know that she is not alone. You can tell her, if she wants to leave a bag of things at your house in case she needs to get away in a hurry, she'd have something ready."

As we now enter our eighth full month of provincially-mandated restrictions on every day life, Ms. Kennedy admits the ongoing pandemic has led to a direct increase in the number of visits and calls made into the local women's shelter. That, it would seem, indicates domestic violence is a growing problem here in our community.

"At this particular time," she pressed on, "we are isolated – people are being quarantined in their homes. FTP is promoting a text number so that a person can quietly contact us. There is too often the problem of someone – a neighbour or friend - who knows something is wrong but still thinks, 'I don't want to get involved; it's not our business.'

"Again, if the husbands are pals, recognizing we still have a role to play," she warned, "A woman in a violent relationship is only going to be able to leave when she feels it is right and when you can convince her, you being aware; paying attention and making sure it's safe for yourself to intervene as well."

As with so many difficult situations, interjecting yourself into somebody's elses life may have repurcussions, Ms. Kennedy said.

"Primarily, she may or may not thank you for it. You may wonder, 'why didn't she tell the truth?' It could be any number of reasons. She may believe it would be worse for her if she did; she may still love the man. It's not as easy as a lot of people think to just say a man hurts you. Often that decision to leave is there, but the choice is to move into poverty.

"That's why our shelter in this beautiful part of the world is usually full; it provides a [much-needed] stepping point."

Family Transition Place primarily provides services to women and children who have experienced abuse.

"We know that abuse has wide ranging impact on people's lives in the community and society in general," Ms. Kennedy said.

The values that govern the administration and philosophy of the shelter are: compassion, integrity, respect, inclusiveness and "continuous learning and innovation."

Their purpose is to help to build a community that is free of abuse by compassion, equity and respect; a community people living in healthy relationships.

To this end, they provide an emergency shelter and many services, including partly: outreach, counselling for men and women, youth education.

"November is violence against women prevention month," Ms. Kennedy told the Citizen. "There is always something that you can do. Even let a person know that she's not alone."

Rage Against Violence is the next ticket/link for purchase at Theatre Orangeville, in partnership and support: all proceeds for which go to FTP. The link is open from Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. It runs as an exclusive link and will be shut down on Nov. 7 at midnight. Once purchased and open, the link may be watched at any time per viewing .

For info and to purchase the link, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca, or call them at 519-942-3423. To make a donation to Family Transition Place and to learn more about it, go to www.familytransitionplace.ca

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Caledon Trailway Book Committee donates $50k to Town

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon Trailway Book Committee is continuing with its support of our local trail systems, this time with a generous donation.

The committee is made up of a group of volunteers who have been dedicated to educating the community about the beauties of the Trailway. In 2017, Cheri Cowan, Walter Getman, Emil Kolb, Fay McCrea, Dave Mullan, Wayne Noble, Jan Smith-Bull and Betty Ward began the project.

The book tells the story of how the 35-kilometre trail evolved from once a railway in the 19th century, to now a trailway for residents to enjoy every day.

The book, The Caledon Trailway, Building the Dream, was released on Nov. 24 of last year.

Diane Allengame, who is known also for Answering the Call; a history of firefighting in the Town of Caledon, is the author of the book where she worked with the creative team. Also included was editor Donna Davies, guest author Nicola Ross and Wallflower Design who created all the beautiful content inside.

The committee all agreed that all proceeds from book sales, will be donated back into the Town, to enhance the trail in capital investments including benches, bicycle repair stands and a kiosk.

On Oct. 26, the committee presented to Mayor Allan Thompson a cheque for an astounding $50,000, all proceeds raised by those who purchased the book.

"The tremendous success achieved by the Caledon Trailway Book Committee speaks to the commitment and hard work of the volunteer committee and the quality of the book itself" said Mayor Thompson. The benefits of this initiative are significant and lasting; on behalf of Members of Council and the entire community I applaud and thank all of those involved."

Sales have been steady and 'brisk' as committee Chair Cheri Cowan states. For the past year, the results of community members as well as purchases from broader areas, have been ongoing and positive.

"We are very appreciative of the local businesses who are selling the book without taking a commission," said Cowan.

"Committee members have worked hard to promote the book, and many have personally sold dozens," added committee treasurer Wayne Noble. All of these efforts have combined to allow the book committee to reach its goal of being able to make this major donation to the Town for these improvements to the Caledon Trailway."

With the COVID-19 pandemic remaining in place, the use of the Trailway has been higher as ever, as residents turn to enjoying the outdoors more.

Members are excited to see their hard work be put back into the trailway that they have put all their effort into.

"Knowing we are giving back to this beautiful trail by telling its story, and by contributing book proceeds so it can be enhanced for users, has made us all proud," said author Diane Allengame.

The coffee-table style book is being dedicated to committee member Walter Getman who passed away last September. Getman was involved in the building of the Trailway as well as the Caledon East Pavilion back in 1995.

He was a consistently involved in community and Town events including Caledon Day and the Walk of Fame. He played a significant role in the making of not only the Trailway itself, but the production of the book.

The committee set out into the community to ask for donations to build a bench on the trailway in his memory, and the community responded.

A new stone bench has been installed on the Trailway at the north-west corner of Pavilion Park to include a view of the trail and the pavilion.

"The bench is an appropriate memorial from people who knew Walter and appreciate all that he did for the community and the Caledon Trailway," stated the committee in a news release.

The Caledon Trailway: Building the Dream is still available to purchase. Please visit caledontrailwaybook.ca for more information.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY: The Caledon Trailway: Building the Dream book committee has donated $50,000 to the Town of Caledon - all proceeds raised over the past year through book sales.

Museum of Dufferin launches new online exhibit focusing on climate change

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Rising water levels, wildfires, heat waves, and snow storms.

They're all signs of climate change, a topic that Museum of Dufferin (MOD) Archivist, Laura Camilleri said "everybody wants to know about, yet is never truly relevant to the local level".

Bringing climate change to a local relevancy, the Museum of Dufferin partnered with Climate Action in Dufferin to launch a new digital exhibition called "Before Your Eyes". The digital exhibit looks to take the latest science on climate change in pollution and carbon dioxide, connecting the impacts to the local community while educating on solutions to reduce emissions.

"The solution to climate change is community with meaningful action from local municipalities, businesses, organizations, schools, and individuals we can create a prosperous future for the current and future generations of Dufferin County," said Sara Wick, climate change coordinator at Dufferin County, in a press release.

The idea behind the "Before Your Eyes" exhibit started during the pandemic when staff at the Museum of Dufferin were moved to other departments. Camilleri, at the time, was moved to assist in the climate change department; where she, Wicks, and Kylie-Anne Grube started to concept for the exhibit.

"We thought 'why not create an exhibit that will help people understand how climate change impacts Dufferin locally'," said Camilleri.

The annual temperature in Dufferin County has been rising about one degree since 1948, and projections show the temperature trend to continue to rise.

Drawing on the impacts of climate change locally, the exhibit shows the examples of the Day family, who have each year built an ice rink in their back yard.

"Our winters have shortened and temperatures are much warmer giving us less skateable days outdoors. We used to get on the ice more often and well past March Break, but this has changed substantially," the Day family writes. "At times, the rink houses a pool instead of ice, so it sits useless for days. It's been hit and miss with winter temperatures fluctuating from minus 40 one day to above zero the next."

Bring awareness to climate change locally the exhibit uses videos, interactive climate maps and a 'check your knowledge' section.

"It definitely gives you an idea of what's happened in the past and how things are changing now," said Camilleri. "It gives you opportunities and come options on what we can do to slow down climate change a makes it relevant to your work every day."

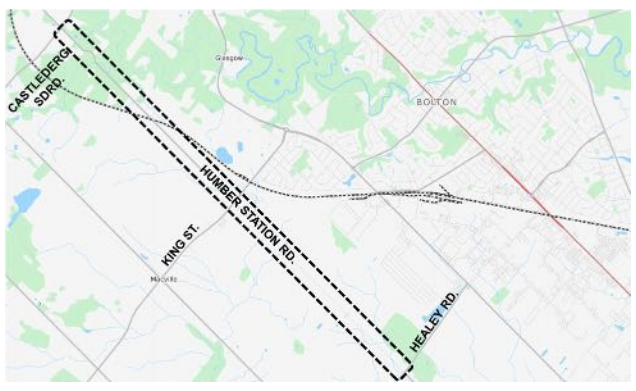
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Environmental Assessment Studies

Humber Station Road (Castlederg Sideroad to Healey Road)

THE STUDY



In response to continual road deterioration associated with population growth, the Town of Caledon has identified a need for improvements to Humber Station Road between Castlederg Sideroad and Healey Road in 2023. Subsequently, the Town has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to review and identify road, intersection and drainage improvements along the corridor. Within the study limits, Humber Station Road will retain the two general-purpose lanes, however various options will be evaluated to enhance safety, improve traffic operations and to better accommodate all users.

THE PROCESS

The purpose of the study is to identify a preferred alternative solution for Humber Station Road that addresses the increasing wear and tear associated with population growth while enhancing road safety, improving traffic operations and connectivity for all users. In identifying the road improvements, the study will consider technical and aesthetic requirements; as well as socio-economic, cultural heritage, and natural environment factors. The project is being completed as a Schedule "B" project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). As such, input from the public, technical agencies and interest groups will be key in identifying recommendations for the corridor.

Mill Street (Mississauga Road to Creditview Road)

THE STUDY



In response to continual road deterioration associated with population growth, the Town of Caledon has identified a need for improvements to Mill Street between Mississauga Road and Creditview Road in 2022. Subsequently, the Town has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to review and identify required road, intersection and drainage improvements along the corridor. Within the study limits, Mill Street will retain the two general-purpose lanes, however various options will be evaluated to enhance safety, improve traffic operations and to better accommodate all users.

THE PROCESS

The purpose of the study is to identify a recommended design for Mill Street that addresses the increasing wear and tear associated with population growth while enhancing road safety, improving traffic operations and connectivity for all users. In identifying the road improvements, the study will consider the technical and aesthetic requirements; as well as socio-economic, cultural heritage, and natural environment factors.

The project is being completed as a Schedule "B" project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015).

CONTACT

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No such thing as a coincidence

by Mark Pavilons

Life as we know it, every single moment, is coincidence. Or is it?

From the venerable Forrest Gump, miracles happen every day:

"I don't know if we have a destiny, or if we're all just floatin' around accidental-like on a breeze, but I, I think maybe it's both. Maybe both is happenin' at the same time."

Well said, Forrest.

The term "coincidence" is defined as a "remarkable" concurrence of events or circumstances with no apparent causal connection. In other words, the odds are extremely low when such "coincidences" take place. It's like a bunch of cosmic forces coming together and pow! Much like the Big Bang, I suppose, but on a smaller scale.

Many believe there are no such things as "accidents," which are unforeseen, unplanned and likely unintentional.

To fully determine whether we mere mortals are unpaid talent in a huge cosmic sit-com requires some investigation and fact-based reasoning.

According to psychiatrist and get this, "coincidence researcher" Bernard Beitman, there are definitely synchronicities. Everything and everyone, he says, is are connected in some intangible network.

Both Einstein and Jung came up with similar theories to describe seemingly bizarre happenings.

Others tend to think it's just our way of searching for some sort of structure. We want to believe there's a higher order, a template, that all of us follow. If not, we're just like those "wishes" blowing around the wind, looking for a place to land. Not very reassuring.

When discussing coincidence, maybe it's chance we're trying to figure out. But chance holds a real possibility, a mathematical likelihood that something may or will happen.

For instance, there's a chance that for every two dozen or so people reading this column some will share a birthday. But if those same people bump into each other at the grocery store, reaching for the same bag of chips, well that's just weird. Not very significant, I'll admit.

Other deep thinkers say the greatest coincidence is if there were no coincidences. What? In other words, in an otherwise orderly universe, there has to be some random occurrences.

Maybe coincidences aren't that unusual at all.

Mathematicians say that considering there are 7 billion souls on this planet – people dashing to and fro, living, dreaming, shopping, getting gas, watching TV – the odds are in favour of chance encounters.

Maybe it's wishful thinking, since humans have a knack for deciphering unusual phenomena.

I like to use the example of the lottery. A lot of people say playing the lottery is a tax on people who can't do math.

Sure, the odds of winning a Lotto 6/49 jackpot are roughly 1 in 14 million. High, yes, but not impossible. The proof is that typically someone (or more than one) wins the pot every week or so. Luck, coincidence, chance? Yes, all of those things. My reasoning is, if someone is bound to win, why can't it be me?

When there are no logical explanations of inexplicable events, humans often turn to religion, spirituality, the cosmos and even paranormal. But there's that famous line regarding soothsayers – why don't we ever see a newspaper headline that reads "Psychic wins lottery?"

If the universe, and all those souls and blobs of energy, have the power to come together in extraordinary fashion, why don't they hand me those winning lottery numbers?

Deepak Chopra had a neat way of looking at things when he said: "When you live your life with an appreciation of coincidences and their meanings, you connect with the underlying field of infinite possibilities."

Coincidence is God's way of using a pen name in the great story that unfolds every minute of every day. I truly believe that the All Mighty does have a sense of humour and maybe he tosses out these weird events as a bit of a joke just to see if we're paying attention.

Maybe, like a perfect storm, a coincidence is a coming together of ideal conditions.

Let me take you on a fantastic journey, one that spans dimensions. What if our whole concept of life, time, space and reality are way off the mark?

What if we're like the Whos that Horton found living on a speck of dust?

What if we're technologically advanced pixels, in some giant alien's hand-held video game?

Okay, that's a bit extreme. But is it any less possible?

Try this celestial pondering – our planet and each human being and animal are made up of compounds, chemicals, elements and substances. These same substances are abundant in the universe and some are actually produced by suns. How can that possibly be a coincidence?

If we tiny human critters share source material with everything and everyone in the universe, that's crazy cool. We're all related on some atomic level.

Now, back down on earth. If all of this is somehow inexplicably tied together in some magical way, then coincidences are not so far fetched are they?

There is order and balance in the universe. There is a template, a set of instructions. There is a logical set of physical laws in motion that not only explain our origins, but dictate our future.

Or maybe not.

Maybe God lost a round of ecumenical blackjack or got in too deep in at the infinite roulette table.

Maybe humans were like Jack's magic beans, tossed indiscriminately around the blue-green ball we call home. Once planted, what grew, grew.

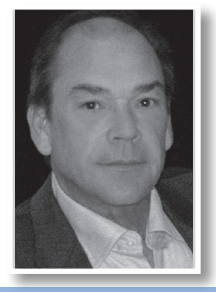
Coincidence? I think not!

Plastics

The Federal Government is working on a plan to eliminate some single use plastic items as early as next year.

The list includes plastic drinking straws, stir sticks, cutlery, six-pack rings, carry-out bags, and styrofoam plates.

On the surface, that doesn't seem like a bad idea. Plastic is everywhere. It's blowing on the streets, lining the ditches, and apparently clogging up the oceans.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

The government is planning on dropping certain single use plastics in the 'toxic to the environment' category. That's the same category that lists such things as formaldehyde, asbestos, uranium, vinyl chloride, and a whole list of things that most people have probably never even heard of.

The toxic category lists hexabromocyclocodecane as one of its dangerous substances.

If you happen to have a bottle of hexabromocyclocodecane laying around the house, you may want to call a university and ask to speak to a chemistry professor to find out exactly what you've got there and whether it's safe to have around pets, small children, and plants, or if it has a tendency to explode or combust when exposed to air or sunlight.

While the move to eliminate some plastics may be on the right track, is listing them as 'toxic' the right move?

Most people wouldn't be too worried about having a bundle of plastic in the corner of a room. It doesn't emit any kind of invisible death ray, and although unsightly in a well appointed room, it won't harm you unless for some reason you decide to cook it up for dinner.

At the same time, most people wouldn't be too happy about having a block of yellow cake uranium as a cocktail table centre piece, or having loose asbestos floating freely through the air duct system.

The plastics industry is not happy about this attempt to label their product as dangerous.

You can't blame them for that. After all the plastics industry employs thousands of people and produces a hefty profit for plastics companies as well as those industries that supply the raw materials.

Globally, the plastic packaging market is a $700 billion industry.

A spokesperson for the plastics industry stated that toxic substance rules managed under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act is "a criminal law tool and is intended to manage toxic substances," adding that "plastic is an inert material. It's not toxic."

I can understand why they want to eliminate certain plastic products. Do you really need that six pack ring thing to hold your beers together? You just pull the beer out when you get home and toss the plastic in the garbage.

Also drinking straws - I don't understand why anyone over the age of six needs a device to drink from a bottle of pop. Try it without the straw – it's easy!

I'm not so sure about eliminating plastic cutlery. Ordering a take out meal in a shopping mall food court might get messy if you try eating your soup with pair of chopsticks.

It's interesting to note how many things are missing from the list. I guess politicians aren't too eager about eliminating the millions of plastic garbage bags that hit the curb every week and taking their garbage to the curb in handfuls and wheelbarrows.

If they are serious about eliminating some types of plastics, they should start with the current trend of sealing products in hard plastic and hanging them on store shelves.

Everything from household glue to outdoor sporting accessories comes sealed in these impossible to open plastic containers without the use of a utility knife or high intensity laser device.

If you buy a novelty widget to hang from the rear view mirror, you won't be able to open the packaging once you get in the car unless you happen to have your chainsaw in the trunk with you.

The funniest one I've seen was a pair of scissors sealed in plastic, with instructions printed on the front to use a pair of scissors to cut through the plastic to open it and get your product.

If you had a pair of scissors to cut through the plastic, you wouldn't need the new pair of scissors!

Some plastics are recyclable, others can only be used once. However, most recyclable plastics are simply tossed in the garbage where they will sit in a landfill for the next 1,000 years.

If plastic products are going to be listed as toxic substances, we will have to make some lifestyle changes.

I'm going to get in my car with its largely plastic interior, drive to the store to buy some plastic packaged batteries to put in my plastic home flashlight, then watch a DVD movie that came in a plastic case, on my TV which has a plastic case, before finishing off some work on my plastic case computer monitor, and capping the night by brushing my teeth with a plastic toothbrush.

We can't get away from it!



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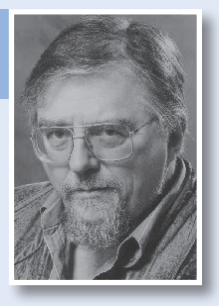
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Myanmar: The Saint who lost her way

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OUR WORLD TODAY



Almost completely obscured by the blanket global coverage of the US election, they are having one in Myanmar (Burma) too. The outcome is even more a foregone conclusion, although in this case it will confirm the existing government in power. But it is only by condoning a great crime that democracy there survives.

Aung San Suu Kyi, known universally in Myanmar as 'The Lady', got the Nobel Peace Prize for her leadership in the long struggle against military rule, and by 2015 it looked like she had won. Her National League for Democracy party secured an overwhelming majority in parliament in that year's election, and she became the country's effective leader.

But the army still had another trick up its sleeve. In 2017, in Myanmar's western province of Rakhine, there were a few small attacks on local police posts by the 'Rohingya Salvation Army'. The 'army' was just foolish, ill-armed village boys, and they only killed a handful of people, but they gave Myanmar's generals a way to corner Aung San Suu Kyi.

The Rohingya are descended from Bengali Muslim troops who helped the local Buddhist dynasty recover the Rakhine throne from Burmese invaders in 1430. King Narameikhla encouraged them to settle there, and six centuries later the Rohingya, still Muslim, accounted for about one-third of Rakhine province's population.

However, modern Myanmar nationalists have become paranoid about the country's tiny Muslim minority (only 4% of the total population). Some other parts of south and southeast Asia (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia) were converted from Hinduism or Buddhism to Islam in the fairly distant past, and Myanmar's Buddhist majority has been seized by the irrational fear that the same thing might happen there.

Or more often, they just pretend to fear that because it lets them scapegoat the Muslim minority. Previous Myanmar regimes had already revoked the Rohingyas' citizenship, and Buddhist militants in Rakhine encouraged attacks on the Rohingya minority (that's what the 'Rohingya Salvation Army' was responding to) – but what the army did in 2017 was off the scale.

The Myanmar army used the few small terrorist attacks in Rakhine as an excuse to launch a full-scale 21st-century genocide. It destroyed the Rohingya villages, slaughtered tens of thousands of Muslim men, women and children, and drove the rest of the Rohingya (730,000 people) across the border into Bangladesh. And Aung San Suu Kyi felt compelled to defend its behaviour.

The great majority of Myanmar's Buddhists share the army's fear and hatred of Muslims, and rebuking the army for the genocide was the one way The Lady could lose the next election. On the other hand, denying the genocide was the one way she could decisively lose the support of the rest of the world. Those were her only choices.

She chose political survival, and billboards appeared across Myanmar showing her with the leading generals above the caption "We stand with you". Last December she even appeared before the International Court of Justice in The Hague to defend the army and deny the genocide.

One of the United Nations investigators who looked into the allegation of genocide, Antonia Mulvey, said outside the court after her testimony: "Aung San Suu Kyi did nothing to stop the killing. She could have asked for help from the international community at the time. And now, as the final insult, she's defending the army's behaviour in court."

That's one way to describe what she did. Another would be to say that she decided to sacrifice her international reputation as a secular saint in order to preserve the halting progress of Myanmar towards a democratic future.

She could not have stopped the army from carrying out the massacre, the worst of many it has committed against various minority populations in Myanmar over the past 60 years. The 'international community' was never going to intervene to stop it either. And the majority Bamar (Burmese) ethnic group that has dominated the country since independence would never forgive her if she sided with the Rohingya.

So she made her choice, and she may have realised how great an evil she was committing by doing so. The end does not justify the means, but her National League for Democracy will win the election next Sunday (November 8).

An epidemic of audacity in education

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Strictly speaking, the dictionary definition of audacity can mean both "a willingness to take bold risks" and "rude or disrespectful behaviour." Frankly, with what is happening at several school boards around the province, including our own Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board, I think both definitions are equally applicable. Factor in the recent questionable move by the Ford government to potentially allow a "Christian" college degree granting privileges and the Toronto District School Board spending millions NOT in the classroom but on pandemic related pay raises and I think we are experiencing an epidemic of audacity in education.

Uncertain times do sometimes call for "bold risks." They require us to think outside of the box, in this case, how best to provide an education for our children during unpredictable pandemic surges. School Boards and the government had an entire summer to come up with a plan and when they did, parents were asked to support it by choosing online learning or in school attendance. Families made tough choices based on a set of clearly defined parameters and schools were expected to plan and budget accordingly. Now, the playing field has changed significantly and NOT as a result of the pandemic but due to the second definition of audacity, the "rude and disrespectful" expectation that teachers are somehow miracle workers. Teachers are apparently able to morph between being an in-person and online educator on command; providing quality education to both cohorts with the equal expectation of dealing with each of their unique learning challenges, answering their questions whether their hand is raised in the class or typed in a chat box, simultaneously managing all the technology required to actually make this work and oh yeah – all while tap dancing balancing a jug full of water on their heads! Yes, that was a run on sentence. You know why? Because teachers will be running on and on and on – as they attempt to manage the unmanageable.

Parents have united together in an effort to curb this madness. They've delegated to the Board pointing out the obvious and the Board, rather than addressing those concerns, seemed far more interested in establishing the provenance of mailing addresses on petitions and in reviewing the membership of the several social media groups that have emerged to fight this issue.

The move to hybrid learning was never actually a "choice" despite a survey sent to parents because the default "option" was hybrid learning, like it or not. Several other school boards, including York Region, are gaining more media traction with their fight making it into papers like the Globe and Mail this past weekend. The headline: "Students miss out and teachers feel overwhelmed…." Ya think? Locally, despite several Trustees at least appearing to take the issue seriously, DPCDSB sent an email to parents advising that on Nov. 13 teachers would be available online until 10:30am to provide student support. After that time and "for the remainder of the day, educators will be engaged with preparing…including curriculum and lesson planning…" for a hybrid learning start on the Nov. 16. Certainly, as any teacher worth his or her salt knows, a half day of lesson planning is about all that's needed to adequately prepare for a year of teaching, especially in a hybrid situation and in a year as easily managed as this one. Our teachers are amazing. They take struggling readers and turn them into voracious ones. They help students grasp math using helpful hands-on strategies in the classroom and expose learners to history and science and geography and so much more. In the DPCDSB they also expose children to the gospel values, but what teachers are not, is Jesus himself. They can't perform miracles. It's time we stopped asking them to.

In other news, this epidemic of audacity isn't only contained to the DPCDSB and YCDSB. As announced last week, the Toronto District School Board is giving their administrative staff a bonus. Spending $2.4 million, the Board is providing a "pandemic pay raise to both principals and vice-principals. All while teachers IN CLASS are struggling to maintain some sense of normalcy for the children under their care. Fair? I've no doubt administrators work hard but this just smacks of yet more rude and disrespectful behaviour on the part of Boards who have lost touch with the reality of what teachers are facing in their classrooms every day.

Finally, because I just can't let it go unremarked, a piece of pandemic legislation was recently proposed in the Ontario legislature that contained, buried within it, the potential of allowing degree granting privileges to a college that calls itself "Christian" but is both homophobic and anti-Islamic. The founder of the College is said to be a good friend of Doug Ford. Its educational credentials for degree granting are questionable at best. It's a slippery slope we tread. I fear there is indeed an epidemic of audacity in our educational system in Ontario and I'm not sure which is worse – the pandemic or the epidemic it's causing.

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Collection of tops sports docs & movies to watch right now

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

There's a time to take moment; a breath even, and appreciate the glamour of sport with crescendos of elegant music that touch your soul.

Sport has nostalgia, and with nostalgia comes inspiration. How many times have you seen the career of an athlete turned into a documentary? It's their story and it's left up to you to find the silver lining in between.

With the National Football League, Formula 1 and soccer in various leagues around the globe a few amongst many sports leagues still open, here in Canada, we wait for the return of hockey, basketball and baseball (although they all have just come to an end).

In the meantime, if other leagues on right now are not much of an appeal to your sporting pallet there are inspirational sports-documentaries and movies online that you may have never seen before or you've been edging to watch again.

Here's some of The Citizen's picks on sports documentaries and movies that you must watch and re-watch.

42 (2013): Chadwick Aaron Boseman passed away tragically at the age of 43 this past year following a long battle with colon cancer.

Boseman, is better known as T'Challa in the Marvel Universe movie Black Panther and also appeared in Captain America: Civil War, Avengers: Infinity War and Avengers: Endgame with this character.

But, his career broke through (so to speak) in his role as Jackie Robinson in arguably the most inspirational story in Major League Baseball history.

Robinson is known for bridging the gap between the colour barrier that existed in Major League Baseball in the 1940s. Brooklyn Dodgers owner took a chance on Robinson and following a spell with the farm team of the club, the Montreal Royals, Robinson made his way to the pros only to find his life to become significantly challenging. He endured racism at its highest peak. Fought crowds and other critiques who didn't believe a black player could play. And ultimately, he silenced everyone in this inspirational story leading teammates on the Dodgers to step in and defend him when needed; and that was a lot.

With the Los Angeles Dodgers coming off a World Series victory, this movie is an excellent watch and a history lesson all at the same time. Today, the entire MLB has retired the number 42, and annually on Jackie Robinson Day (April 15), every player on every team wears that iconic number.

The Playbook: A Coach's Rule to Life (2020): If you're ever in need of a life-lesson and a swift kick in the you know what, this motivational docuseries on Netflix is for you.

Akron natives LeBron James and Maverick Carter teamed up with 22 other executive producers to film this six-part series featuring personal stories from Doc Rivers, Jose Mourinho, Dawn Staley, Jill Ellis and Patrick Mouratoglu.

Each of these coaches have an episode dedicated to diving deeper into the confines of their own mind and how they perceive coaching on the sidelines and coaching real life.

This is a must-watch docuseries for sports fans eager to know how the mind of a coach works and how their influence significantly impacts staff and players alike.

Coach Carter (2005): There's never not a reason to watch Coach Carter.

With Samuel L. Jackson as the movie's protagonist, Ken Carter returns to Richmond High School this time to coach the basketball team and finds a group of disgruntled young athletes lacking motivation both on the court and in their lives.

In this sporting drama, Carter seemingly turns around this group around and fights; against all odds (even against the school), to ensure these players are pushing themselves academically, avoiding gangs and crime while also improving their basketball talents.

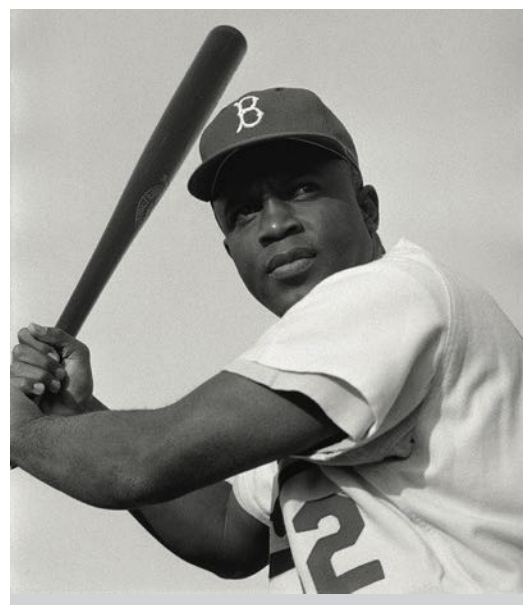
Emotionally this film will leave you with a warm feeling and empathy for the fulfilment of all the players. It is a true story.

The Last Dance (2020): This series has it all. Anger. Sadness. Pain. You name it, but it ultimately ended with six rings as this documentary is all about the Chicago Bulls and their rise and fall from glory.

Of course, this docuseries showcases never seen before footage of Michael Jordan but, it also covers the drama and management disputes within the organization.

Winning six rings wasn't easy by no means. Although this team made it seem that way. Two three-peats has never been accomplished in NBA history and all without reaching game seven in the NBA finals.

This dive into the Chicago Bulls franchise will have you at the edge of your seat and it's Michael Jordan, it's Scottie Pippen, it's Phil Jackson and of course, it's definitely Dennis Rodman; so it's all-the-more-reason to click the like button and begin playing episodes.



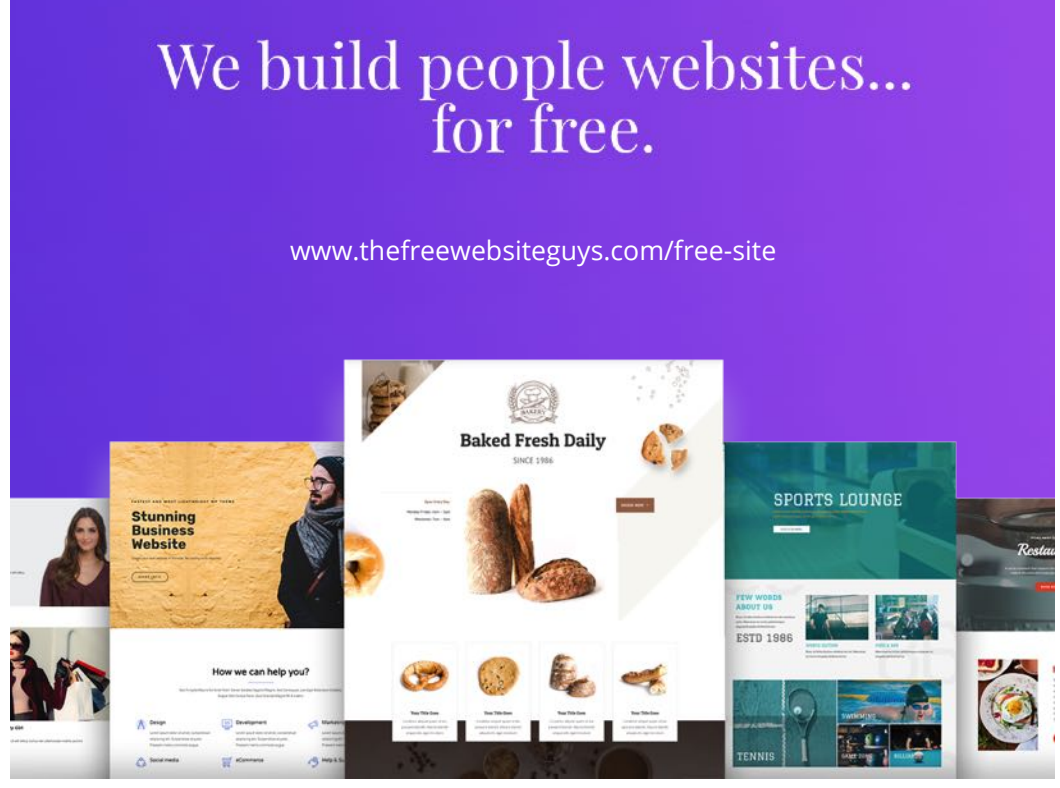
CHECK IT OUT: Jackie Roosevelt Robinson photographed here in 1954 in his Brooklyn Dodgers uniform and the hero responsible for breaking the colour barrier in the MLB. His movie on his life "42" starred the late Chadwick Aaron Boseman.

Other honourable mentions have to be Black Ice, The Blind Side, Remember The Titans, Gridiron Gang, Miracle, Moneyball, Concussion, Secretariet and Invincible.

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OBITUARIES

ROOKE, Elizabeth Anne (nee McCall)



Passed away on Friday, October 16, 2020 at St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener following a lengthy illness. Betty Anne was born in Montreal, Quebec on December 28, 1941. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kitchener.

Predeceased by her beloved husband, Richard Charles Rooke, on June 2, 2018. Also, predeceased by her parents, William and Jessie (nee Ross) McCall.

Sister-in-law of David (Denise) Rooke, Robin (Mandy) Rooke and Karina (Sheldon) Howard, who fondly remember her, along with several nieces and nephews.

Betty Anne received her BA from Wilfrid Laurier University and taught French both in the secondary and elementary school panels with the Waterloo Region District School Board. She began her career in K-W at Grand River Collegiate and ended it at Howard Robertson Public School in 1997 when she retired. She enjoyed teaching and cared deeply for her students and subject. She joined the Canadian Federation of University Women when she returned to K-W and devoted countless hours to it as a Coordinator and supporter of the CFUW Book Sale, writing the Club's history, partaking in the Arts and Book groups and building a circle of longlasting friendships while involved. In retirement, she joined the Probus Women's Club of Waterloo, the Retired Teachers of Ontario and RWTO and also continued her enthusiasm for each of these groups as long as she was physically able. Betty Anne was an ardent music lover and delighted in her K-W Symphony POPS concerts for many years. She was an avid reader, passionate hockey fan and world traveller. She and Richard spent many happy summers in the British Isles visiting relatives and wandering the countryside. She could hardly wait to savour her Devon cream with each visit!

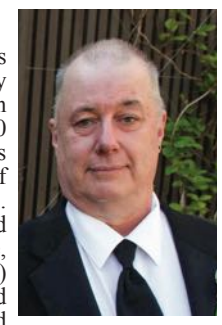
Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic restrictions, there will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orangeville at a future date.

The family would like to thank the Lanark Residence Staff for their ongoing support and care of Betty Anne over the last 3 years.

Condolences for the family and memorial donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation may be arranged by contacting the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo at www.erbgood.com or 519-745-8445.

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RINTOUL, John Hamilton



It is with great sadness that we announce the very sudden passing of John on Friday, October 23, 2020 at the age of 67. John was the beloved husband of Sylvia Glazer of Cobourg. He will be forever missed by his daughters Laurie, Robin and Suzanne (Dan) and brothers David and Robert. John was a proud grandpa to Michaela, Delaney, Charlotte, Tristan, Nora, and James. He is predeceased by his parents Arthur and Evelyn Rintoul.

John will be remembered as a fun-loving and generous man who always saw the lighter side of life and could bring good humour to any occasion. He was a lover of the outdoors, and an avid camper and fisherman. After a long career with Ontario Power Generation, John was enjoying his retirement. He was respected and loved by his family, friends, and coworkers.

Cremation has taken place, and due to COVID restrictions, the family will hold a Private Funeral Service at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville. Webcast of the Service will be available at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

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

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ADAIR, Emma Jean (nee McKibbon)



It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of "Emma" Jean Adair, (nee McKibbon) 86yrs, on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at Health Sciences North with her loving family by her side. Cherished wife of (William) Tom Adair. Much loved Mother of Diane Mintz of Burks Falls Ontario, Brian Mintz (predeceased) of Brampton Ontario, Gloria Noel (Brian) of Capreol Ontario. Jean will also be missed by the families of her late brother Elwood McKibbon (Marion); her late sister Doris (Howard); her late brother Gordon (Norma); her late brother Murray (Mary); her brother Keith (Trish) and her late Brother Laverne (Shirley); She will be missed by her nieces and nephews, cousins, and many friends she made over the 86 years. Jean especially loved the family reunion every year because she always looked forward to catching up with her many relatives and sharing everybody's stories. Special thanks to LHIN, Bayshore, Paramed and the caring Doctors and nursing staff 6th Floor respiratory for the care and compassion given to Jean.

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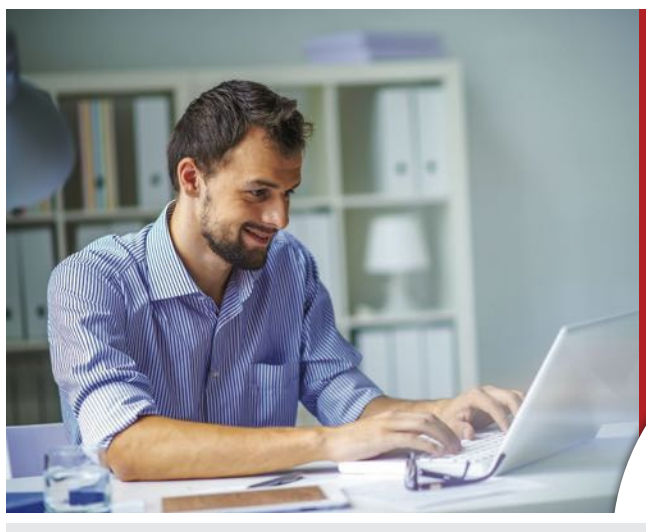
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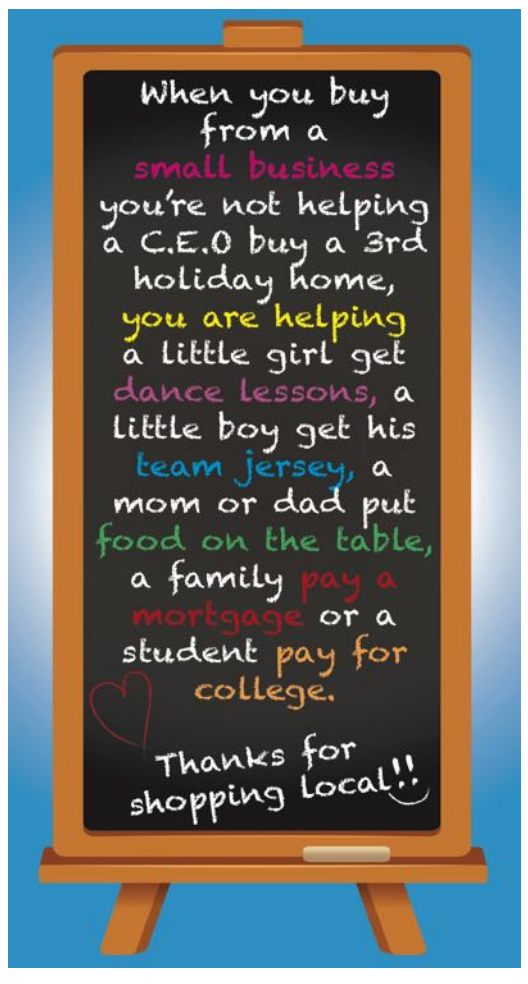
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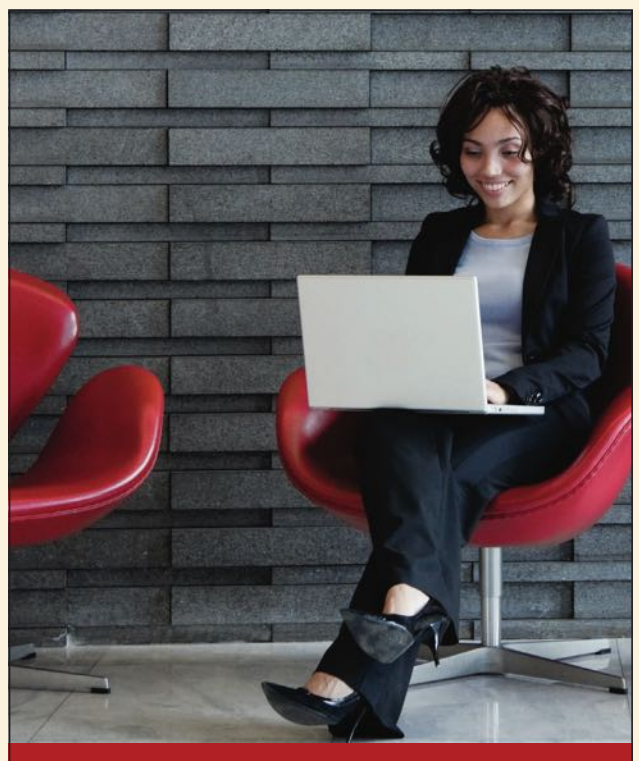
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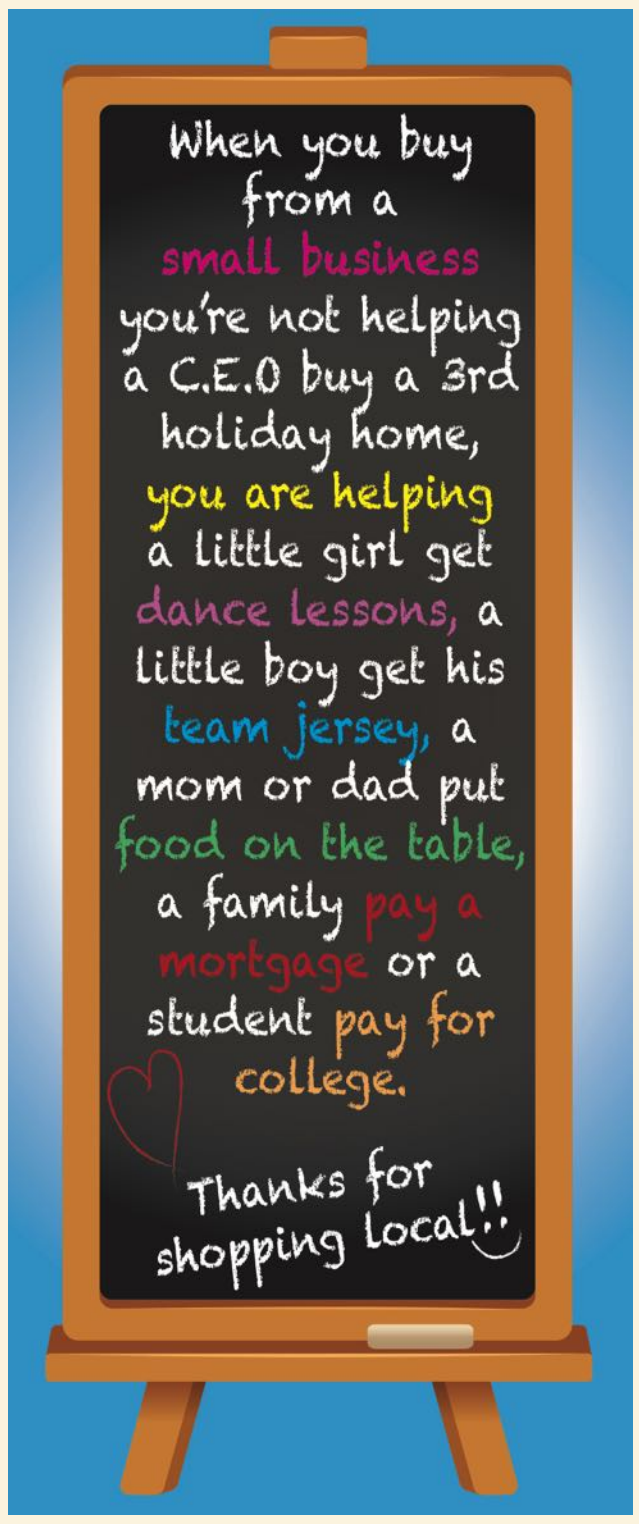
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