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**MAKING MERRY –** Donations for the 2020 Santa Fund continue to roll in, including two generous donations from the Caledon Lions Club of a total of $4,000. The donation was split to support the Santa Fund as well as the Caledon Exchange. David Cunningham (left) presented the two cheques to Nicole Hand (right) of CCS in front of the Exchange this past week.

# Peel Region enters lockdown, along with Toronto, for 28 days

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With the number of confirmed cases rapidly rising in Peel Region, the Provincial Government has had to take strict steps to stopping the spread.

Peel, alongside Toronto, entered the Grey level – Lockdown, effective November 23.

"We cannot afford a province-wide lockdown, so we are taking preventative action today by moving Toronto and Peel into Lockdown-level restrictions and other regions into higher levels of restrictions," said Premier Ford. "We need to take decisive action to stop the spread of this deadly virus."

With these new restrictions in place, schools will remain open as well as after school programs and childcare.

Post-secondary schools will be open for online learning with specific exceptions to training, depending on the trade.

All indoor events and gatherings, aside from those with the same households, are prohibited, with the exception of individuals who live alone and may have limited contact with one other person.

Organized events, such as weddings, funerals and religious services can be allowed only if physical distancing is possible, with a limit of 10 people indoors and outdoors.

Retail businesses are to transition to curb side pick-up and delivery, aside from grocery stores, pharmacies, big box retailers, safety supply stores, and convenience stores must go down to 50 per cent capacity within their stores.

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# Ontario creates task force for future vaccine distribution

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
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As we get closer to a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus, the Provincial government has created a task force for when the time comes.

The Ontario government announced on November 23 the Ministers' COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force in preparation for a future vaccine.

The task force will be instructed to oversee the development and implementation of an immunization program, as well as ensuring timely and effective distribution of the vaccine to Ontarians.

To lead this task force, former Chief of Defence Staff for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and Commander of NATO-led forces in Afghanistan, Rick Hillier has been appointed by the Province as Chair.

With more than 35 years of leadership experience in various fields, the Province saw him as the ideal fit for the job.

"Having always believed that 'duty calls', the safe, secure and successful delivery of COVID-19 vaccines is a critical mission I'm honoured to accept for the people of Ontario," said General Hillier.

Added Premier Doug Ford: "We still have a long way to go, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. That's why I have asked General Hillier to lead this effort, because we need the best of the best for the monumental task at hand. I am confident he will bring the same disciplined leadership and military precision needed to execute one of the largest logistical undertakings our province has ever faced."

The task force will include government representation federally and provincially, as well as outside experts in different fields of operations and logistics. There is planned to be health and clinical domains as well as public health and immunization, ethics and information technology and data, the province claimed.

When a vaccine becomes available, the task force will be looking after the delivery, storage and distribution of the vaccines, as well as providing the necessary support for the health care partners with a "phased vaccination program" that prioritizes vulnerable residents and later immunization for the mass public.

They will also be advising clinical guidance on vaccine administration and surveillance of the vaccine, according to the province, as well as reporting on data with relevant and accurate information for administration, officials and the public.

Education and community outreach will be a large part to the task force to help communities across the province understand the vaccine and encourage vaccination.

"The fact that we are setting up this task force is a sign that we are making progress in the fight against COVID-19," Premier Ford.

Two companies have been on their way to providing effective protection shots, in which the province has begun early planning of a COVID-19 vaccine program with vaccines from both Pfizer and Moderna.

Moderna reported on November 12 that its vaccine has shown to be 94.5 per cent effective among continuing studies. Alongside Moderana, Pfizer has concluded the third phase of their study with a primary efficacy of 95 per cent.

Pfizer began their third clinical study in July and has had 43,661 participants with 41,135 who have received a second shot of the vaccine, stated the company.

The province stated that planning for the vaccine is underway with the help of provincial and federal partners, where updates will likely be provided at a later date.

"Our government continues to take all measures necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19 while planning for the availability of a safe and effective vaccine once it is ready," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "This task force will help chart a vital path forward in the development of an immunization plan that protects communities and keeps Ontarians safe."

For further information, visit Ontario.ca.







LifeLabs has launched an antibody test to determine prior COVID-19 exposure for communities in B.C and Ontario. **PHOTO BY ALYSSA PARKHILL**

# LifeLabs announces antibody test to detect past COVID-19 exposure

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

On November 23, Canada's largest community lab, LifeLabs, announced it was taking the next step towards protecting Canadians from the COVID-19 virus.

A new antibody test has been launched by the Canadian company that will help individuals and healthcare providers "determine prior COVID-19 infection."

The test has been developed not to diagnose the virus, but to help healthcare providers seek information on individuals' past history on whether they have had the virus beforehand or have been exposed prior.

"As we continue to increase our capacity for molecular COVID-19 testing in our labs to detect the virus, we're pleased to also offer antibody testing as another piece of the puzzle to better understand COVID-19," said Charles Brown, President and CEO of LifeLabs.

LifeLabs states that antibody responses to COVID-19 virus can take time depending on the individual and recommends the test be done and ordered three to four weeks after having symptoms or being exposed for the most accurate results.

The Canadian company recommends considering an antibody test if individuals have any suspicion that they have had the COVID-19 virus even without showing any symptoms.

According to LifeLabs, "it is not known if the presence of antibodies to COVID-19 means you are immune to the virus and protected from re-infection. Based on currently studies, antibodies to COVID-19 virus can be detected up to four months post exposure, but levels vary depending on individual immune response as well as disease severity."

The antibody test has been approved by Health Canada and has become available for LifeLabs customers in British Columbia and Ontario with a cost of $75.

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins will be allowed.

For further information, please visit lifelabs.com.









# Council raises concerns for local business during lockdown

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
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During the Town Council meeting on November 24, several Councillors shared their concerns for local businesses who are struggling being closed during lockdown.

As Peel officially entered lockdown on November 23, smaller local businesses have reached out to their Ward Councillors to share their worries and challenges of being closed.

Peel Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Lawrence Loh, joined in the meeting to provide an update and answer any questions or concerns councillors have.

Ward 5 Area Councillor Tony Rosa shared his concerns from feedback provided by members of the community on residents going outside the region to shop due to not having the ability to enter stores and shop local.

"It's very discouraging to our small, independent retailers who know that our residents are going elsewhere, leaving our municipality and going into others," said Councillor Rosa. "They're looking at the fairness of it."

One local business reached out to Councillor Rosa stating that even having one customer in at a time would make a huge difference, especially as we near Christmas time.

"They're the small players, but I know for a fact that people will venture out. They will leave the Region of Peel and go into another region, and that's concerning as well," said Rosa.

Neighbouring regions such as York and Dufferin, will and can be further impacted with Peel residents venturing out for general shopping, as well as holiday shopping as we near the month of December.

The province discourages all travel to other regions, especially those who reside in higher transmission areas, to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus to lower transmission areas.

"From the retail perspective, I'm concerned about it from the disease transmission perspective," responded Dr. Loh. "We need to make sure that we're trying to do the right thing for our community, keeping all communities safe, keeping our neighbouring jurisdictions and community safe."

Though the likeliness of allowing even one or two individuals into our local stores seems slim as of now, the whole purpose is to strongly encourage as little in-person interactions as possible.

"We saw them going over to York Region and, before we knew it, York Region was shut down as well," commented Ward 5 Regional Councillor Annette Groves. "I don't know how you control it, because people just don't listen."

Dr. Loh is hopeful in the next couple weeks that numbers will begin to decrease, and changes will be made to better support local businesses.

"A lot of these small businesses don't have that online presence, nor do they have the time right now to create an online presence," remarked Ward 3 and 4 Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis. "Those businesses are in crucial time period of their formation."

Councillor Innis is hoping to host a virtual session specifically for local businesses to provide resources and local programs that will help them through these difficult times. Alongside these discussions, it was asked that provincial and federal officials be invited to discuss issues such as these, to advocate for the small businesses whose voice may not be loud enough.

"A lot of them are not going to be able to sustain this, and we need to do our part," she said.

*For further information about what resources are available for local businesses, please visit Caledon.ca/business.*

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# "This is not what we wanted here" says Mayor

All food and drink establishments are to only provide takeout, delivery or drive-through services.

Personal care services, such as salons, as well as casinos, bingo halls, indoor sports and recreational facilities are closed for the time being.

"As public health indicators continue to worsen in regions across the province, particularly in hotspots like Peel and Toronto, it is clear that more needs to be done to limit community spread of COVID-19," said Minister of Health Christine Elliot in a statement. "As we have seen around the world, lockdowns are a difficult but necessary step to the stop the spread, safeguard the key services we rely on, and protect our health system capacity."

In response to businesses forced to close while in lockdown, the provincial government has committed to providing $600 million in support of eligible businesses. Temporary property tax and energy cost rebate grants can be applied for online which is planned to cover the length of time that business must remain closed.

22,301 confirmed cases have been reported in Peel region alone. Ontario has total of 105,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Though both Peel and Toronto have officially entered lockdown, this past Monday saw a record number of cases with 1,589 confirmed cases reported in Ontario with 535 being within the Peel region. 19 deaths were reported as of Monday.

"I know this is not what we wanted here," said Mayor Allan Thompson in a statement on November 20. "Some of us may ask why Caledon is included in Peel's restrictions. Caledon's case numbers have been rising steadily in the last few days."

Caledon has reported 744 confirmed cases, with 654 recovered and two deaths.

The Provincial government will reassess after the 28 days if Peel and Toronto will remain in lockdown or to be moved to another level.

For further information, please visit peelregion.ca or Ontario.ca for local and provincial updates.






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## CANINE CALENDAR SUPPORTS YOUTH

With more than 1,700 calls for support service so far this year, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Canine Unit is dedcated to community safety.

Even with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting training, the OPP Canine Unit duties have not changed. Amongst providing support for search and rescue, tracking wanted persons, detecting narcotics and searching for firearms, explosives and physical evidence, Canine Unit members managed to take time to strike a pose for charity.

The fifth annual OPP Canine Unit Calendar showcases the highly-trained canines that work to keep Ontario safe. Each month features an OPP Canine from across the province with a write-up identifying their specialty and home location.

All proceeds from the 2021 OPP Canine Unit Calendar go to the OPP Youth Foundation and the Friends of The OPP Museum.

The charities thank everyone for their generosity as last year's calendar sales raised $25,309.64 for these worthy causes.

Each calendar costs $10 and can be purchased at the OPP Off Duty Shop at oppshop.on.ca.

## POLICE COLLECT OLD CELL PHONES FOR VICTIM SERVICES

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is committed to upholding its commitment to victims of crime. Upon the onset of COVID-19, Central Region Victim Service agencies expressed a need for used cell phones for their Victim Safety Planning Programs.

Victim Services accepts new and used, donated cell phones to support victims and vulnerable persons within their communities. The 911 cell phone program is designed to support a victims' safety plan and to lessen re-victimization, by providing an additional device to contact police in an emergency. Home sometimes isn't the safest place, and this can be the case for adults and children who suffer from intimate partner abuse, sexual violence and elder abuse, among others. If a landline or cell phone is damaged by the abuser, a 911 cell phone may be a victims' only way to seek help. Any phone, connected or not connected to a service provider and cell phone plan, can be used to dial 911.

The Nottawasaga Detachment will be collecting cell phones, which will directly benefit Barrie and Area VCARS. For more information, visit bavcars.ca/site/contact-us/.

To donate your cellphone(s), please bring your gently used cellphones to either the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. Please complete the following:

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- Place in clear Ziploc bag for your phone and charger (provided at detachment)
- Please provide the name of the cellphone carrier OR identify if the phone is unlocked (note attached to phone is fine)

# King teacher faces child pornography charges

Written By MARK PAVILONS

A King City Secondary teacher was arrested and charged with various child pornography related offences.

Investigators with the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit – Internet Child Exploitation Team (ICE) charged the 46-year-old high school teacher.

ICE investigators began an investigation after being alerted to images containing child pornography that had been uploaded to a social media platform.

The upload was traced back to the York Region District School Board.

On November 18, the suspect was arrested at King City Secondary School.

Robert Aurich of King has been charged with Possession of Child Pornography; Distribute Child Pornography, and Accessing Child Pornography.

The investigation is ongoing. The charges have not been proven.

Child pornography is not limited strictly to images or video material. It can include any visual representations of a child for a sexual purpose. Child pornography also includes written material or audio recordings that advocates sexual activity with a person under the age of 18.

York Regional Police continues to educate the community and aggressively enforce the laws surrounding child pornography. Any person found guilty of an offence related to possession or accessing child pornography can face imprisonment for a minimum of 90 days or up to five years.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of child exploitation you are urged to report it to your local police service as well as cybertip.ca. Cybertip.ca is an easy-to-use online reporting site which allows citizens to report concerns about the online sexual exploitation of children.

The material is loaded to a national database where it can be classified and then investigated by the appropriate police service. Cybertip.ca also provides tips on being safe online for children and parents. You can also find safety tips on the www.yrp.ca website under Crime Prevention.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit - Internet Child Exploitation Team at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7078 or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com

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## "CCS' Santa Fund provides hope when it's needed most,"

*by Nicole Hand, Chief Development Officer*



If anyone had hinted last New Year's Eve what 2020 would look like, we wouldn't have believed it. No one could have imagined the devastation, unrest, illness, loss and exhaustion COVID-19 has wrought. Right here in Caledon people are suffering as they struggle with job loss, illness, distance learning and increased social isolation resulting from the need to arrest the spread.

At Caledon Community Services (CCS), we know first-hand the overwhelming hardships our neighbours are experiencing. Hundreds of children, seniors, individuals and families are struggling just to have secure, nutritious meals, a warm and safe home, to meet home education needs, and to stay socially connected for mental and emotional health.

That's why, more than ever this holiday season and into the cold months that follow, your help will make a dramatic difference, give people a hand up and a reason to smile. Together with you, we can be the beacon of hope Caledon needs right now.

Your support of CCS' Santa Fund feeds families, provides warm clothes and holiday gifts, and other vital necessities. Your donation today means a family won't have to choose between food and the holiday, a reality faced by many.

So how can you help? You can give gift cards, food or make a financial donation.

The 2020 Santa Fund has had to adjust to the realities of COVID-19 for the health and safety of clients, volunteers, staff and community. This year, while we can't collect/distribute toys and gifts safely, we're still making sure children have gifts under the tree. To do this, gift cards will be provided to parents in time to shop for special gifts that will light up their children's faces.

Gift cards in any denomination are appreciated ($25 denominations most popular). Cards can be dropped off at the Exchange (55 Healey Rd. Bolton).

Food donations can also be dropped off at the Exchange.

Financial donations are vital to allow us to respond to shifting community needs. You can securely and safely donate online at ccs4u.org/donate.

Thanks to the generosity of Husky Injection Molding Systems matching donation of $25,000 again this year, the value of your gift will double. We are so grateful for their amazing generosity.

You're changing lives in our community and at CCS, we can't do it without you.

If you or someone you know could use a hand up this holiday we're here for you. Please call 905-584-2300 to register for the 2020 Santa Fund.

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Nicole Hand, Chief Development Officer, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 269 or nhand@ccs4u.org

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# CCS Home for the Holidays Gala continues – virtually at home



Caledon Community Services is going virtual for their annual Home for the Holidays Gala this year amid the COVID-19 pandemic. PHOTO COURTESY OF CCS: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

In spite of the difficulties in fundraising for various programs and services, Caledon Community Services (CCS) remains committed to one of their most significant events of the year.

Every winter season, a festive Gala takes places to allow members of the community alongside municipal officials to join in a night of togetherness, fun and, more importantly, raising funds to support CCS.

All proceeds from the event goes directly back into the community by funding programs, services and activities for the variety of residents who require the assistance.

As COVID-19 pandemic continues with no current signs of slowing down, CCS made the conscious decision to keep the Gala going, but with the necessary adaptions.

"If we have learned anything this year it is that we must stay connected to our supporters, volunteers, donors, partners and sponsors," said Chief Development Officer Nicole Hand. "Just because we can't do things the way we have traditionally done them doesn't mean we don't need their help; in fact, we need it more than ever, and the best way to encourage support is to provide opportunities for the community to engage with us."

The Home for the Holidays Gala 2020 will be taking its name literally this year, as the event has turned completely virtual.

The event will be similar to the traditional Gala that takes place each year, but now attendees will remain in the comfort of their own home, while guest speakers, entertainers, a silent auction, as well as prizes, will be live streamed for the community.

"The 'gala' itself will take place via a live stream on December 5," said Hand. "This online show is open only to event guests, and will feature music, storytelling, special messages and many guests! Full experience ticket purchasers will also receive a special delivery to their homes or offices of our 'gala-in-a-basket.' The contents of these baskets represent each element of our traditional evening."

The Gala already has a list of over 20 dedicated sponsors including Argo Development Corp, Town of Caledon, Peel Regional Police, James Dick Construction Ltd, and many others. Alongside the sponsors, Hand states that there have been many generous donors from the community.

"The gala has a goal of raising $105,000… and we are well on our way!" she said.

Ticket sales have been selling fast, but once the "full gala experience" tickets have sold out, Gala Participation tickets that are selling for $40 will be available.

Members of the community, as well as Council members, have shared their excitement and the importance of the Gala, including Ward 2 Regional Councillor and Volunteer Chair for the gala, Johanna Downey.

"We realize that as businesses continue to navigate their way through this 'new normal', it is so important for all of us to support companies doing business locally. We want to be sure you are included in our efforts," said Downey in a recent statement. 'Let's partner together to make this a success for those in Caledon who rely on the programs and services that CCS provides."

For more information about the 2020 Home for the Holidays Gala, please visit cc-shome4theholidays.com.

# Council meetings go live for the public

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
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Caledon Council is transitioning their weekly meetings to live streams to allow members of the public to watch.

Effective November 24, in replacement of calling to listen in, or waiting for the videos to be uploaded days later, residents will be able to tune in.

"It's all about transparency and accountability," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "This is something we've been working towards for a long time with the goal of providing residents with a better view of Council and Committee proceedings."

Various committee meetings will take part in the live stream, as well as public meetings. With in-person meetings still being limited to essential Town staff and members of Council, public engagement has become possible.

The live stream links to the upcoming meetings are located in the agenda and minutes section which includes a calendar listing past, current and upcoming meetings. In the meeting agenda package will be a HTML link that has details of the meeting as well as the link to the live stream.

The first live stream was the General Committee meeting on Tuesday night.

"Public engagement is a priority for this Council and with the pandemic it's all the more important that we modernize to offer residents an enhanced engagement experience," said Thompson.

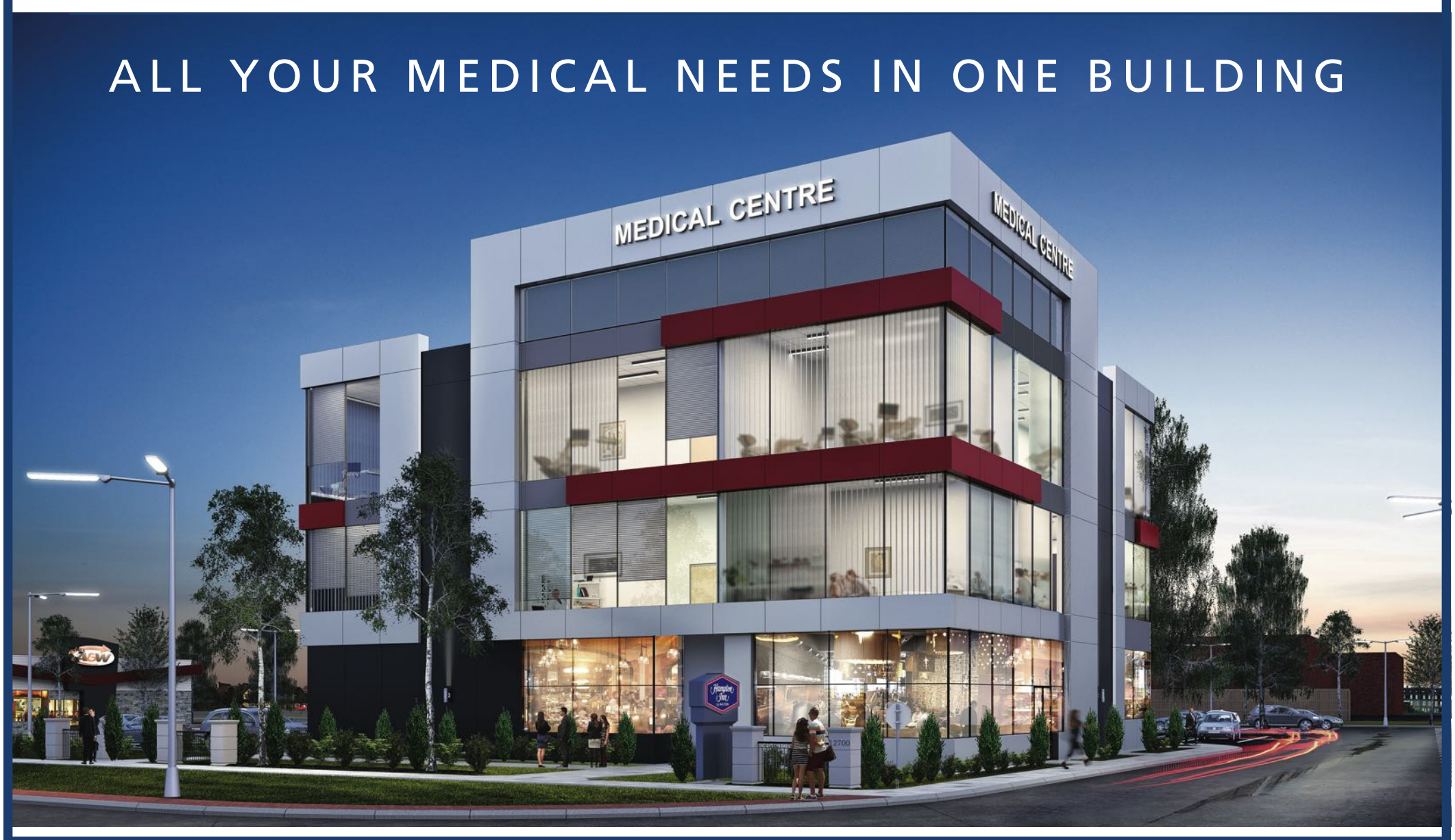
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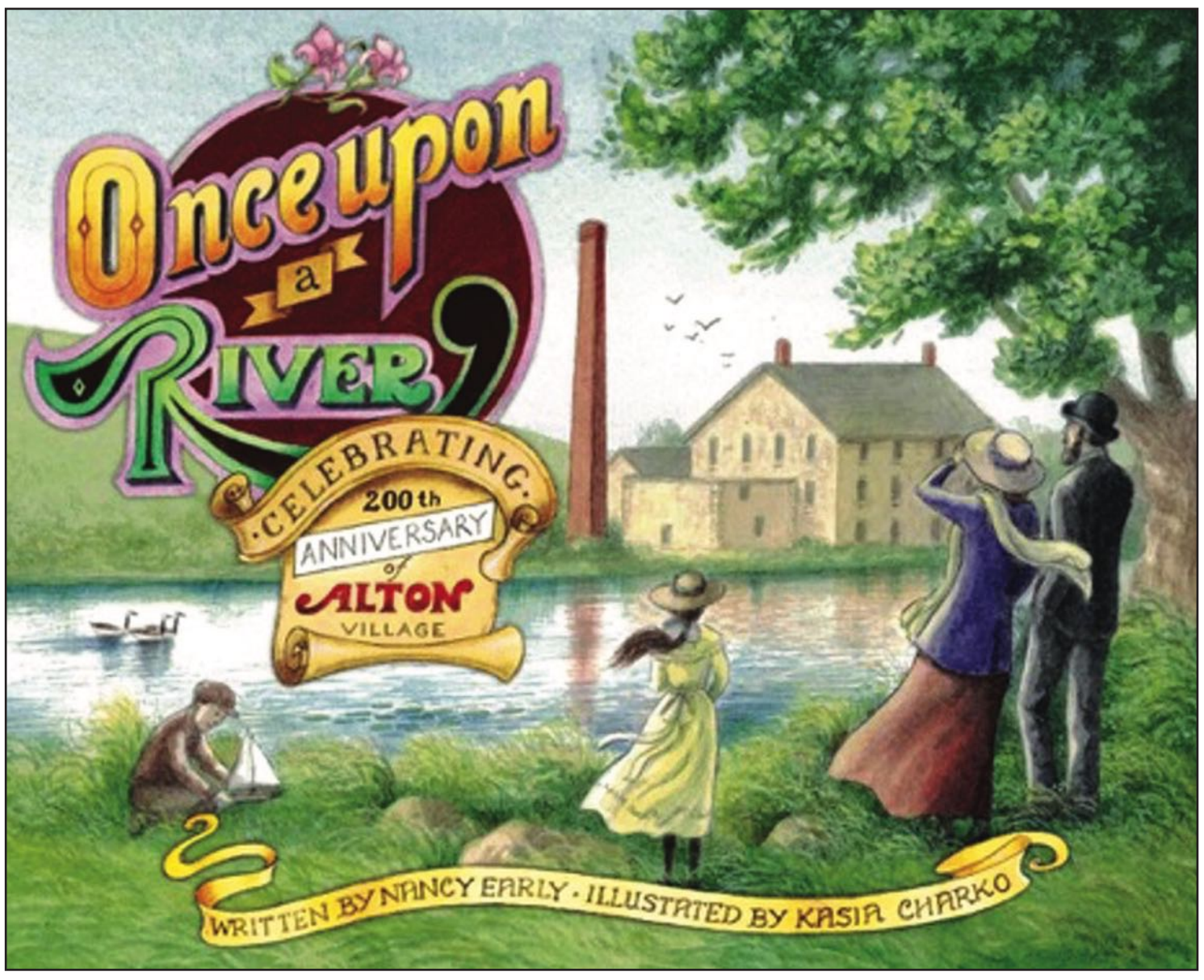



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# Local author releases new children's book on area history

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Local resident put together a children's book called 'Once upon a River' in honour of Alton Village's 200th anniversary.

PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY EARLY

Nancy Early, local resident and author, has orchestrated a fun children's book to celebrate Alton Village's 200th anniversary.

What was supposed to be organized for September 19, was unfortunately postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Early is thrilled to finally be able to release her book into the community.

"Alton's Bicentennial organizers had a great, fun event planned with local businesses, organizations and residents participating. It would have been a great homecoming celebration," said Early.

It all began when one local Alton resident, Betty Starr, came into Early's place of work at the Caledon Public Library, Alton Branch, looking for any information, materials and books specifically aimed towards children in preparation for the event.

Unfortunately, she wasn't able to locate much to help Betty, so she decided to take matters into her own hands.

"Her request played in my mind for days," explained Early. "Then it occurred to me; why not just write our own book? I grew up in Alton, and always enjoyed hearing the stories of how the river (Shaws Creek, a tributary of Credit River) played a huge role in making Alton an industrial and cultural hub in the early years."

"And, I'm a writer," she added.

Early has been a writer all her life.

She has written Care Bear scripts and TV travel shows, but is most proud of her work in The Hills Magazine and Orangeville Theatre Little Women who she wrote alongside Jim Betts in 2019.

Specifically, for Once Upon a River, she was most thrilled to partner alongside illustrator Kasia Charko, who was able to bring the children's book a reality, stated Early.

"With only a rough draft in hand, I rather tentatively approached Kasia Charko, award-winning illustrator and Alton resident. I told her I would pay her out of my own pocket or find the money somehow, but I wondered, if she'd team up with me on this project? Without hesitation, she agreed," said Early.

"Her lush, beautiful illustrations feature local landscapes, various heritage buildings and she perfectly captured the likeness of the Alton founders. It's simply gorgeous the work she's done. I attribute the success of this picture book to Kasia. It was a great partnership."

She states that her favourite part of the children's book are the illustrations created by Charko.

Early jumped at the opportunity to for children and their families to get out and visit historical treasures in Alton Village by placing a Scavenger Hunt at the back of the book. The hunt takes readers on a journey to look for clues to answer fun and educational history questions.

"We're so lucky to have heritage buildings like the Millcroft Inn and Alton Mill Arts Centre, and Paul Morin Gallery still standing," she said.

The production and planning of the book for both Early and Charko received a tremendous amount of community support.

These included the Caledon Public Library Writer's Ink, whose eyes first feasted on the story. The Caledon Heritage Foundation was also quick to join in to help get the book out into the community.

"I must thank Toronto Osprey Valley and the Humeniuk Foundation. Local businesses jumped in to provide fun giveaways for the Scavenger Hunt. And, more recently, the swell of support from neighbours and friends reaching out to buy the book. I've had Facebook requests as far away as Switzerland to California from former 'Altonites'," said Early.

Though a challenge to fit 200 years of Alton history into 32 pages, Early hopes to provide children with loads of history, highlights and different heroes who played a significant role in the past 200 years, as well as bringing the focus on how the river has and continues to play a part.

"I end the story offering the idea that while there were early settlers and founders from 200 years ago, today we are the earth's keepers, we are now the settlers, and it's up to all of us, including this younger generation, to keep our village and the river healthy so that in 200 more years – we can continue to tell Alton stories," explained Early.

Only a limited amount of printed copies are available. For those interested in purchasing "Once Upon a River", email


## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land - Form 2

*Expropriations Act,* R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Corporation of the Town of Caledon for approval to expropriate lands in the Town of Caledon being:

**FEE SIMPLE INTEREST**

Part of **PIN** 14252-0101 legally described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Parts 1 and 2 Plan 43R-39378, Town of Caledon.

**PERMANENT EASEMENT INTEREST**

Part of PIN 14252-0101 legally described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Parts 2 and 5 Plan 43R-39605, Town of Caledon: **for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy and re-enter by any public authority, utility or telecommunications company together with all associated authorized users and/or invitees, including, but not limited to, servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, agents, representatives, workers and/or designated third parties with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along and upon the applicable lands for grading purposes together with the accommodation, construction, installation, location and/or relocation of various services including, without limitation, storm, utilities and/or telecommunications infrastructure and all appurtenances and/or accessories related thereto together with all rights necessary for the proper and efficient use, operation, maintenance, inspection, repair, alteration, removal, replacement, reconstruction, extension, enlargement or modification of said works.**

**TEMPORARY EASEMENT INTEREST**

Part of PIN 14252-0101 legally described as Part- Lot 19, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Parts 1 and 3 Plan 43R-39605, Town of Caledon: **for the purpose of a free, exclusive, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross commencing upon the date of registration of the Plan of Expropriation and terminating on December 31, 2027 for the purpose of entering upon and occupying the land by any public authority together with all associated authorized users and/or invitees, including, but not limited to, servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, workers and/or designated third parties , with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along and upon the said lands for the municipal purpose of constructing a public highway, installing utilities and services, as well as grading together with any and all other works ancillary thereto.**

for the municipal purpose of facilitating various public infrastructure works including, without limitation, the establishment, construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of public highways to be designated as McLaughlin Road and Tim Manley Avenue in the Town of Caledon, as well as the establishment of a service/overland flow corridor, together with various utility and ancillary works associated therewith.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands herein described.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is
The Corporation of the Town of Caledon
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6

The expropriating authority is
The Corporation of the Town of Caledon
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This notice first published on the 26th day of November 2020.

**The Corporation of the Town of Caledon**

Per: _____
Allan Thompson Mayor

Per: _____
Laura Hall Town Clerk

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

### 50 Ann Street
### Proposed Draft Plan of Condominium

**FILE NUMBER(S): 21CDM-20001C**
Related File Number: RZ 2017-0005, SPA 2017-0026 and SPA 2017-0035

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received a Draft Plan of Condominium application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

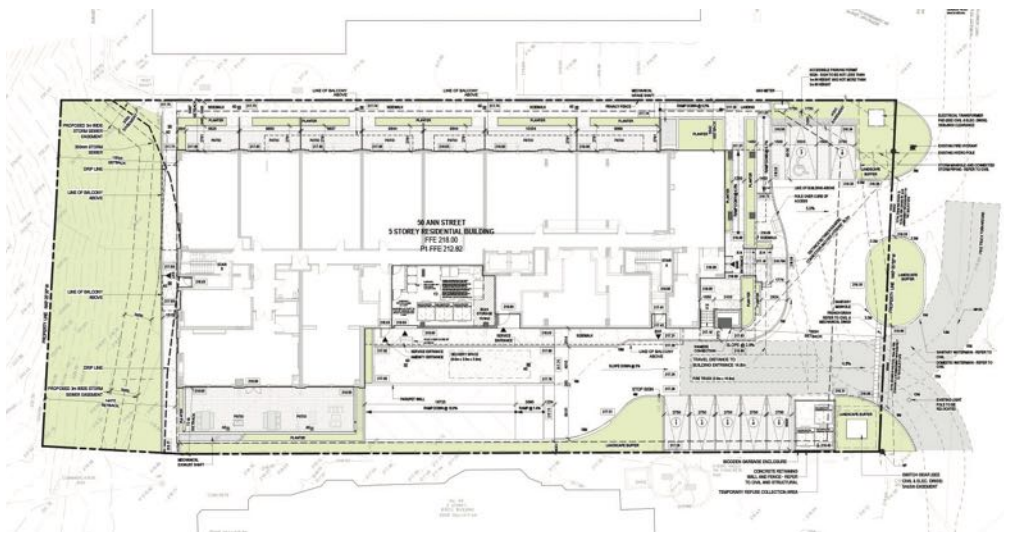
**APPLICANT:** Brookfield Residential (Ontario) Bolton Limited

**LOCATION:** 50 Ann Street
Lots 53 & 62 and Part Lots 52, 61 & 63, Part of Slancy Street,
Part of Temperance Street, Block 4, Plan BOL-7, being parts 1, 2 & 3 on
Plan 43R-37172 West Side of Ann Street, North of Sterne Street

Ward 5

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

To establish a standard plan of condominium on the subject lands for the existing 5 storey, 74 unit (including one guest unit) residential condominium building. The condominium will be comprised of residential units, parking units, storage units, a guest unit and combined parking/storage units.




**The above is a site plan forming basis for the condominium application. Please see website for draft plan of condominium plan.*

*The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.*

**LEAD PLANNER:**

Adam Wendland,
Community Development Planner,
Development Review Services
905.584.2272 x. 4024
adam.wendland@caledon.ca

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Draft Plan of Condominium, additional information and material, please visit **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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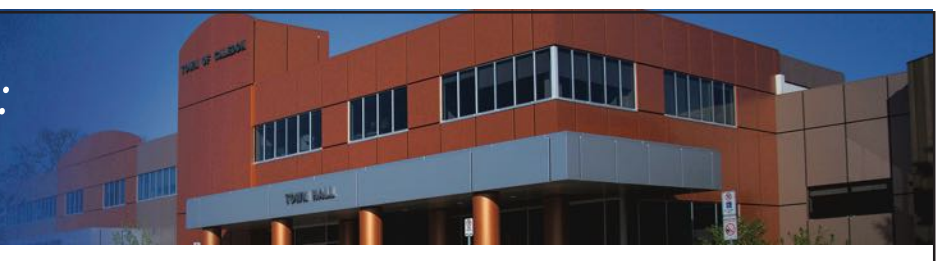
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Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

**Notice Date: November 26, 2020**

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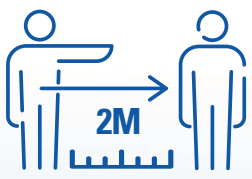
# Stay informed about new COVID-19 restrictions

**Caledon has moved into Grey-Lockdown level under Ontario's COVID-19 response framework. We're asking residents, businesses and organizations to follow all measures to help control the spread of COVID-19 in our community.**

**To learn more about these new restrictions visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus.**

## Commit to these 4 steps to help us overcome COVID-19

*Our actions will determine how fast and how well we recover.*




### STAY APART

Maintain 2-metres distance from anyone who doesn't live with you or is not your essential caregiver.



### LATHER UP

Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.



### MASK UP

Wear a non-medical mask when it's difficult to maintain physical distance and where masks are mandatory. Protect the supply of medical grade masks for health care workers.



### GET TESTED

If you think you might have COVID-19 or have been exposed to it you should get tested. While waiting for test results, stay home, self-isolate and prevent potential spread.

## Training and events to help your business during the pandemic!

For registration and details go to: **caledon.ca/cbiz.**

### ONLINE WORKSHOP

Is your business looking to transform during the pandemic and become future-proof? Then attend this online workshop to learn the skills needed to lead the change.

**Monday, December 7 | 5 - 7 p.m.**

### VIRTUAL NETWORKING

Attend the next CBIZ virtual meetup to learn how others are making the transition and to meet/connect with other businesses in Caledon.

**Wednesday, December 16 | 7 - 8 p.m.**

CBIZ | CALEDON BUSINESS INNOVATION ZONE

## Division fence by-law

### OPEN HOUSE



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

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

For details on how to register and participate or to review the draft By-law and Procedural Guide, please visit **caledon.ca/notices**.

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

## Final property taxes are due

For those that can, pay your property taxes before December 31, 2020 to avoid penalty or interest charges starting on January 1, 2021.

If you're still experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19, you can apply for one of the two new tax assistance programs.

**caledon.ca/tax**







## Council, committee & public meetings

Council/Committees:
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**DECEMBER**

1 | Committee of the Whole (General) 2:30 p.m.
1 | Committee of the Whole (Planning and Development) 7 p.m.
2 | Public meeting: Division Fence By-law 7 p.m.
8 | Town Council 6 p.m.
9 | Committee of Adjustment 1 p.m.

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# Greenbelt Council concerned over Bill 229

Written By MARK PAVILONS

Ontario's Greenbelt Council is urging Queen's Park to put the brakes on using Ministerial Zoning Orders. While supportive of expanding the Greenbelt, the council has other concerns regarding changes in Bill 229, which will impact the powers of conservation authorities.

Council chair David Crombie, in his letter to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark, said parts of the bill will undermine watershed planning and put at risk key natural heritage and hydrologic features in this province, specifically proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, contained in Schedule 6 of Bill 229, and the increasingly extensive use of Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs).

"Fundamental to both the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan, watershed planning is vital to the Conservation Authorities' (CAs) core mandate. "Schedule 6 of Bill 229, [has] caused Council and its stakeholders considerable concern and alarm."

Crombie noted that any reasonable reading of the proposed legislation would see it as "severely limiting the ability of CAs to carry out their historic role and undermining decades of environmental stewardship in Ontario.

"It is their job to protect Ontario from floods, and prevent wetland destruction and loss of forests and other natural heritage features. CAs play a major role in protecting water quality and quantity, facilitating access to nature and supporting agricultural productivity, while also addressing climate change and enhancing human health and prosperity. Integrated Watershed Management is an essential tool used by CAs to achieve these outcomes."

CAs should be protected and not undermined. The council agrees that reducing red tape is a commendable objective, but not at the expense of the very values Ontarians hold dear: ensuring our communities are safe and green.

Conservation Authorities were established in response to the unhealthy state of land and water due to poor planning practices. Today, they bring a watershed perspective to planning and development decisions to ensure communities are built safely and meet current environmental protection standards.

Crombie and the council are asking that Schedule 6 of Bill 229 be removed entirely. MZOs, he said, have been used in the past to suspend other-wise required consultation and appeal processes where matters of significant provincial interest exist relating to proposed development that may be compromised through delay.

"Excessive use of MZOs implies that the current provincial planning policy framework is not adequate to address the planning issues of the day. If that is the case, then it is government's responsibility to address and refine the framework. In fact, over the last two years, substantial changes have been made to the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, and provincial plans, yet MZOs continue to be used." The council recommends that MZOs be accompanied by a public process that is fair and transparent. Detailed information relating to the development and a clear rationale as to why the MZO is being used should be publicly available. These measures are especially important when combined with the current intent to "hobble the regulatory role of CAs.

"We recommend that the government pause in the use of MZOs and engage in a public discussion on the principles, policies and procedures that would protect the public interest," Crombie wrote. He did say that council supports the government's stated interest in expanding the Greenbelt and looks forward to participating in a public discussion on the policies, proceedings and practices that would animate any expansion




The Associate Minister of Mental Health Addictions, alongside Premier Ford. was glad to announce an investment to expand mobile crisis services in support of mental health and addictions.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL TIBOLLO

# Ontario invests in expansion of mobile crisis services for mental health and addictions

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Over $37 million is being provided to expand mental health services across the province to provide necessary services and support.

Details were provided on November 17 that staff and support numbers will be increased to better reach out to programs and services needed for those struggling with mental health during difficult times as we're in now.

This investment falls under the Roadmap to Wellness, which is a $176 million commitment plan to improve the mental health and addictions system in Ontario.

Additionally, the Roadmap to Wellness will have $3.8 billion invested over the next 10 years in support of creating new services and expanding others.

"Expanding our mobile crisis services will help those in crisis get the mental health supports they need, while ensuring our police and their community partners can work more effectively together and stay safe while handling these types of calls," said Premier Doug Ford.

The funding is spread out in order to cover various fields that are in need of assistance.

Over $6.5 million will be put towards mobile crisis services including Indigenous services to support those with mental health and addictions.

$5 million is being allocated for safe bed programs, and over $14 million to housing programs for justice involved individuals. $2 million will be allocated for addictions and withdrawal specialists for their safe bed programs as well as another $4 million for addictions programming in adult correctional institutions and another $2 million for mental health and addictions peer support for offenders.

A further $2.25 million will be going towards a peer support program and $1.1 million for "mental health and addiction supports to vulnerable and marginalized persons as part of the Ministry of the Attorney General's Justice Centres."

"Whether you live in the Greater Toronto Area or Ontario's far north, our government continues to ensure that we protect the brave women and men on the frontlines, and ensure they have access to the supports they need, when and where they need them," said Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Michael Tibollo. "By significantly expanding access to services across Ontario's justice sector, we are providing the right services to help keep our communities safe."

Added Solicitor General Sylvia Jones: "This new investment advances our commitment to strengthen mental health services across the justice system and ensure essential supports are available to frontline workers and the communities they serve."

For more information, please visit Ontario.ca.

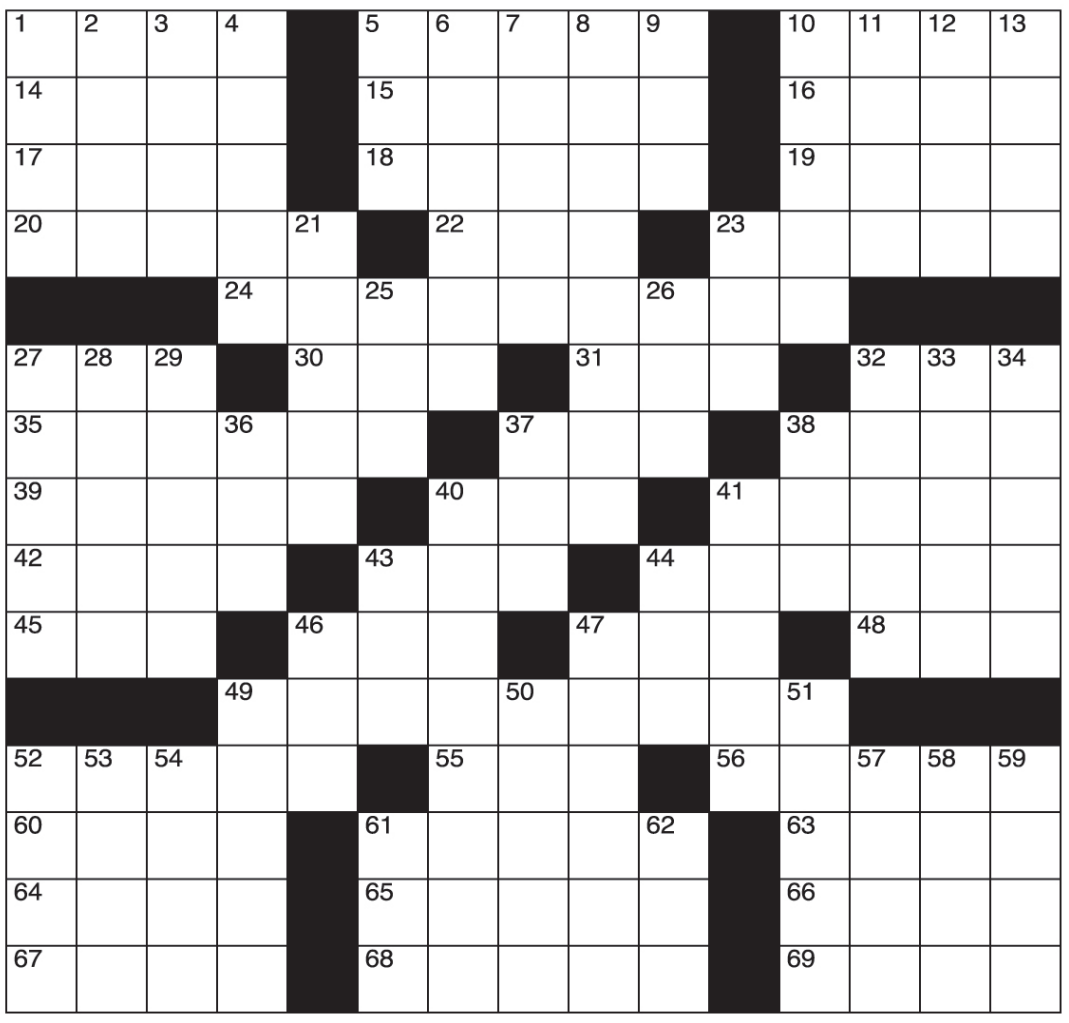
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**CLUES ACROSS**
1. Cold War player
5. Flat-bottomed sailboat
10. Jamaican tangelo
14. Debauched man
15. Less covered
16. Require to live
17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two
18. Mixes
19. Insurance claim expenses
20. Tries to persuade
22. Equal (prefix)
23. Czech name for Prague
24. London soccer team
27. Greek letter
30. Small Eurasian deer
31. Swiss river
32. Miller beer
35. Less appealing
37. 8th month (abbr.)
38. __ Alto, California city
39. Grandmothers
40. American time
41. NW Chinese people
42. "Westworld" actress __ Rachel Wood
43. Northeastern US university
44. Poplar trees (Spanish)
45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe __
46. Not or
47. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
48. Comedienne Gasteyer
49. Fonts
52. Female cattle mammary gland
55. Down time
56. Spiritual leader
60. Small brown and gray American rail
61. Trimmed by cutting
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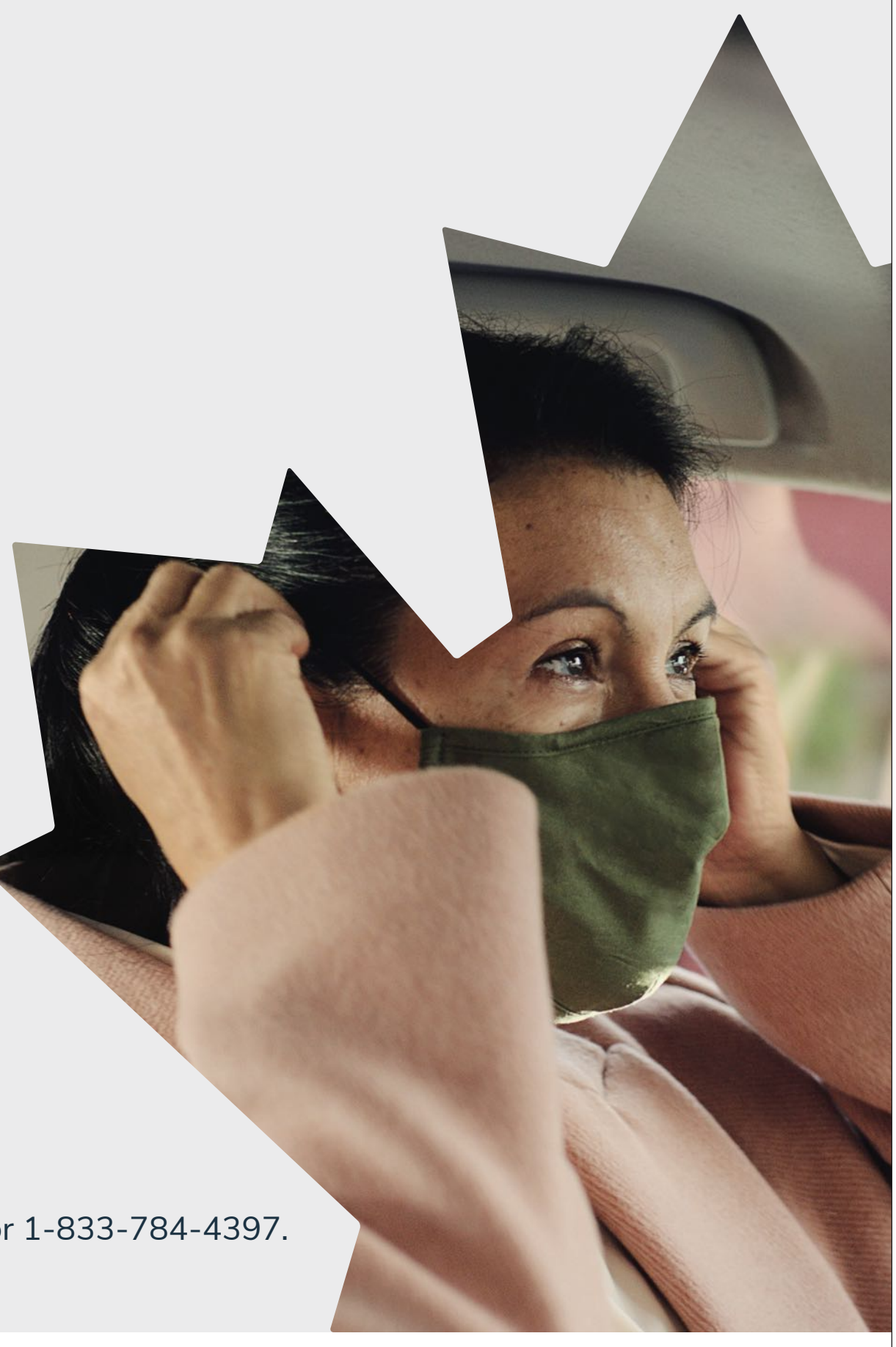
**CLUES DOWN**
1. Language
2. Fly high in the air
3. Made musical sounds
4. Organized again
5. TV channel
6. Unable to fly
7. Get up
8. Air traveler
9. Married woman
10. Take weapons from
11. Sicilian city
12. Actress Remini
13. Thought
21. Infections
23. Golf score
25. Hill or rocky peak
26. Witch
27. Adjusted
28. Succulent plant
29. Forearm bones
32. Hot fluid in the earth's crust
33. Subatomic particle
34. Part of an organism
36. 007's creator
37. Burned material residue
38. Brain layer: __ mater
40. Unable to partake
41. Lesion
43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)
44. Basics
46. Scottish port
47. Flower cluster
49. Instruct
50. Untamed
51. Moth genus
52. Utilizes
53. Foolish
54. Fall in small drops
57. A place to get clean
58. La __ Tar Pits
59. Metrical foot
61. Semiliquid food
62. Small crow

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

# The COVID-19 pandemic in Canada is serious.

Continue to practise all public health measures:

- Follow local guidelines for gatherings
- Maintain physical distancing
- Wash your hands
- Wear a mask
- Stay home if you have symptoms, even mild ones



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## Brock's Banter

# A greeting and a farewell

Written By BROCK WEIR

It is bittersweet working on my first edition as editor of the Caledon Citizen, following Mike Baker as he pursues a new challenge closer to home.

For me, it is the beginning of a new chapter as I look back on the close of another.

In this job, there are occasions when the personal and the professional can collide.

You try to keep the spheres separated as much as possible, but sometimes a collision course is unavoidable. You're cautioned to keep this in check from your earliest days in journalism school and, if you pursue your chosen field, it is drummed into you the moment you walk into the newsroom – particularly if that newsroom is run by someone who, from the perspective of a then-young outsider long peering in but just getting his foot in the door, is what they term as "old school."

It didn't take me long to get this lesson from Ron Wallace, who founded The Auroran, the first newspaper I had the pleasure of editing, 20 years ago last month.

It was a lesson I repeatedly relived over this past weekend when it was clear the time was coming to pay him farewell.

Distilling the life of a person who has had such an extensive and lasting impact on his community is no small task. He was a man who, despite his occasionally gruff exterior, had a passion – passions – for his adopted hometown that ran deep, and deeper than he ever truly let on.

If you ever happened to live in Aurora for any span of time, you already know the story.

Perhaps you worked with Ron on the innumerable community groups and projects through which he channelled his energy. Maybe you came to him in his role as a municipal councillor or education trustee with a problem he helped to solve, or, if you offered him a different perspective, were on the receiving end of some of his firmer views.

If you are an avid reader like myself, chances are you got to know him through the R&R Book Bar, a book store which remained in business for more than 20 years, with shorter-lived satellite shops in Caledon and Richmond Hill.

I fall into this latter category as a regular patron from an early age.

This was no ordinary bookstore; it was a social gathering place where you could not only find a book on any subject, but could congregate to exchange news and views.

On my first visit, I was too young to throw myself into the discussion. Instead, I was on a simple mission to get a book; but even on that first visit I knew the place was something special.

Fast forward to the fall of 2009, I was looking for a job in my chosen field after my career took a detour into politics, something all but unavoidable while studying in Ottawa. Two friends with whom I had previously worked, were long-time friends and colleagues of Ron's and let me know he was looking for a new reporter for his hyper-local community newspaper following the passing of its primary reporter, who worked hard at his desk well after his 90th birthday.

As a regular reader of The Auroran after moving back to the GTA from Ottawa in 2007, I wasn't quite sure what to expect when I applied for the job, but apply I did and I was summoned to the office, which was, at that point, was in a very unlikely location.

Combined with the bookstore, the nerve centre of the paper was a windowless space, bar one, suspended above the shop. After ascending the ramshackle stairs, I was ushered into an office that was dominated not by a desk, but hundreds of precariously stacked beer cans spanning both the decades and the globe.

Ron was on the phone at the time, having a very…enthusiastic phone conversation with someone involved in one of his many projects. Greeted with a four-finger wave and a gesture to perch on a nearby couch as he wrapped up the call, it was a good sneak peak at the man I was looking to work with.

Driven. Involved. And, as much as he would hate to have me repeat it, passionate.

Working with Ron, you didn't receive an explicit crash course on the issues of the day, but he made them very clear in his own ways and you couldn't help but soak it up like a sponge. In fact, my first assignment was one we both went on and was typical Ron: A visit to a then-recently opened school to interview a woman who was visiting the building – having first taught in the one-room schoolhouse that preceded its current iteration.

Her trip down memory lane meant a lot to her former students, as well as current students and staff and, by extension, the Aurora community. There was no better introduction to the founding philosophy of this paper – "if it matters to Aurora, it matters to us" – and the philosophy of its founder.

And it is a philosophy I hope I have been able to continue since Ron handed me the helm in 2011 when, upon his retirement that year, he began the fight of his life.

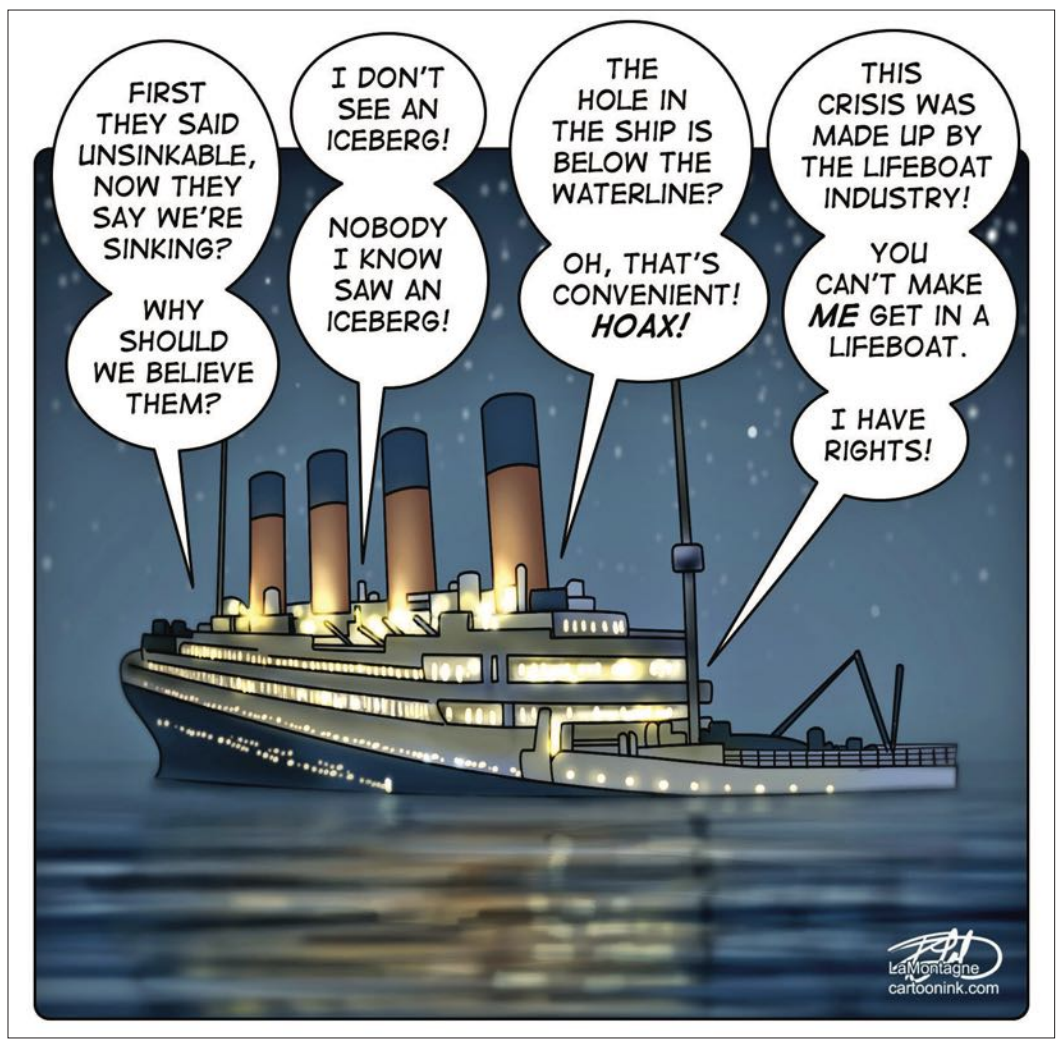
Sadly, this fight robbed him of his ability to speak – and, oh, the questions I would have asked him had he been able to impart the wisdom that I could see was still there, locked away – and I can only imagine how frustrating, upsetting, and probably terrifying such an illness was for a man whose lifeblood was communication.

As I sit writing this on Sunday evening, just a few hours after his fight came to an end, I can't help but be thankful that he's been released from its grip and be thankful, as well, for the lessons I learned along the way.

I am sure they will stand me in good stead as I get to know Caledon better – and it is a journey I am very much looking forward to.

To those who reached out to me after Mike announced his departure, thank you for the warm welcome.

Please feel free to contact me any time at brock@lpcmedia.ca.




# Examining our losses and gains




*by Mark Pavilons*

As the end of 2020 draws near, many of us are possibly examining our lives in a different way.

There's nothing like a pandemic to smack us in the face and wake us up a bit.

Just what have we lost this year? And what have we gained?

Jesus put it in perspective when he said: "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul?"

In other words, until now, we've been flying full speed ahead, cashing in, spending freely and making money. The Canadian economy, pre-COVID, was hot, right along with low interest rates and a strong housing market.

Some of our fellow men and women may very well have profited a great deal, in exchange for their souls.

But when we all hit the COVID wall, full force, everything changed.

Losses mounted and gains were few and far between.

Some say you can't have one without the other, in a sort of symbiotic way. Others concentrate on viewing things differently. Look at opportunities and learn from both.

In our materialistic world, we tend to view loss and gain in a financial sense. It's bottom-line economics.

Enjoying a profit, or coming out ahead, is always good. These days, though, I think breaking even is okay, too.

Maybe it's part of the cosmic plan, like Yin and Yang, to balance everything out. There has to be equal amounts of both, so the universe remains stable, and doesn't wobble off into oblivion.

Or maybe it's just us.

We have night and day, cold and warm, up and down. Are these necessities of universal laws of nature, or mere coincidences?

I suppose we have to get to know one so we can embrace the other.

If we never experience loss, we may never know the joy that gain brings. But, if you ask me, I'd rather be free from the pain of loss and the dull ache left in my heart.

I'm sure this year has been filled with many losses, for almost all of us.

Some have lost their jobs and source of income. This, given the current realities, may be very hard to replace.

Most have lost a certain amount of freedom. The restrictions placed by the pandemic have definitely curbed our ability to travel and even gather in social circles.

The dust has not settled yet, and when we begin the upward climb to our routines again, we may be shocked at what we see.

Many familiar businesses will no longer welcome customers. A lot of moms and pops will be will have aged, perhaps not so gracefully.

We may continue to approach people at arm's length and with full face protection.

Early retirement? Well those plans just got pushed back a few years.

It may not even be humanly possible to fully calculate the loss, in terms of dollars and cents. All we have to do is look at provincial and federal deficits to get an inkling of the billions of dollars shelled out to keep citizens and businesses afloat.

A tell-tale sign will be how we celebrate and spend this holiday season, which remains to be seen. I've hard the malls are packed, but I don't know if people are going hog wild or just window shopping.

I really want to enjoy a big family dinner this Christmas and hope the powers that be hold off on lockdowns.

And what have we gained?

Well, I'd like to think we've all had to become more tolerant and patient. We've had to compromise, adjust and adapt.

These are good things, aren't they?

There's no question the news from day to day, week to week, has often been bleak. But we've also witnessed some incredible acts of kindness and altruistic gestures. Just last week, the community of Schomberg rallied to help a single mom and showered her with necessities. This happened with a day of word spreading on social media.

This type of "gain" really can't be measured, and it's a win-win for all involved – the recipients and the community itself.

King Township, the Chamber of Commerce, and this newspaper all promote shopping locally and helping our own. I'm a firm believer in supporting local businesses and my spending habits have likely increased a bit, simply because I know they need it.

As an average working stiff, I know how hard it is to make ends meet and put food on the table. I can't really imagine what it takes to keep a business, retail store or restaurant going.

I've gained an appreciation of politicians. Yes, you heard it right. Throughout all of this, politicians, have doggedly attacked this unprecedented disaster. They work tirelessly to not only curb the trends, but keep people safe, healthy and financially secure. They've stepped up and they did what was necessary. There are so many countries around the world that just don't have the means like we do here in Canada. For that, we should all be grateful for the society we've helped to build. While I'm currently sporting my pandemic hairdo, I have seen a dentist and a specialist. I managed to get snow tires on our vehicles. I managed to get paper towels. I also helped my main charity stay on track with its fundraising goals.

All gains, to be sure.

Maybe our upcoming gains don't have to be huge wins or major victories. Maybe a dozen tiny, little things will do just fine.

It's been said that every day above ground is a good day.

It's true if we keep our heads, maintain perspective and embrace what it means to be part of the human race.




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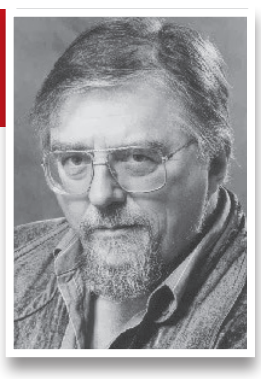
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# Democracy in decline?

**GWYNNE DYER**
OUR WORLD TODAY



There's no hurricane coming, but the windows of downtown Washington are covered with plywood. They were initially boarded up due to fear of street violence during the election, but that fear lingers three weeks after the vote because the restaurateurs and shop-owners (whose premises remain open behind the plywood) think the violence could still happen.

They know their town; they may be right. It's clear that President Trump's Infinitely Extendable Last Stand is making people nervous.

Even Judge Matthew Brann, a former Republican Party official, lost his cool. Rejecting Trump's plea for seven million Pennsylvania votes to be set aside last Sunday, he called the case a Frankenstein's monster "haphazardly stitched together," which presented only "strained legal arguments without merit and speculative accusations...unsupported by evidence."

The view from abroad is scathing, with an undertone of panic. Scathing, because in German or Japanese or even Russian eyes, American democracy is simply falling apart. Panic-stricken underneath, because all of them (even the Russians) secretly see the United States as the flagship democracy. If that goes under, what hope is there for the rest of us?

The anxiety is all the greater because other populist snake-oil salesmen, mini-Trumps, having been coming to power by electoral means in other countries recently: Bolsonaro in Brazil, Johnson in Britain, Orbán in Hungary, Duterte in the Philippines. It's a political pandemic, and we're all doomed!

So, I have been summoned, at considerable expense, to soothe the collective fevered brow. My message is simple, but strangely reassuring. The United States is in deep trouble, but democracy isn't.

The United States is the oldest democracy, but it's a pretty primitive one. Consider the antique and ridiculous Electoral College, or the rudimentary social welfare system, or the fact that it has the most gerrymandered electoral districts on the planet, or that there is literally no limit on how much money American politicians can spend on getting elected or whom they can take it from.

But if somebody came running up and told you that Brazil, Hungary and the Philippines had ultra-nationalist populists in power, would you panic? Thought not.

Adding India would furrow your brow a little, perhaps, but the Chinese regime is a shameless dictatorship and we don't see that as putting democracy in danger.

Britain in the hands of reckless populists would be more worrisome if it were a precedent of some sort, but the UK hasn't been a serious country for quite a while now. Brexit, remember?

When we get right down to it, it's only the fate of democracy in the United States that worries you, isn't it? Well, stop worrying, because the US is neither the custodian nor the guarantor of democracy.

There was a time when the world seemed at risk of being overrun by fascists or communists, that the military and industrial strength of the United States was very important, but the real issue in those Europe-centred confrontations was "balance of power", not political philosophy.

In Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, the United States has been instrumental in crushing democracy just as often as it has saved it. The US is not evil, but it's just another great power – and when it comes to safeguarding democracy, we're all on our own.

That's no cause for despondency, because democracy in not a fragile flower. It is the default political system of the modern world, spreading relentlessly since the first democratic revolutions more than two centuries ago.

Donald Trump has been defeated, although he continues to deny it. He has done much damage to the United States and he will probably yet do more, because the current charade is designed to set him up as the "king over the water", the legitimate monarch wrongly exiled (if only to Mar-a-Lago). But he is not immortal, and the country effectively is.

Polarisation of the kind America is experiencing now is disruptive and tenacious, but it tends to be intergenerational (this episode certainly is), and generational turnover usually erases it in ten or twenty years. The "Sixties" passed, and in all likelihood so will this.

# Positivity soars while positivity plummets

**SHERALYN ROMAN**
TALK CALEDON



There are very few words left to explain the situation we find ourselves in that have not already been overused. We're sick of hearing about "challenging times," or to "pivot," and in particular, the word "lockdown," especially when lockdown doesn't really mean lockdown for some retailers.

As positivity rates soar, positivity plummets while the pandemic continues to wreak havoc amongst us. We're experiencing physical illness, impacts to our mental health, possibly a loss of income and/or family supports and so much more. As a result, despite the holidays fast approaching, our ability to think positively has taken a real hit. Perhaps you'll agree the word, "positivity" has two definitions and they couldn't be farther apart!

All around me I see the obvious signs of the pandemic, particularly as positivity rates in our Region continue to increase. Just this past Monday, we reached an all- time high for cases in Peel Region.

We are at the point where numbers are rising exponentially and that's not a good sign and could mean a very bleak holiday season for many. COVID is impacting our health care workers who support us when we're ill, family members who grieve the loss of loved ones (many of whom continue to die alone in long term care facilities) and many local business owners who are suffering tremendously as a result of these most recent lockdown measures. A lockdown that strangely only seems to impact those small, independent business owners who acted on a dream, took a risk and "jumped in feet first" with hopes of making a living doing something they love.

Such a risk requires a level of positivity that is unimaginable to most. It requires faith in your product or service, a belief in community and in your dreams. Sadly, with this most recent lockdown, those same folks, once brimming with positivity are very likely now questioning how much longer they can remain in business. Previously positive that the holiday season might help them to recoup some of the losses of these past eight months, that sense of positivity has plummeted as they now stare down the face of a depressingly bleak December. Meanwhile, big box stores continue to reap the benefits while risking our health in crowded aisles.

On the other hand, we've seen some evidence of a rise in positivity amongst some members of the community and from our Town Councillors and Mayor who are actively promoting the #ShopLocal movement.

They have faith in a positive rate of response from our community. Faith that people will come out to dine and shop in support of local business. "Love Local Tuesdays" is your opportunity to shop local and dine at home without all the hassle of cooking by choosing from the wide selection of restaurants Caledon has available. Many of these restaurants are offering take out specials and our small retailers are offering curbside pick-up. Some local businesses are also offering delivery service. It's become a bit cliché but let's never forget that it's your local grocer who supports non-profits in Caledon and your local restaurant that sponsors the hockey or soccer or baseball team your child plays on. Don't abandon them now. If anything, shopping locally is easier than big box because now you don't even have to get out of your car – call ahead and they'll bring it right to you! We may not all agree on why lockdown has only impacted smaller retailers, gyms and restaurants but rather than complain, voice your protest in a positive way by using your purchasing power locally.

Another example of the dual meaning of positivity has to do with attitudes. As the rate of COVID-19 positive results continues to climb in Caledon, we've seen unfortunate examples of racism, frustration, shoppers who are yelling at food service workers or cashiers and generally speaking, folks venting their anger on those who literally have no control over the situation we find ourselves in. It's depressing and can be overwhelming. Yet, we take heart that different rates of positivity are climbing in some neighbourhoods as so many people seek to support community through various donations, organizing drive by parades in place of crowds lining the streets, baking and delivering goods for local residents who are unable to do so, organizing safe food drives or directly sponsoring local families who could use a helping hand. These are good things. The "Town Support Tuesdays" initiative is also vital to ensuring local small business are able to stay in business, support both their dreams and their families and maybe even still be around to support your kids' hockey team this time next year.

The government can only do so much. Whether you agree or disagree with their actions at the moment is pretty much irrelevant. We've been told to stay at home to prevent positivity rates soaring but don't let this mandate for the greater good impact your sense of positivity on a local level during the holiday season. Focus instead on what you can do. Shop local, support those closest to you and surround yourself with the folks that matter most – your family.

At the end of the day, family really is all that matters. My Dad passed away earlier this year (just before lockdown, so I was able to be with him) but this will be our first Christmas without him. There's no other way to say what's on my mind other than "it sucks." So please – for the sake of your loved ones, don't add to the positive COVID rates by crowding out the big box stores and denying the very real impact of this pandemic.

Instead spread positivity when you can, do good things for people where you can and be positive for – and around - the family that you CAN gather with.

As positivity rates soar, it's up to each of us to not let our sense of positivity plummet.



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## Caledon Soccer Club will wait on government regulation

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

One lockdown in March was one thing. Outdoor training for Caledon Soccer Club opened up in July. Only competitive teams were allowed to train and a deal, struck with the Brampton Fairgrounds that cost, well, a measly $90,000 for indoor training saw 10 players on either side of the pitch get some work in.

Sundays were free though. It was a huge investment and a noble effort by the club.

And now, the club and other sports organizations are back to square one. Caledon SC posted on Instagram this past Monday to highlight the restrictions for soccer laid out according to government protocol.

No indoor activities. No bubbles. No change rooms allowed. No trials and evaluations. It's all up to outdoor training now, in which Technical Director and Club Head Coach Terry Madison says teams want to do that.

"We also have Humberview Field in Bolton," Madison said. "Training outdoors. Some of the older teams are actually there Thursday night, Saturday and Sunday. We're trying to talk to the Town right now to keep it open through December. Supposed to close December 1," Madison said.

Everything is up to the government now, he said. He says he hopes that his teams can be back out on to the field in the Spring.

It's difficult to imagine the hardship most of these players have had to endure. Having missed out on important time this year for their development, there's not much room for opportunity to showcase players.

Madison says the U-16 girls' team was invited out for the Dallas Cup and it wouldn't make sense to go given the circumstances.

This also makes it difficult for scouts to dig through the ominous pandemic to find soccer's next star. But, with video the newest method for recruiting players, Madison and Caledon SC have lived up to the task.

"We have a VEO camera. It basically goes up on a telescopic type pole and it has the whole field. We've utilized that for the games outdoor and used it for training indoor," he said.

"We've been pulling highlight reels and we do Google Classroom with the girls every week and the one's that want to get a video, we pull highlights for them and we put together a video for them."



PHOTO BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Caledon Cyclones are pictured at a practice earlier this summer. Having resumed practice in July after the first lockdown, local clubs await next steps that will follow the second.

The club's U-16 girls' team have been incredible and most of the players are registered under the NCAA website.

Caledon Soccer Club has held talks with Queen's University, University of Guelph, schools in Detroit and the University of Pittsburgh to come out and play.

Also, thanks to their coach from England, Lee Merricks, connections have been made with Chelsea F.C women to bring the girls out to England when all is well and a webinar is scheduled this week with Arsenal F.C.

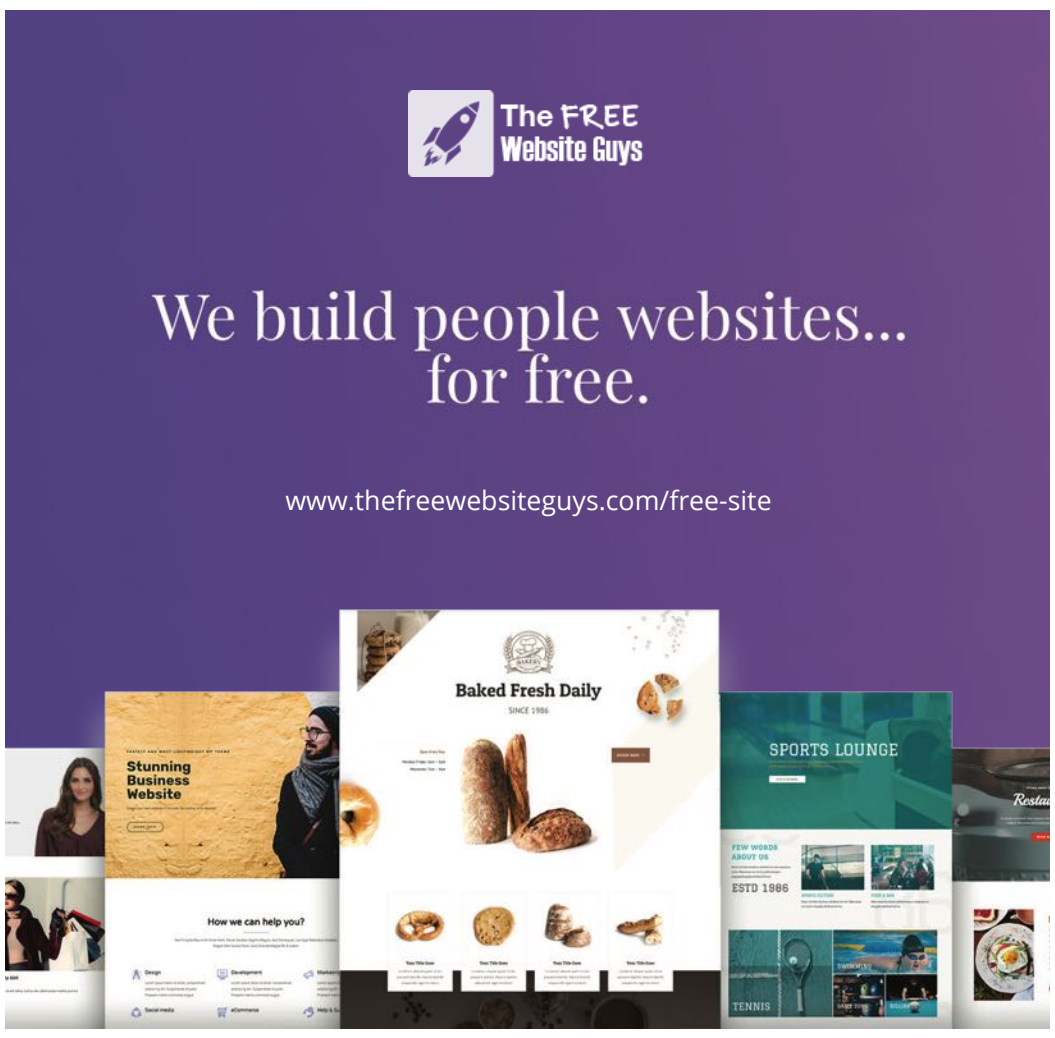
Arsenal offers an in-house program to have the girl try-out and go to school. If they make the team, they can train with the U-21 team while earning their education.

"That's the thing that we're trying to open up these girls; to say, here is the opportunity. It's not just going to university in the States," Madison explained.

"We're trying to show them there's a lot of things out there for you. A lot of them want to do more. We're trying to open this as much as we can for them."

Predominantly for the girls, Madison is working on offering all of this to the boy's program as well.

For now, all players will continue to train over Zoom and feel a virtual sense of camaraderie. It's all they can do for now and the hope is once restrictions are alleviated, it's time to get back out on the field and get noticed.




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# Easter Seals pandemic efforts still go a long way

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Families who care for their children with disabilities know a life an average person wouldn't.

There are many challenges, including mounting costs to ensure their child has the right tools and resources to be able to do things that they otherwise wouldn't be able to do.

This year, human generosity and kindness might be rated higher than a normal calendar year.

It takes a lot to support others in need and blanket their hardship with solace and tranquility when you just might be going through your own.

"I've had a couple of guys, men who have broke down and cried. They're just not in a good place and they're doing the best they can," says Charlene Myke, Development Manager for South-Central Easter Seals Ontario.

Children have been struggling with isolation and online schooling.

This year's efforts, including the recently-held York-Simcoe Celebrity Hockey Classic, will help kids experience things we often take for granted.

Coming to an event like this is quite eye-opening to learn how much of an impact Easter Seals has had on their children and the support the organization has received from the hockey community.

For the York-Simcoe Celebrity Hockey Classic this year, Easter Seals has raised $183,775.

Emceed by Sportsnet's Ken Reid, this virtual event saw over 60 participants online, including former Toronto Maple Leafs stars Wendell Clark and Doug Gilmour, as well as assistant coach for the Montreal Canadiens Kirk Muller.

"It means a lot to have each and every one of you involved with Easter Seals at any time, but especially, this year," said President of Easter Seals Kevin Collins.

"Your participation is sincerely appreciated and I can't thank you enough. Earlier this year, we reached out to all of our past participants to be our hockey heroes for Easter Seals kids and our families. Everyone here answered that call."

Normally a two-day event featuring table-top hockey games, prizes, food and actual hockey games, this year was carried over Zoom.

The night began with a presentation from children who have benefitted from donations, expressing their thanks. Following that, a tribute video to the late Dale Hawerchuck was showcased. The Winnipeg Jets legend was heavily involved in the Easter Seals community.

Participants, were divided into teams for their fundraising campaigns and teams had the chance to interact with one another in "breakrooms," in the Zoom call to discuss the former NHLer they were going to draft.

The more money you raised, the better overall pick you had. The player selected can be invited to a future event that team wishes to host. Many names appeared, including P.J. Stock, Al Iafrate, Duguay and more.

Children had the chance to hear funny stories from Muller, Gilmour and Clark on the Hot Stove section of the night. All three legends opted to appear in break rooms as well to interact with members of all teams.

In a relaxing hour and a half of an event where participants had the chance to see what Easter Seals can do. Everyone even had the chance to hear from 2020 Provincial Ambassador Daniella Altieri, who raised $10,000. The Grade 11 student has a stretcher, a wheelchair and a cane for her every-day life.

"People who have registered this year, and the people who are raising money, are seriously the people that have never quit on our kids. Some of these guys have been in on this tournament since day one and they haven't quit," Myke told The Auroran.

Easter Seals continues to support families and vice versa. It is a tight knit community of people whose goal is very clear. Many people have benefitted from the support this charity has provided.

"Years ago, I had a couple of braces and a bike walker ever since I was five or six years old. I went to Easter Seals camp. That's the biggest thing they've done for me. I did go to therapy and they covered costs for that at 10 years old," Gary Wright Humanitarian Award winner Brent Morning said.

Other children, such as Casey McKay, who graduated with honours from Humber College and is still heavily involved with Easter Seals has seen his life head in the right direction.

The efforts from this charity is unprecedented and what they do for families is noble, especially now, in a time where spirits need to be brought together and supported.

But, for Easter Seals, this year will be the only year this event can be held virtually.

Myke and Development Officer for Easter Seals Ontario Andrea Peterson said they got lucky to have this classic over Zoom. Next year, much like other events, need to be face to face.

*For those interested in donating to Easter Seals, you can head to easterseals.org to place your donations.*

# Alliston Out of the Cold receives donation to help with coming winter months

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Alliston Out of the Cold received a major boost to its operating budget with a donation from FLATO Developments.

FLATO donated $10,000 to the organization to help them get through the winter.

"FLATO has a tradition of giving to charities," said Joe Medeiros, representing FLATO. "Our president, Shakir Rehmatullah, believes it is very important to support the communities we are involved in."

Alliston Out of the Cold operates three programs in the area.

"Alliston Out of the Cold is an organization that serves New Tecumseth and the surrounding area," explained Alliston Out of the Cold Executive Director Jenifer Pergentile. "We operate three programs. Our first, which is our flagship program, which was Out of the Cold, has morphed into an emergency overnight shelter. That operates from November to April. Then we operate a community dinner program that runs in conjunction with our sheltering program over the winter. It's open to anyone in need of a hot meal. It's an effort to address food and security."

The programs operate out of the former Alliston Community Fellowship church building on Paris Street in Alliston. The church building has become the shelter.

"We currently are our own non-profit in the process of getting our charitable status, but we operate under the umbrella of the charitable status of this church until such time we get our charitable status," Ms. Pergentile explained. "Our third program is our outreach program. We have a Facebook presence in the community. All the social service agencies are aware that we exist so they make referrals to us. The churches all know we exist. It's also a lot of word out mouth in the community."

The organization is always looking for volunteers to help them complete their valuable work.

FLATO Developments has been generous to several organizations around town as well as in other towns where they are currently working.

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## Oldfield, George Richard

George Richard Oldfield passed away peacefully on Monday, November 23, 2020 in his 80th year at the Tansley Woods Retirement Home in Burlington, Ontario at 7:50 a.m. George was the beloved husband of Myrna; loving dad of Tracy, Tammy and Tricia as well as son-in-laws Alan, Tony and Joey, respectively; cherished grampa to Sarina, Alex, Dylan, Dawson and Taylor; dear brother of Shirley and her husband Doug; loving brother-in-law of the late Keith Livingston and his wife Lois and the late Charles and Joan Wagner. He is also remembered as a dear uncle to Michelle, Dean, Allen, Cheryl, Laura, Stacey, Brent and Melaney. The family will share virtual visits throughout the day on Tuesday, December 1st at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. as well as a final visitation at 4:30 p.m. immediately followed by a virtual ceremony at 5 p.m. Links for the visitations will be shared via a facebook event. If you do not have access to facebook, please request a link from one of the immediate family members.


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## Ron

Wallace, a prominent former Aurora politician and newspaper publisher, died November 22, 2020. He was 76. His wife Patricia was by his side. Ron is survived by his daughter, Professor Aurora Wallace (Paris, France) of whom he was extremely proud; and his sister, Brenda (Bunny) Rennette and her family (St. Catharines, Ontario). Fondly remembered by his first wife, Lois (Armstrong) Wallace. Ron is predeceased by his life-partner, Rosemary Schumaker; his parents, Alvin and Ann Wallace; and his brother-in-law, Gwendon Rennette.

Ron was born and raised in North Bay, Ontario. He studied journalism at Ryerson in Toronto and was the editor of the Daily Ryersonian.

A life-long lover of newspapers, Ron's first newspaper job was as a copy boy at the Toronto Star, where he was responsible for taking news from the teletype machine. He believed that this job made him the first person in Canada to hear that JFK had been shot.

Ron was Editor at several newspapers including the Aurora Banner, The Richmond Hill Liberal, and the Etobicoke Guardian before founding his own paper,

RONALD WALTON FRANCIS WALLACE
March 21, 1944 – November 22, 2020

The Auroran, in 2000. Following in his father's boots, he joined the Aurora Fire Department as a volunteer in 1981, since he was already accustomed to going to fires to cover them for the paper. After the town bookstore burned down, he and Rosemary opened the R&R Book Bar in 1985, a beloved spot in town to discuss politics with Ron over a terrible cup of coffee.

Known as "Mr. Aurora", Ron made the town of Aurora his life's work. "If it matters to Aurora, it matters to me" was his motto.

Ron was a three-term Councillor for the Town of Aurora; a Trustee for the York Region Board of Education and a board member of the Aurora Historical Society, the Aurora Cemetery Board, and the Chamber of Commerce. His legacy will endure through the Aurora Street Festival, Operation Puck-shy, his work as a Rotarian, supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 385 and as a generous champion of countless local events and organizations.

*"If it matters to Aurora, it matters to me"*

His many contributions to Aurora have been recognized by the Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow Award, the Citizen of the Year Award (2013), and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012).

An avid and fearless skier and hockey player, a voracious reader and prolific writer, Ron also enjoyed travelling, collecting, and holding court wherever he was. His storytelling will be greatly missed.

It was Ron's wish that expressions of sympathy be made to the Aurora Rotary Club or the Aurora Historical Society.

There will be a private graveside service followed by a Celebration of Life at a later date.

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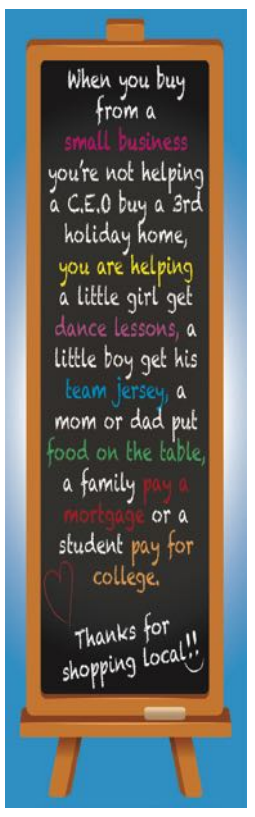
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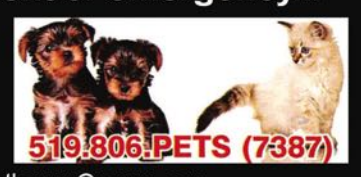
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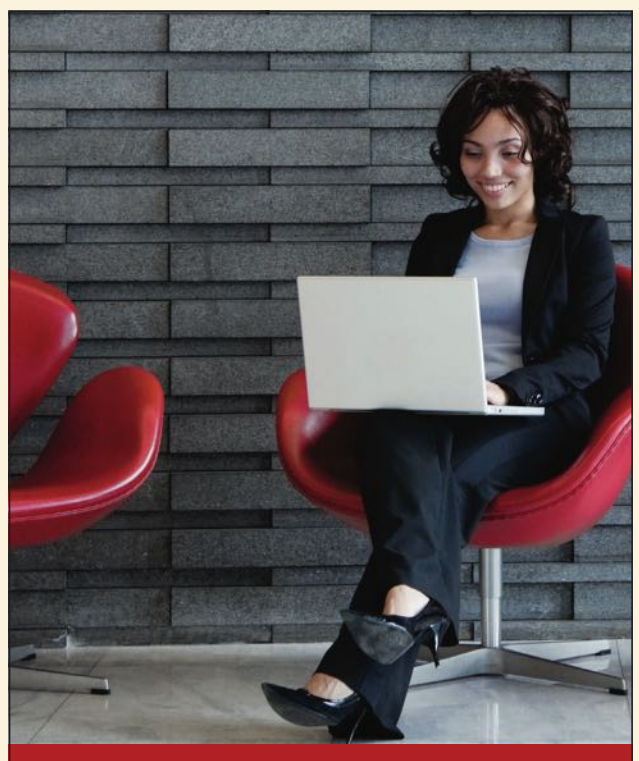
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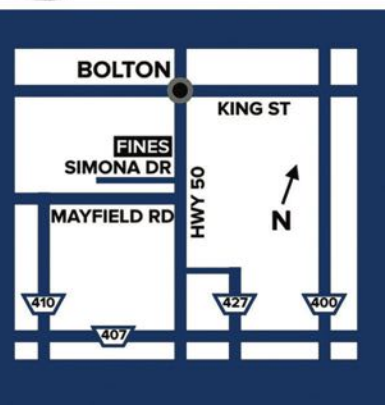
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# How to stay safe on the road this winter

(NC) For many of us, driving in the winter is a dreaded task. To help you coast into winter driving with confidence, here are some safety tips to keep in mind ahead of your next trip.

First things first: Before you embark on your next trip, take the time to check out sites like pcinsurance.ca for competitive rates.

Check the weather forecast. It's better to be on the safe side and always check weather forecasts or alerts before hitting the road. Travelling ill-prepared during precarious conditions, such as through snow and ice, can be dangerous or result in unwanted delays. Ensure you are up to date on the latest forecasts by tuning into your local news and weather outlets.

Clear your vehicle of ice and snow. Cleaning your windshields before every trip will help eliminate the buildup of dirt, salt and grime during the cold winter months. Get into the habit of regularly washing your car and clearing it of any ice or snow to improve visibility while driving. In some provinces, drivers can actually be charged fines for failing to properly clean their cars in order to keep other road users safe.

Stuck? Here's what to do. If your vehicle happens to get stuck in snow, remember to keep a level head. First, try making a pathway around your tires and brushing your car free of any snow. If someone is helping you push your vehicle out of the snow, ensure you are in low gear and the ground around the vehicle is not too slippery. You can improve traction by placing your floor mats under your wheels. For safe winter driving, it's worth investing in winter tires, as well as a car safety kit packaged with essential items such as jumper cables, a blanket, a flashlight and a toolkit in case of emergencies.

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# 4 FACTORS TO CONSIDER TO MAINTAIN WINTER SAFETY

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of factors.

## 1 CHANGING VISIBILITY

While slippery surfaces may contribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your low-beam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

## 2 SNOW REMOVAL

Shovelling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm-up before shovelling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

## 3 CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odourless, colourless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, and have furnaces, water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

## 4 BLACK ICE

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution is essential.

Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring. Taking steps to stay safe in unpredictable conditions is a necessity each winter.



# Tech that makes it easier to take to the road

Gadgets and cars have seemingly always had a symbiotic relationship. As cars have evolved, so, too, have the gadgets that make driving more enjoyable.

The connection between cars and gadgets has become even stronger in recent decades, a time marked by rapid technological advancements and one in which car buyers increasingly look for tech-friendly cars and trucks. Buyers in the market for new automobiles may be surprised by some of these innovations that have changed driving

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### REMOTE START

No one enjoys enduring frigid winter mornings or suffocating summer heat as they sit in their cars waiting for their engines to warm up or for their windshields to defrost. Innovation has made such unpleasantries a thing of the past thanks to remote start technology, which allows drivers to use their smartphones to start their vehicles from inside their homes.

### BLUETOOTH CONNECTIVITY

Bluetooth connectivity has been around for years, and this advancement has made staying connected while behind the wheel more convenient and safer. All it takes is connecting your smartphone to your vehicle's Bluetooth. Once that connection is made, drivers can play music, accept phone calls and even receive text messages while keeping their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road the entire time.

### SELF-PARKING

Drivers who never mastered the art of parallel parking need not avoid cities any longer. Some cars now come with self-parking features that drivers simply turn on. Once the feature is enabled, the car will parallel park itself.

### BLINDSPOT MONITORING

Aging drivers who haven't purchased a new car in a while but are in the market may be thrilled to learn that blindspots have become a thing of the past. Blindspot monitoring systems alert drivers of approaching cars via a light on their side-view mirrors and/or a sound as drivers attempt to change lanes. This can make it easier for ageing drivers with flexibility issues to avoid accidents when changing lanes. Anti-collision warning systems operate in a similar fashion, alerting motorists, and potentially even applying the brakes, if the system suspects the car is about to hit something.

### MASSAGING SEATS

Many tech products in vehicles are designed to make driving safer, while others are all about comfort. Massaging seats fall into the latter category. Such seats make it easy for drivers who like long road trips to get through trips without succumbing to the aches and pains that can develop when sitting behind the wheel for long stretches.

Modern vehicles are technological marvels that can make taking to the open road easier and more enjoyable than ever.

## What maintenance schedule does my car need?

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES vary depending on manufacturer recommendations. In addition, the way a car is driven and the environment it's driven in can dictate if routine maintenance like oil changes needs to occur more frequently or if belts and hoses need to be replaced sooner than manufacturers recommend.

Many people drive in ways that align with routine maintenance schedules. However, drivers who put excessive wear and tear on their vehicles may have to follow a severe maintenance schedule. According to the automotive information site Car Gurus, many manufacturers adhere to a 30-60-90 schedule, meaning certain items need to be inspected, changed or replaced at 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles. Certain vehicle parts wear out at predictable intervals, while others, such as rubber gaskets, windshield washer blades and tires, will degrade at irregular intervals.

It is generally recommended to speak with a mechanic and discuss driving habits to ensure vehicles operate efficiently and at peak capacity. The following are some conditions that may necessitate frequent maintenance.

### URBAN DRIVING

Stop-and-go traffic in an urban setting can wear cars out more quickly than highway driving. Experts say lubricants found in the motor oil break down rapidly under these and other conditions, including especially hot temperatures.

### SHORT TRIPS

Frequent, short trips can take a toll on a vehicle. Again, this may be a problem for those who reside in cities or bustling suburbs. Short trips of no more than five miles can contribute to an accumulation of water vapour that dilutes motor oil and adversely affects its efficacy.

### HEAVY LOADS

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### DUSTY OR SALTY ENVIRONMENTS

Dust can accumulate in air filters and clog internal engine components. Similarly, living close to the coast and saltwater also can cause car parts to rust or degrade quickly.

### EXTREME TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS

People who reside in extremely cold or extremely hot climates may find that their vehicles have to work that much harder to operate, reducing the life span of automotive fluids, parts (especially car batteries) and the overall vehicle unless action is taken.

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Or finance from 0.49% APR on a new 2020 Corolla L (BPRBEC "A") for 36 months equals 156 weekly payments of $146 with a down payment or trade equivalent of $0. Cost of borrowing is $171.06 for a total obligation of $22,762.06 (real). All-in finance payments include freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable). HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Vehicle must be registered and delivered by November 30, 2020. Dealer may sell or lease for less. See ShopToyota.ca for details. [2]On approved credit. 3.99% APR on a new 2020 RAV4 AWD LE (B1RFVT-A) for 40 months equals 174 weekly payments of $104 with $0 down. First weekly payment ($104) due at lease inception. Total lease obligation of $17,940.18 (real). All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable). HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Based on a maximum of 60,000 km. Additional km charge of $0.10 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Dealer may lease for less. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by November 30, 2020. Or finance from 2.99% APR on a new 2020 RAV4 AWD LE (B1RFVT "A") for 36 months equals 156 weekly payments of $216 with $0 down. Cost of borrowing is $1,504.01 for a total obligation of $33,665.01 (real). All-in finance payments include freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable). HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Vehicle must be registered and delivered by November 30, 2020. Dealer may sell or lease for less. See ShopToyota.ca for details. [3]Limited-time lease offer available through Toyota Financial Services on approved credit. Representative lease offer based on a new and previously unregistered 2020 Camry SE (B11HST "A"). 0% (2.04% effective rate) lease APR for 40 months. Weekly payment is $87 and $1,901 freight (includes PDI, OMVIC fee, A/C charge, EHF[2] fee where applicable), levies and duties. License, insurance, registration and applicable taxes are extra. $0 down payment and first weekly payment ($87) due at lease inception. Fees may vary by dealer. Total lease obligation is $15,034.00. 60,000-kilometre allowance; charge of $0.10/km for excess kilometres. Or finance from 0% (3.31% effective rate) APR based on a new and previously unregistered 2020 Camry SE (B11HST "A") for 36 months equals 156 weekly payments of $195 with $0 down. Cost of borrowing is $0 for a total obligation of $30,451 (real). All-in finance payments include freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning charge, where applicable). HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Cash Purchase Incentive of up to $1,500 is available on a new 2020 Camry SE (B11HST "A") and: (i) will be deducted from the negotiated price after taxes; and (ii) may not be combined with special lease and finance rates offered through Toyota Financial Services as part of a low rate interest program. All advertised lease and finance rates are special rates. Cash Purchase Incentive offer takes place at the time of delivery. Vehicle must be registered and delivered by November 30, 2020. Advertised offers applicable in Ontario only. Retailer may lease for less. Retailer order/trade may be necessary but may not be available in all cases. Conditions apply. Offers end November 30, 2020 and are subject to change or cancellation without notice. [4]On approved credit. 3.49% APR on a new 2020 Highlander AWD LE (BZRBHT "A") for 52 months equals 226 weekly payments of $99 with $5,400 down. First weekly payment ($99) due at lease inception. Total lease obligation of $27,579.58 (real). Based on a maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of $0.15 for excess kilometres. Or finance from 1.49% APR on a 2020 Highlander AWD LE (BZRBHT "A") for 36 months equals 156 weekly payments of $298 with $0 down. Cost of borrowing is $1,051.84 for a total obligation of $46,512.84 (real). All-in lease and finance payments include freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable). HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Vehicle must be registered and delivered by November 30, 2020. Dealer may sell or lease for less. See ShopToyota.ca for details.



# These winter driving mistakes might be putting you in danger

(NC) The winter months make for some of the most challenging driving conditions. With icy roads, poor visibility and harsh conditions taking a toll on our vehicles, it's important to prepare yourself and your car for the season to come. Here, the experts at OK Tire share common driving mistakes drivers make may put you in danger.

### USING ALL-SEASONS INSTEAD OF WINTER TIRES

Winter tires are designed to perform on wet, cold, snow-covered and icy surfaces by providing hundreds of extra biting edges for better traction and staying soft in frigid temperatures. All-seasons don't offer security in winter due to their inability to maintain road contact in cold weather. Live in Quebec? Winter certified tires are mandatory by law from December 1 to March 15, and you can pay hefty fines for using anything that doesn't have the approved mountain snowflake symbol.

### DRIVING WITHOUT ADEQUATE RIDE CONTROL

Ride control is crucial for your vehicle's stability. Excessive bounce or vibration while driving may mean your suspension system is due for a tune-up. To help ensure you have full control of your vehicle, avoid expensive repairs, and keep you and your passengers safe, consider preventive maintenance.

### NOT BEING PREPARED

When driving, it's important to have everything you need in case of an emergency – and this is even more essential in winter. In addition to carrying a snow brush and ice scraper, prepare an emergency kit complete with jumper cables, a first aid kit, portable cellphone charger, road maps, water bottles and a flashlight.

### DEPENDING ON FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicles equipped with four-wheel drive tend to be better at navigating in winter conditions. That said, four-wheel drive is no match for icy patches that cause your vehicle to skid and shouldn't be depended on when driving fast. Traction is all in the tires, so during the winter months it's best to invest in winter tires as well as slow down.

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Lease based on suggested retail price of $47,263, towards the lease of an eligible 2021 Silverado 1500 Crew Cab Custom model; includes $2000 Cash Delivery Allowance (tax exclusive) and $1,029 dealer to consumer credit. Bi-weekly payment is $178 for 24 months at 3.9% lease rate (3.9% APR) on approved credit to qualified retail customers by GM Financial. The $89 weekly payment is calculated by dividing the bi-weekly payments. Payments cannot be made on a weekly basis. Equivalent weekly payments are for informational purposes only. Annual kilometer limit of 20,000 km, $0.16 per excess kilometer. $1,998 down payment required. Payment may vary depending on down payment trade. Cost of borrowing is $3,119, for a total obligation of $11,235. Taxes, license, insurance, registration and applicable fees, levies, duties and, except in Quebec, dealer fees (all of which may vary by dealer and region) are extra. 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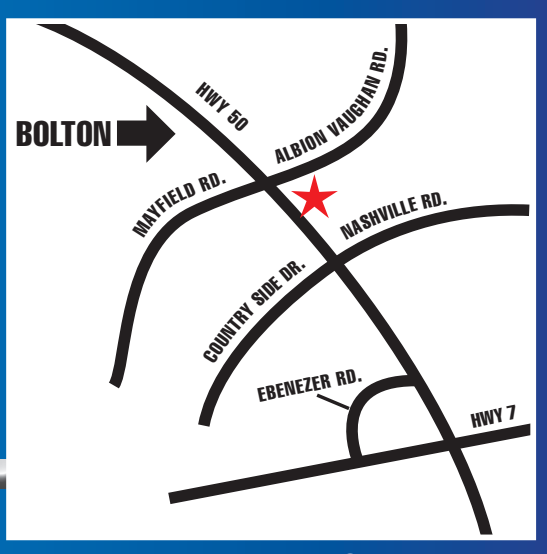
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