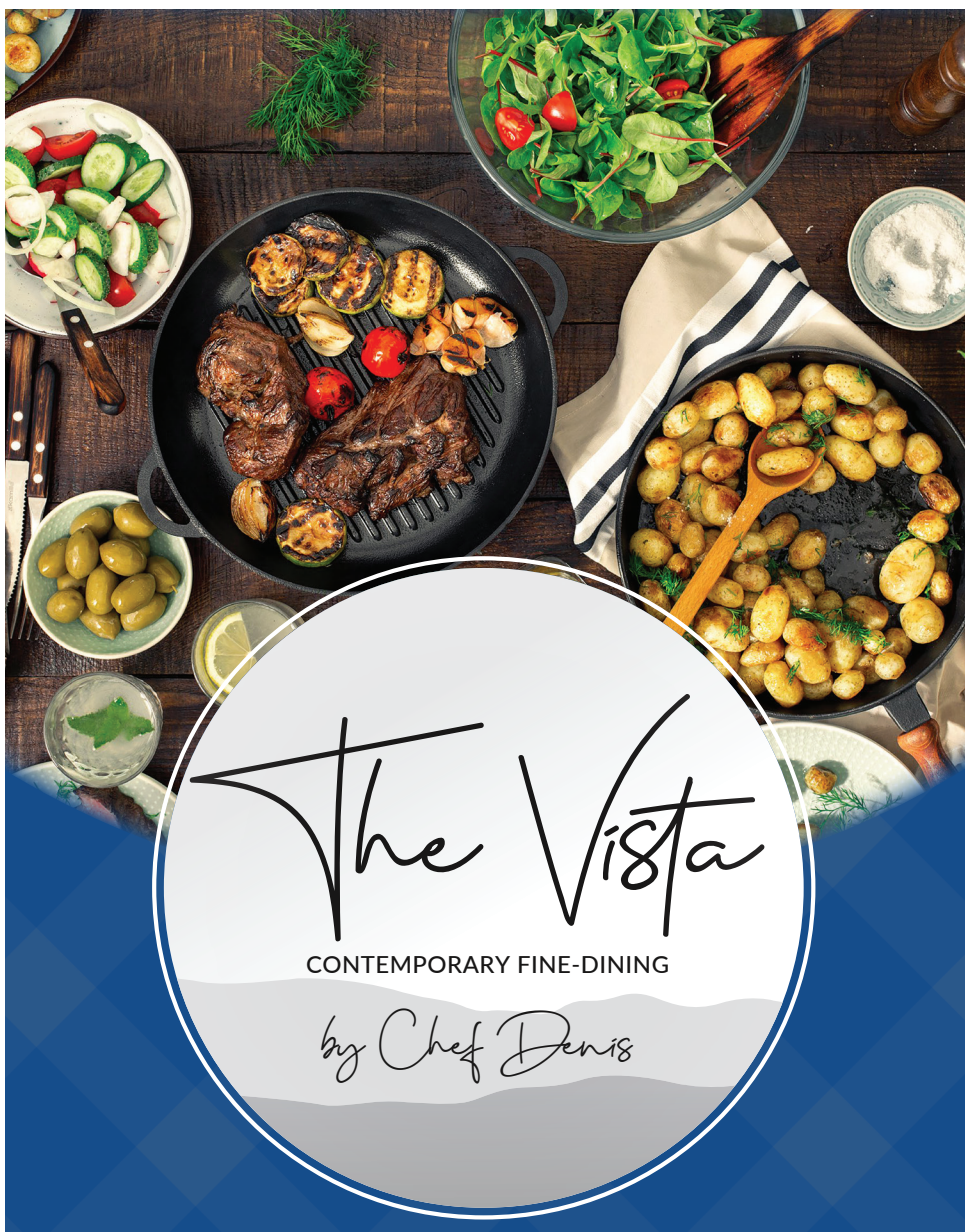


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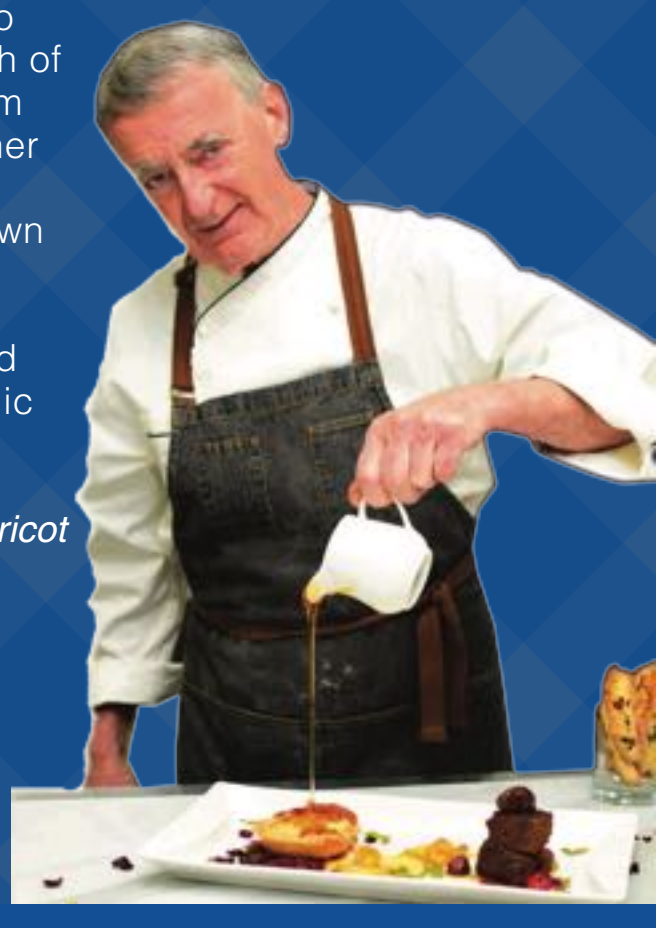
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Bolton Kin felt passionate to keep the annual Santa Claus Parade a-go this year, with adaptions to allow for social distancing.
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Santa Claus' drive-by a hit for community

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Bolton Kin Club held their annual Santa Claus Parade and, athough different than previous years, it proved to be a success.

Members of the community stood along the side of the road, social distancing, while getting to watch Santa Claus drive by in style – in a bright blue Ford mustang convertible. Though the parade started a little bit late, residents were thrilled to catch a glimpse of Mr. Claus himself.

"Despite the fact that a few last-minute hurdles had to be jumped to make this event happen and the timelines were a bit off, Bolton Kin are so pleased to have brought some Christmas cheer to Bolton in 2020," stated the club.

"Bolton Kin are so very proud of our Town; the turnout was great, we social distanced and the positive comments have been unbelievable," they said.

The parade was organized with the help of not only Bolton Kin, but Fines Ford Lincoln, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Town of Caledon, including Mayor Allan Thompson, as well as the help from fellow members of the community.

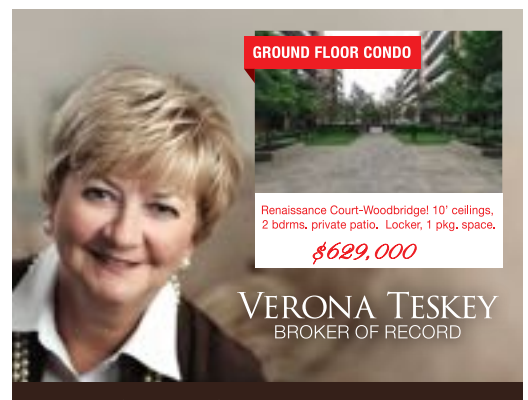
Children and families were excited, though a bit chilly, to catch a glimpse and a wave from Santa as he drove by.

"No parade like in the past with 50 floats and 11 marching bands, but our special guest of honour made it all worthwhile," shared John Stegeman, Bolton Kinsmen President.

For more information about the Bolton Kin Club, please visit boltonkin.com.

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Council calls on Province to delay reduction of Regional representation

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After the conflicting news of the loss of two Caledon council members at the Regional Council table, the Town of Caledon is taking the next steps to delay the process.

Regional Council adopted a Brampton bid to gain two seats at Regional Council, resulting in Caledon losing two.

Members of Caledon Council expressed dismay with the news and are looking to fight to keep the Caledon voice active and significant at the region by petitioning to the Province of Ontario to delay the resolution, advocating for better timing.

The next step for Peel Region is preparing to consult with the public.

"It's an odd time for this discussion, and a pretty outrageous time to make actual changes," said Mayor Allan Thompson in a statement. "Peel municipalities

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Local community group asks for Council's help with traffic noise

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon resident group was developed by the community to discuss and find solutions to the high levels of traffic, and the noise that comes with it, in the Town's west end.

Judy Mabee, Chair of the group, made a presentation to Council on December 8, to inform lawmakers on traffic issues and requests for solutions.

The West Caledon Traffic Group began meeting in May of this year to address these problems and are now asking for the local government's help.

Some key issues the community group have found are noises from altered mufflers on vehicles and motorcycles, visits from stunt drivers, large groups of vehicles, reckless speeding as well as heavy trucks and transports using prohibited routes or driving recklessly.

"These drivers are not tourists attracted to the quiet wanderings of West Caledon, they predominantly come in the dark, when the roads are empty. They like the silence of the area, so they can hear their mufflers echoing off the escarpment," explained Mabee.

Communities impacted by these issues include Alton Village, Caledon Village, Cheltenham, Terra Cotta, Inglewood, and the Forks of the Credit in Belfountain.

"This is a safety issue to residents and visitors to Caledon, and our wildlife," she continued.

Together, the group conducted community traffic studies in order to implement Community Safety Zones, which were approved by the Town and established in Wards 1 and 2.

Mabee presented some requests from Council, including updating Town of Caledon bylaws to include traffic noise and daytime noise limits, an increase number of bylaw officers, increases to fines, points for noise violations, and the installation of speed enforcement and acoustic cameras.

They also requested that the Town of Caledon review the Caledon Tourism Campaign to promote locations other than high traffic areas, as well as to adopt the Peel Police Noise Maker Project.

"We know that Peel Regional Police have implemented these programs that have been a successful framework to pull over noisy vehicles," said Mabee. "Caledon needs a specific campaign to raise awareness."

Project Noisemaker by the Region of Peel began in July of this year, to identify and, hopefully, reduce the number of vehicles with modified exhaust systems throughout the Region.

Councillors agreed with Mabee on several points of her presentation including making changes to the current bylaw, as well as reviewing the Town's tourism plan to shift visitors away from high traffic areas.

"This is the first time that a group of villages actually started talking amongst themselves about a common problem, noise, traffic, volumes racing and so on," said Ward 1 Regional Councillor Ian Sinclair. "That's a milestone right there."

"We're looking at in the Official Plan Review an increase of 300,000 people in the next 30 years. This isn't temporary; we're looking for solutions for the whole Town of Caledon, for people coming up here, wanting to get an escape from big urban areas, and just overwhelming the countryside this point," he continued.

Council brought forward a motion to review the Town's tourism plan, to encourage the Caledon Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to investigate the possibility of implementing the Peel Police Noise Maker Project as well as to work with the Region of Peel to address traffic and noise issues in the west end of Caledon, with the installation of automated speed cameras and acoustic traffic cameras.

The motion also urges the Province to put into effect immediately amendments to Section 75.1 of the Highway Traffic Act to "make it an offence to tamper with motor vehicles by removing, bypassing, defeating or rendering inoperative all or part of a motor vehicles emission control system; or modifying a motor or motor vehicle in any way that results in increased emissions from the level to which it was originally designed or certified by the manufacturer of the motor or motor vehicle."

The motion was passed unanimously.



FILE PHOTO

Province identifies key groups to receive vaccine first

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Province of Ontario reports 1,676 new cases as of December 8, with 10 new deaths.

As this Region remains in lockdown, Peel reported 349 new cases, a significant decrease from the previous day, which reported 512.

Peel has a total of 29,088 cases with 24,133 of them being resolved, 4,570 remain active and there have been 385 deaths as of December 8.

As numbers rise, conversation is continuing to turn to the Pfizer and BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made the official announcement that 249,000 doses of the vaccine will be shipped by the end of this month.

"We are facing the largest immunization in the history of our country," he remarked. "Canada has secured an agreement with Pfizer to begin early delivery of doses of their vaccine candidate."

"Pending Health Canada approval, the first shipment of doses is tracking for delivery next week," he stated.

The Province of Ontario is preparing for distribution through the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force, and have identified the first key groups that will receive the vaccine when it becomes available.

In the first few months of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, the first groups who will receive the vaccine include residents and all staff members at congregate living settings, health care workers, adults in Indigenous communities and adult recipients of chronic home health care.

"We must deploy these first shipments of a safe and effective vaccine where they will make the most impact and save lives. That means vaccinating our vulnerable seniors and those who care for them as soon as possible," said Premier Doug Ford.

Regions with the high rate of COVID-19 transmission will be the first to receive the vaccination. These include regions in the Red-Control and Grey-Lockdown levels.

Regions currently under the Red-Control level include Durham Region, City of Hamilton, Halton, Region of Waterloo, Windsor-Essex County and York Region. While Toronto and Peel remain in the lockdown zones.

The vaccine will undergo several trials and tests to determine the vaccine is safe and can be approved by Health Canada, before it can be distributed to the public.

"Ontario is ready to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to Ontarians as soon as they are available, and that starts with vaccinating our most vulnerable and those at greatest risk," said Minister of Health Christine Elliot. "Our priority continues to be the health and safety of all Ontarians, so we will make sure that no matter where they are receiving the vaccine, they will have a fast and safe immunization experience."

The United Kingdom was the first to receive the vaccine where the first doses have been distributed through mass immunization.

A 90-year-old woman in the U.K was named the first person to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

The Province plans to update Ontarians on when and where the vaccine will go, once further information becomes available.

For further information, please visit Ontario.ca.







Allan Drive students support community through kindness initiatives

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER



Peel District School Board Trustee Stan Cameron alongside Superintendent Michael Logue joined students and staff on December 7 to make their own donations to the food drive.

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The Principal of Allan Drive Middle School says he is extremely proud of his students who have expressed different ways they can help their community during these challenging times.

Students at the middle school are learning about global citizenship and the impacts kindness has on people by organizing kindness initiatives.

For their first act of kindness, the students put together a winter clothing drive. They filled an entire truck bed full of donated winter clothing and brought into another community that is high on the vulnerable index.

After seeing the generosity provided by the students, the Allan Drive School Council decided to join in the spirit by approving a $500 donation to another school in the community to ensure other students are supported.

"The excitement displayed at the school is amazing," said Principal Jeremy Taylor. "Students and families have really stepped up with food donations. The food drive has been open one week and we have over 1200 pounds of food collected.

"I stand in the front hall each morning to greet our students and [their] smiles fill the foyer as they walk into the building each day with bags of food donations. The positivity is contagious."

The staff at the middle school developed a new mission statement for Allan Drive to show the community who they are as a school.

"At Allan Drive, we take care of ourselves and each other."

"At Allan Drive, we are helping to prepare students to be positive, contributing members of society. Some of the most important lessons that schools can teach its students is to be of service to others and grateful for every advantage we enjoy," said Taylor. "The students and staff at Allan Drive continue to demonstrate a commitment to humanity that I am so proud to be a part of."

The winter clothing drive sparked the first of many kindness initiatives organized by staff and students at Allan Drive.

Most recently, Grade 6 students requested to start a food drive to be able to donate to the Caledon Community Services, Bolton Exchange.

The community response has been overwhelming.

"Classes have been approaching the admin at Allan Drive to ask for permission to start their own kindness campaigns. Service-learning projects that have a focus on giving back and taking care of each other will continue as a vehicle of teaching curriculum in classrooms," explained Taylor.

He added, "the community is very supportive of our kindness campaigns."

Peel District School Board Trustee Stan Cameron, alongside Superintendent Michael Logue, joined students and staff on December 7 to make their own donations to the food drive.

The food drive began on November 30 and is going until December 11.

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Police investigate fatal collision on Highway 9

Officers from the Caledon OPP are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred on Highway 9 west of Airport Road in the Town of Caledon.

On Thursday, December 3, at approximately 11:54 a.m., OPP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 9. The collision involved a white Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) and a black pickup truck.

Police say the initial investigation revealed that the white SUV was exiting from a private lot that houses several businesses, when it was struck by the pickup truck travelling westbound on Highway 9.

The driver of the SUV sustained fatal injuries in the collision.

Robert Cooksley, 78, of Caledon, has been identified as the deceased driver of the SUV.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2,000 upon an arrest.

GARAGE BREAK-INS, VEHICLE THEFTS INVESTIGATED

Caledon OPP responded to several calls for service in Caledon Village, where unlocked garages and vehicles were entered by an unknown suspect, and valuables were stolen.

Three unlocked garages of residences located on Kevinwood Drive, Mistywood Drive and Haylevale Road were targeted by the suspect. Investigation revealed that the suspect accessed the garages through an unlocked side door and ransacked the unlocked vehicles inside.

Officers also responded to a theft from vehicle on Kevinwood Drive, where the suspect entered an unlocked car parked in a driveway, and stole cash and bank cards left inside the vehicle.

The following items were reported to be stolen by the suspect: bicycle, tools, wallet, banks cards, identification, boots, cash and sunglasses.

The incidents occurred sometime between 2 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8. The suspect was wearing a camo jacket with a hood.

Caledon OPP is asking the residents of the above neighbourhoods to check their security cameras for suspicious people, vehicles or activity. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to these thefts, please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

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Caledon OPP reminds local residents to:

- Lock your car when you park it - regardless of where your vehicle is parked - inside your garage or in the driveway;
- Leave nothing visible inside your car. Not even pocket change or empty bottles.
- Don't keep your automatic garage door openers clipped to the visors in your cars - it is another key into your home that thieves won't hesitate to use or keep it for later;
- Secure your garage - side doors and home entry door must always be locked! Don't forget about the door that leads from your attached garage into your home. Losing power tools and sporting equipment is bad enough, but once a burglar gets access to the rest of your house, you run even greater risks.
- Do not keep the "smart" remote keys to your vehicle near the entrances to your residence. Secure them in a shielded signal blocking box, pouch or container to reduce the threat of thieves using the signal to access or steal your vehicle.

CHARGES LAID FOLLOWING ASSAULT AT KING CITY SECONDARY

Investigators with the York Regional Police's #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau thank the community and the media after tips led to the identity of a suspect wanted in an assault that occurred at King City Secondary School.

"On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, shortly before 11:30 a.m., an unknown man gained entry to King City Secondary School," say Police. "He walked around the first floor of the school, then went upstairs to a classroom on the second floor. He walked into a classroom and punched a teacher in the face. He then fled the school west on King Road. The teacher, a 37-year-old man, had minor injuries. There were no students in the school at the time of the incident.

"Thanks to the many tips that were quickly received, the suspect was identified. On Friday, December 4, 2020, he turned himself in at #1 District in the Town of Newmarket and has been charged."

Charged is Alexander Kehyeian, 21, of Richmond Hill. He faces charges of assault, mischief and trespass to property.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation continues.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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Caledon has shared its concerns regarding the proposed reduction of Caledon representation at Peel Regional Council.

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Caledon calls on Province to delay reduction of Regional representation

should be keeping their eye on the ball, which is the need to get COVID numbers down while protecting our local economies. The Government of Ontario can and should help us do that, by extending their deadlines."

The resolution was brought in as a walk-in at the November 26 Regional Council meeting.

Although conversation of changing municipal seats at the Region has been going on for the past five years, members of Caledon Council feel the conversation was unfair and "backroom politicking," as Mayor Thompson put it.

If passed, Mississauga would continue with having 12 seats, Brampton with nine and Caledon at three.

Caledon has continuously supported Brampton to have further representation at Region, but not at the expense of Caledon.

"We have always said that Brampton should be better represented, but absolutely not at Caledon's expense and not in haste," continued Mayor Thompson. "Our constituents deserve better than to be side-swiped by this resolution. That's why we have asked the province to put this on hold until our community can have a proper discussion that is not clouded by a global pandemic."

Regional Council is hosting a public meeting regarding these matters on December 17 at 9:30 a.m. To learn more, please visit peelregion.ca/council.



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Local choir launches free online concert December 16

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

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Tickets to the "Star Light, Holiday Bright" concert will be available online at achill.ca to anyone hoping to watch memorable holiday performances by the Orangeville-based choir group.

"When we realized we weren't going to be able to have a live concert, we still felt it was important to have something for our community up in Orangeville and, more so, our choir," said Shawn Grenke, Artistic Director and Choir Conductor.

"We record all of our concerts in HD audio and video…so we went back over the last three or four years and chose some of our favourite pieces from seasonal concerts and pulled together some audience favourites and sing-alongs to create this online virtual holiday concert."

To freshen up the performances, Grenke said choir members have created individual video introductions to each piece they perform, providing history and context.

"Our audience really is friends and family of the choir, so I felt it would be a really nice way to tie in friends and the family and the community," Grenke noted.

He said some of those audience members have been in isolation because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so it will be nice to connect with them virtually.

"I think being able to see their friends in some of the intro videos, I think that's going to touch a lot of hearts," Grenke told The Citizen. "We have some people that are audience members who have been in long-term care facilities who haven't been able to leave, who haven't been able to see their families."

"It's been a really lonely time for a lot of people, especially some of our more elderly singers and congregation members," he continued.

"I'm just hoping that the whole production, really, is something that might warm people's hearts during this really horrible, uncertain time."

Some of the classic holiday pieces that will be performed by the Achill Choir for their free concert include, "12 Days of Christmas", "O Come All Ye Faithful", and "Jingle Bells."

"We've been very careful to not call this a Christmas Concert because, as a community group, we are sensitive of the fact that not everybody might be Christian or celebrate Christmas," Grenke explained.

"We have some solstice pieces in there, which talks about life, but as well some Hanukkah songs, which deals with, of course Hanukkah, and the lighting of the candles, so we try to make it seasonal rather than Christmas."

The Achill Choir has had to pause its regular in-person practices due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but they've been doing bi-weekly Zoom calls for rehearsals to keep everybody connected.

"It's not the same, of course, as a real live rehearsal, but it's a way to engage and there are some musical things we can do," said Grenke. "We're planning on doing some type of concert outside next spring, we're going to see where the world is then."

Grenke said he's hoping to move anywhere between 200 and 300 tickets for the free holiday concert, since that is how many attendees they'd get for a typical in-person show.

He encourages anyone looking to get into the holiday spirit to grab a ticket at achill.ca and check out their concert on December 16.

"If you're not yet in the holiday mood, that's really understandable, but check out the Achill Choir and the 'Star Light, Holiday Bright' concert, it might give you a little smile as you go into this really uncertain holiday season," Grenke enthused.



Santa Claus thrills Bolton

(ABOVE) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) led Santa Claus, Mayor Allan Thompson and members of Bolton Kin around Caledon and encouraged social distancing to residents. The Bolton Kin Santa Claus Parade Drive-By began at the Holy Family Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning. (BELOW) Members of the community including families and children lined the streets to get a glimpse and a wave from Santa himself.

PHOTOS BY ALYSSA PARKHILL

(RIGHT) Mayor Allan Thompson joined Santa Claus through the 25 kilometre trip around Caledon to celebrate, safely, in preparation for the holiday season.

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Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER(S): 21T-20004C
Related File Number: Minister's Zoning Order Ontario Regulation 362-20

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

APPLICANT: Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of FP Mayfield West (Caledon) Inc.

LOCATION:

12529 Chinguacousy Road
Part Lot 20, Concession 2 WHS (Chinguacousy)
East Side of Chinguacousy Road, North of Mayfield Road

Ward 2

PROPOSED CHANGES:

To establish a plan of subdivision on the subject lands of 205 residential units consisting of 78 single detached dwellings, 89 townhouse dwellings and 38 rear-lane townhouse dwellings, together with new roads, two environmental blocks, buffer blocks, open space blocks and servicing blocks.

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



LEAD PLANNER:

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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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Notice Date: December 10, 2020

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BUSINESS SUPPORT

December 15, 6 p.m.

Join Mayor Allan Thompson, the Honourable Sylvia Jones MPP, and Kyle Seeback MP, to discuss the latest information about federal and provincial business support programs.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

December 23, 6 p.m.

Join Mayor Allan Thompson and Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health for Peel Public Health, to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on Caledon.

Stay Safe and Active This Winter



WINTERFEST

Let's celebrate all that winter has to offer in Caledon with Winterfest. Included are a collection of activities for everyone to enjoy:

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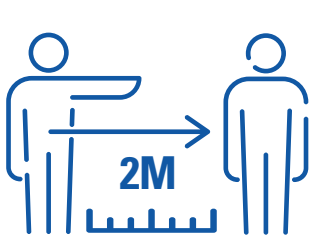
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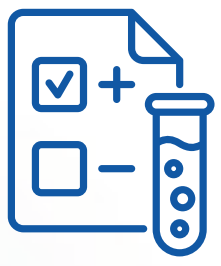
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GET TESTED

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.

Up-coming Events

DECEMBER

- **14** Special Council meeting: Council Composition at the Region of Peel 6 p.m.
- **15** Virtual Town Hall: COVID-19 Business Support 6 p.m.
- **16** CBIZ Virtual Meetup/Networking 7 p.m.
- **17** Region of Peel Public Meeting Council composition 9:30 a.m. Details at peelregion.ca
- **23** Virtual Town Hall: COVID-19 Public Health Update
- **24** Town Hall closes, noon

JANUARY

- **4** Town Hall reopens, 8:30 a.m.

For details, including live stream and phone-in information:

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Greenbelt Council members resign due to lack of support for conservation authorities

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Conservation authorities across Ontario have been threatened with the loss of their role in protecting local lands and watershed by the province.

Bill 229 proposed changes that would impact the role of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario: restricting their ability for decision-making, limiting their responsibilities, and severely affecting how they protect local environments and watersheds within their own unique areas.

Conservation authorities reached out to the public as well as their local municipalities to help advocate the importance of their role.

Community members, municipal partners, and local organizations all reached out to call on the province to remove Schedule 6 from the Bill 229.

A Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs meeting took place on December 4, which prompted only some positive changes. But other new provisions were approved that now orders conservation authorities to issue permits where MZOs (Ministerial Zoning Orders) have already been provided by the Province for new developments, without the consideration of impacts on wetlands, woodlots and valley lands.

"Simply put, this proposed legislation will cause harm. It will increase risk to people, property and infrastructure and threaten environmentally sensitive areas," said Karen Ras, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Chair and Regional Councillor for Mississauga Ward 2. "It contradicts recommendations by the Premier's own Special Flood Advisor regarding our role in land use planning."

With the passage of Bill 229, developers will have the ability to surpass conservation authorities, and appeal straight to the Ministry.

Schedule 6 in Bill 229 and the perceived lack of understanding by the Province has led to the resignations of high-profile members of the Greenbelt Council.

The Greenbelt Council is a government advisory group that provides advice to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on land use matters related to the Greenbelt.

David Crombie, former Mayor of Toronto and now former Chair of the Greenbelt Council, resigned from his position on December 5.

"Recent actions taken by the Government in committee hearings on Bill 229 have confirmed that we differ fundamentally on policy directions affecting the Greenbelt," Crombie wrote in his letter to the Minister Steve Clark.

Following Crombie, six other members of the council have resigned effective immediately, including CVC CAO Deborah Martin-Downs.

"Today, I joined David Crombie and other members of the Greenbelt Council resigning my appointment. We did our best to shine a light on the value of conservation authorities and their relationship with the Greenbelt," she said. "No one was listening."

Though Minister Clark declared that the new changes would not impact the Greenbelt, Crombie explained that the damage to outside lands and watersheds will effectively impact the Greenbelt.

"It cuts out the heart of integrated watershed planning and management; severely cripples the Conservation Authorities in the pursuit of their historic stewardship of environmental issues, and now, with the grossly expanded use of the Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO) and other procedural revisions, essential public discussion and debate will be stifled or shut down," Crombie wrote in his letter.

Clark later took to social media with a statement thanking David Crombie for his service as chair and that "his appointment was set to expire shortly."

The Ministry is actively looking for a new chair and is expected to make an announcement shortly.

After losing the six members of the Greenbelt Council, along with the Chair, Minister Clark announced $30 million to help conservation organizations protect and restore wetlands across the province.

"We've been clear that Ontario can lead Canada's economic recovery while also protecting our environment, public health and safety, and this $30 million program is just one example of that," said Clark in a recent statement.

CVC and other conservation authorities are continuing to call on the Province to remove Schedule 6 from the bill and allow changes to be debated and consulted.

Headwaters Collaborative celebrates first anniversary serving community



Staff at the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative celebrate their first anniversary as one of Ontario's Health Teams.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HEADWATERS

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Exactly one year ago, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative was announced one of Ontario's first 24 health teams.

The team is made up of health care organizations and providers who dedicate their work to improving the overall well-being of residents in Dufferin-Caledon.

Together as a unit, they provide the community with "family and specialist physicians, housing and long-term care facilities, mental health and addictions providers, home and community care providers, the hospital as well as long list of other health and social service providers."

Ontario Health Teams were introduced as a new model of care that brings healthcare providers to work as a team.

24 health teams were announced, including Durham Ontario Health Team, Brampton/Etobicoke and Area Ontario Health Team, and, of course, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team.

"From the first announcement about the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative one year ago, I have been impressed with the commitment and co-operation between the different community partners," said Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon. "We began with an excellent foundation of teamwork between all the services who provide patient care, and the work that is demanded of all our health services during the pandemic is proof that the Collaborative in Dufferin-Caledon is an effective team."

What started off with 24 teams, has now grown into 42 teams that cover 86 per cent of the province.

These health teams have been vital to helping combat the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's been an incredible year in so many ways, and we are proud of how our community has pulled together," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO, Headwaters Health Care Centre & Co-Lead, Hills of Headwaters Collaborative.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative hit some major achievements in their first year of working together.

Mental health and addictions services was improved and expanded to support providers during the pandemic, with more resources including a mobile Bereavement Team.

The creation of a Remote Monitoring Program led by the Dufferin County Paramedic Service that helps improve home and community care experiences for patients with specific and complex care needs. In addition, connections have been improved between [the variety of] specialized health care providers to prevent patients from having to retell their stories.

A Community Wellness Council was developed to identify areas of focus for the Collaborative.

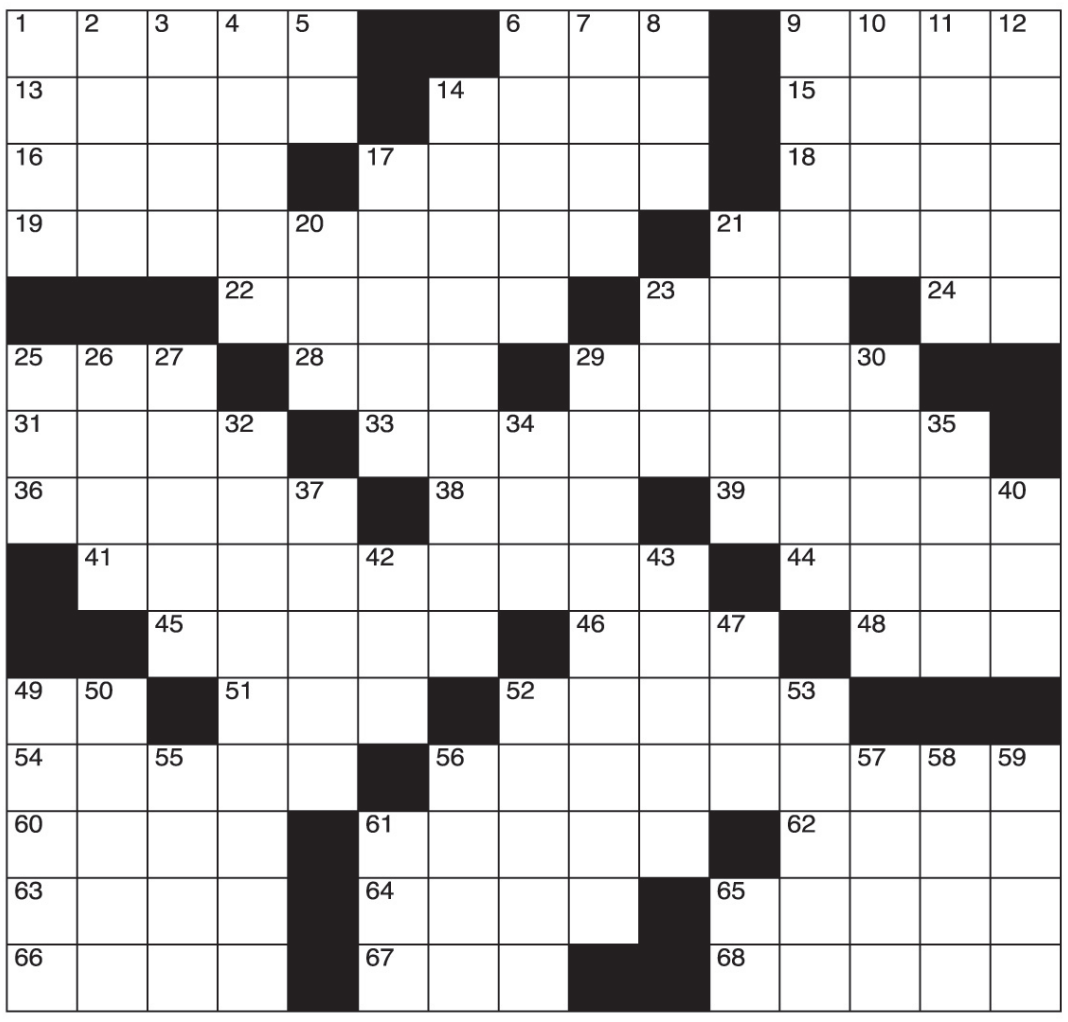
Ongoing partnerships provided necessary support for the hospital as well as the COVID-19 Drive-Through Assessment Centre, as well as a Collaborative Emergency Operations Centre, Dufferin-Caledon Personal Protective Equipment and a Swabbing Action Team.

"The future is bright and full as we work on building on our successes, including hiring a Transformation Lead for our OHT," said Lianne Barbour, Executive Director, Dufferin Area Family Health Team, and Co-Lead, Hills of Headwaters Collaborative. "With the development of a leadership team, we know we can achieve great things for Dufferin-Caledon."

For further information about the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, please visit hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca.

The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Skateboarders love them
6. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
9. Former Ohio State great Michael
13. Not dirty
14. Earth goddess (Greek myth.)
15. A Spanish river
16. Pig meat (French)
17. Famed astronomer
18. Floating ice
19. Broadcast
21. Aquatic mammals
22. Some are bath
23. Hip hop trio
24. NY Giants' #56
25. Small European viper
28. Neither
29. Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
31. Loud noise
33. Second year high schooler
36. "__ in comparison"
38. Golf score
39. Raise
41. Pastas
44. Easily manageable
45. Fathered
46. Pouch
48. Institute legal proceedings against
49. News organization
51. Unruly group of people
52. Fasten or secure
54. Sheets of glass
56. Doubled
60. Foolish person
61. Rooney and Kate are two
62. Small, rich sponge cake
63. Advice or counsel
64. Large wading bird
65. Famed British physicist
66. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
67. Field force unit
68. Lying face downward

CLUES DOWN
1. Proof of purchase (abbr.)
2. Soap ingredient
3. Blackbird
4. Single steps
5. Tin
6. Books have lots of them
7. Made of fermented honey and water
8. You can get it in a bed
9. Room for communal meals
10. Early Syrian kingdom
11. Provokes dry amusement
12. Use with "thou"
14. Mollusk
17. Grain storage units
20. Not a car, not a truck
21. Ooze
23. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
25. Tennis pros group
26. Something that's not what it's purported to be
27. E. Indian trees
29. Beloved December holiday
30. Regions
32. Metric unit of length
34. Peter's last name
35. Beige
37. 18-year period in astronomy
40. Where golfers begin
42. Basketball stat (abbr.)
43. Frocks
47. Soda comes in it
49. On approval
50. Trims by cutting
52. Small finch
53. Language Bura-__
55. Nothing
56. Imbecile (British)
57. Tropical Asian plant
58. Abba __, Israeli politician
59. Small freshwater fish
61. Indicates position
65. Data processing

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

Mayors of "small, urban" GTHA communities join calls on Bill 229

Written By BROCK WEIR

Members of the Small Urban GTHA Mayors group, including Mayor Allan Thompson, have joined calls to the Province to remove Section 6 from Bill 229.

On Tuesday, the Urban GTHA Mayors met to discuss a variety of issues affecting communities under their umbrella, including COVID-19, pandemic recovery, and the environment.

Communities represented within this group include the Mayors of Caledon, Aurora, Bradford West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Halton Hills, King Township, Newmarket, Orangeville, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"If passed, the Province will have the ability to issue any permits directly to applicants that could threaten environmentally sensitive protected lands and wetlands," said the Mayors in a joint statement on December 8. "Conservation Authorities are in place to assess development applications on a case-by-case basis using scientific measures that will positively impact and protect our naturally sensitive areas.

"We are calling on the Province to immediately remove Section 6 of Bill 229 and instead begin a dialogue and consultation with Heads of Council and Conservation Authorities on issues and concerns impacting our communities across the Province. Open consultation and dialogue between our levels of government have proved to be a valuable exercise to reach our mutually common goals in the past and we believe the contents of Section 6 are significant and require more consultation.

"Moving forward, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors will be meeting on a regular basis to discuss and respond to issues affecting our communities as a collective, including Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19, broadband and the Greenbelt. It is imperative that our voices are heard by all levels of government in order to best serve our residents and protect our communities."

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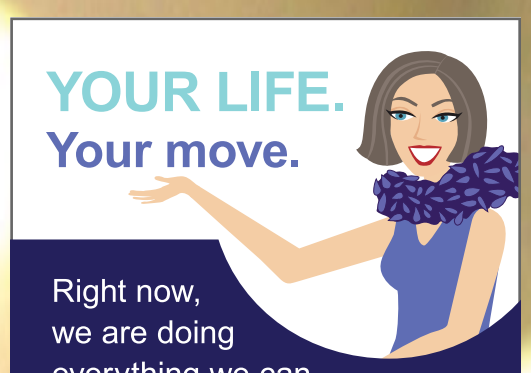
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From the Second Row

Alternatives to democracy

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was in the middle of the night on July 17, 1918, when Tsar Nicholas of Russia, along with his wife, four daughters, son, and several loyal aides were awakened and taken to a basement room and told to wait.

It was for their own protection, they were told, as anti Bolshevik forces were approaching the house and it might be fired upon by the hostile forces.

A few minutes later, a group of Bolsheviks and communists entered the room and informed them of the real reason they were there.

The entire family was murdered in cold blood – including the Tsar and Tsarina, their aides, and their five innocent children.

It was the Bolshevik's way of telling the public there was no chance of going back.

What better way to eliminate your competition than by killing them all and their future generations?

Between 1976 and 1979, Cambodian so called "prime minister" Pol Pot carried out a genocide on his own people. He eliminated anyone who could be considered a threat to his power. That included anyone with knowledge, political enemies, people who appeared not to follow the party line, and those deemed "bad elements."

If you didn't agree with having your children taken away to live in a collective and taught by party members whose job it is to indoctrinate youth, or your read something that wasn't on the approved list, you would be shot and buried in farm field so your body would be used as fertilizer.

A friend of mine and fellow journalist visited Cambodia a couple of years ago. He reported back that it was a beautiful country with a very friendly population but Pol Pot's elimination of anyone with knowledge, and that included anyone who held a university degree in something like engineering or medicine, meant the entire knowledge base of the country was destroyed.

Decades later they have not recovered from that and simply do not have the ability or knowledge of how to build a bridge, a railway, or any other kind of infrastructure.

Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, found his transition from leader of the country to that of ordinary dead citizen when he and his wife were machine-gunned to death in the back alley of military barracks by several really angry soldiers in 1989.

In the west, for the most part, we avoid transitions of power at the point of a gun.

You go to the polls, you cast your vote and hope your candidate wins. If they don't, you can try again in a few, usually four or five years.

The last general election in Canada ended with a minority government – meaning the popular vote did not elect the new leader. In fact, far from it, but that's the way the system works.

While a lot of people were disappointed, there were no riots on the streets and no yahoos in pickup trucks firing weapons at people's homes who had the audacity to plant an opposing party sign on their front line.

Down south, this debacle of an election and the resulting rallies in the month since, are an affront to both the democratic process and civic pride.

The election is over, yet there are still these ridiculous rallies and riots from both sides on city streets with many of them resulting in violence.

Standing on a street corner and yelling insults to passing motorists is no way to prove your point – if there really is one.

The U.S. likes to present itself as the world's greatest democracy, yet the behaviour on the streets of late indicates many don't believe in the democratic process, and would gladly receive a dictator as the new leader provided he was on "their side."

Waving a banner in your neighbour's face or getting in a punch-up on a street corner because the other guy is wearing the wrong colour only depends the divide of an already divided nation.

If these people would pack up their banners and flags, stow their rifles and pepper spray, and turn their passions to something else they really may be able to do some good with all this time they have on their hands.

For years, the U.S. has been proud of the peaceful transition of power that follows a federal election.

However that tradition is fading as the hatred grows.

It's time to get back to some common sense thinking and political decorum before another leader is someday invited to the basement for their own protection.



Money, it's a gas, but also a burden

by Mark Pavilons



If this whole existence thing is all about money, then we're in a heap of trouble.

After 50-odd years on this planet, it only recently dawned on me that "it's only money."

By that I mean daily living is expensive, and things cost money. We can't fret about it or worry ourselves into the fetal position.

Sure, we have to have enough to live, to pay our bills and keep that rather expensive roof over our heads.

We have to feed our always-hungry offspring, who want the good stuff, and seldom ask for Brussels sprouts and broccoli. We have to put fuel in our ever-hungry, polluting vehicles.

We also have to wear socks, unless of course you're one of those forever young beatniks who wears sandals no matter what season it is!

Alan Watts concurred when he said there are many people accumulating what they think is vast wealth, but it's only money.

While living paycheque to paycheque is my reality, it used to cause me a lot of sleepless nights. What if something happened? What if we needed a new roof, a new car, a new body part? What if?

Experts argue that we should all have at least three months' salary socked away as savings as our rainy day fund. I'm not sure how many actually have it, some nine months into a pandemic.

But again, let's say we worked our butts off, putting in extra hours, holding down an extra job, just to sock away a little something. That something would be eaten up in a flash, in the face of one of those emergencies. So, does all that time and effort just go into plugging the hole in the leaky dam?

Those rainy days seem to combine together and become that proverbial storm of the century, or at least storm of the month.

It must be quite lucrative being an umbrella salesperson these days.

Life, it's been said, is a game and money is how we keep score. But just who's keeping score?

The Big Guy has no use for money or any earthly possessions. All he cares about is what is in your heart and soul.

And good, old Ben Franklin said money doesn't fill a vacuum, it creates one.

Our forefathers seldom had full pockets, but that didn't hold them back. In fact, empty pockets forced them to make a living and succeed.

So, let's get some advice from a certain historic book.

The Bible is packed with more than 2,000 scriptures about money and possessions. That's twice as many Bible verses about money than faith and prayer combined.

In fact, 16 out of 38 of Jesus's parables deal with money and possessions and one out of 10 verses in the Gospels deal with money.

Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

Luke 16:11-12: "If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?"

So, basically, my brothers and sisters, money is a tool and ownership is meaningless. Possessions come with a great deal of weight to bear.

The earth, our own subdivision lot or rural estate, doesn't really belong to us. It was never ours to own.

Ever since man began laying stake to real estate, building structures and creating wealth, it paved the way for the strange, money-motivated journey were on.

The misconceptions behind having a lot of money include:

We will be happier; we will be content; we don't have to work, or worry or lose sleep. We can eat at the best restaurants, drive the nicest cars and sit on a beach somewhere, being served tropical drinks of every colour.

Is this how we describe paradise? Is this how we were meant to live?

At this point in our wealth management journey, money is still all powerful.

Fact: my children will need $1 million to buy a house. Fact: they likely won't be able to get it.

The money I have socked away will act as a salve over any new wounds. It will heal the scar of the day.

But it will never give me eternal youth, or ensure immortality for my children and their children yet to come.

When I think of the best moments of my life, they seldom involved a lot of money.

We were lucky to have enjoyed years of summer family vacations.

I smile when I think of the board games, poker nights, Christmas tree trimmings, family dinners, playing with our dogs at the lake, fishing, flying a kite, the smell of summer, bullrushes, a baby's laughter, the smell of coffee, hotdogs, potato chips, riding a bicycle, eating an ice cream cone and sharing the last bit with your dog, letting your daughter paint your nails, playing with toys, listening to music with the windows open, putting a quarter in a pinball machine, taking a photo of the sunset, a sad dog movie, BBQ with friends, snowflakes ...

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A significant portion of the 413's length will run through the countryside of Caledon, with a total stretch from Highway 401, near Milton, in the west, to Highway 400, near Vaughan, in the east.

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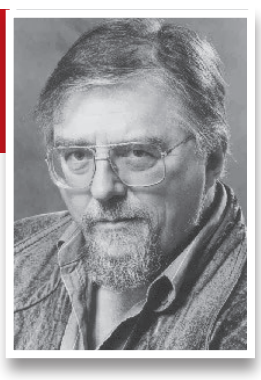
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Salvation in a Vat

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OUR WORLD TODAY



"We are putting a final end to the fossil era," said Denmark's climate minister, Dan Jorgensen, last week. What he meant was that the European Union's biggest oil and gas producer is officially getting out of the petrochemical business after 80 years.

There's still more oil under the North Sea off Denmark's west coast, but the government has just cancelled its next scheduled auction of oil and gas licenses.

There will be no further exploration, and no new production platforms built.

It's not quite as big a deal as it sounds, because Europe's three biggest oil and gas producers, Russia, Norway and the United Kingdom, are not members of the EU, and they are still in the business. But the latter two are now also discussing whether they should leave some of their oil and gas in the ground forever, which is a step in the right direction.

This is how progress is generally made in the struggle to stop global heating: one slow step at a time, and maybe therefore too little, too late. But last week saw something much more dramatic on what you might call the Food & Climate front: the first restaurant to serve artificial meat.

Next to burning fossil fuels, the biggest cause of anthropogenic (human-caused) greenhouse gas emissions is agriculture – and more than half of all food-related G-G emissions come from producing meat. That's the hardest part of the puzzle to solve, because people are very attached to eating meat and there's no good substitute. Until recently.

Now there's plenty. Near Tel Aviv last Thursday, a burger joint called The Chicken opened its doors for the first time. It looks pretty normal, except for a glass back wall through which you can see people in lab coats moving between big stainless steel vats called bioreactors. That's where they make the chicken.

It's "cultured" chicken: real live chicken cells grown in a solution containing all the necessary nutrients and doubling in volume every day. But no bacterial contamination from animal waste, no hormones and antibiotics to speed growth and slow the spread of disease, no land used to grow the chicken feed, no 130 million chickens slaughtered every day.

SuperMeat, the parent company, is sticking with ground meat for burgers for now, but there's no technical reason why it couldn't be chicken breast with the familiar texture and taste of real chickens. And they're currently giving it away (to invited guests only) rather than selling it, because Israel's regulatory authority has not approved it for sale yet.

That will come soon, but they'll probably have to go on giving it away for a while because each burger patty costs around $35 to produce. But that's down from $300,000 for the first beef hamburger patty in 2013, and Ido Savir, CEO of SuperMeat, reckons that the cost of cultured or "cultivated" meat (the terminology is still evolving) will fall to parity with slaughtered meat in six or seven years.

It's moving fast. Just the day before The Chicken opened in Israel, an American company called Eat Just got regulatory approval to sell its cultured "chicken bites", produced in a 1,200-litre bioreactor, in a restaurant in Singapore. And back in Israel Aleph Farms unveiled its first lab-grown beef steaks last month. (They prefer the term "biofarmed")

Aleph's innovation is cultured beef that actually comes with the shape and texture of traditional steak. (All the players can pass the taste test, because they are all working with real beef cells) The process is designed for large-scale production, they've patented it six ways from Sunday, and they'll do a pilot launch at the end of 2022.

This is going to happen. All the promising start-ups are attracting major investment from food giants like Cargill (Aleph's godfather). We are at the start of a high-speed global transition, at least for the mass market, from born-fed-and-slaughtered beef, pork and chicken to "cultivated" versions of the same meat.

How fast. Think 10-15 years. It needs to happen fast because meat and dairy production alone account for almost 15% of greenhouse gas emissions. Vegetarianism and veganism alone will not solve the problem because they still depend on growing crops on the land, and also because people are very conservative about diet.

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All we have to do then is to figure out what a billion or so farm families will do for income instead. That's tomorrow's problem.

Caledon at the Crossroads

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Caledon is at a crossroads. Long uniquely positioned geographically as a special place that represents the best of both urban and rural, with pretty little towns and hamlets, larger urban areas and everything in between, today we're at a larger, less pretty and more threatening crossroads. At a time when we face significant population growth, our voice at the Regional table is being taken away. At a time when taking action on climate change and environmental protections are more important than ever, a new highway rapidly approaches. We're at a crossroads and this one isn't nearly as pretty as our special, unique geographic location.

The issue of our "voice at the table" surfaced several weeks ago with a surprise move by Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown to realign the distribution of seats at the Regional level, adding to Brampton's count at the expense of Caledon.

The fact that a Caledon councillor supported this sudden move was even more surprising.

With Mayfield West rapidly expanding and population growth provincially mandated, now is not the time to reduce our regional presence.

According to our own Mayor Thompson, Caledon has a planned growth of over 300% over the next 30 years and we need our 5 seats at the table to ensure WE are the ones "moving Caledon's interests forward (in) planning."

Residents, the meeting to address this issue takes place online December 17 and it's imperative we attend. If you're concerned about the democratic concept of representation, show up and stand up for Caledon

In other news, this past weekend saw the resignation of David Crombie, Chair of the Greenbelt Council, over the issue of Bill 229 (and specifically, Schedule 6) running roughshod over environmental protections.

If you think Caledon is located at the pretty little intersection of urban and rural it's because we have a number of geographically important watersheds and environmentally protected lands, much of which are now potentially under threat from the passage of this Bill. Of further concern, with the resurrection of plans for a 400 series highway to run smack dab through the middle of Caledon (and the rapidly expanding community of Mayfield West) we have much to be worried about.

Potentially relieving truck traffic on Highway 10, Mayfield Road, and through the Bolton corridor isn't necessarily a bad thing but when it comes at the expense of our environment, perhaps it actually is. We have maintained the balance of urban and rural somewhat successfully for many years; now is not the time to allow provincial governments, or our neighbours to the south, to influence our growth, our environment and our now precarious position at the crossroads.

The issue is so problematic that as I sat writing this column, breaking news announced a further show of support for Mr Crombie.

As a result of serious concerns about changes to the role and mandate of conservation authorities, six further members of the Greenbelt Council resigned. David Crombie, a former PC MP and Toronto Mayor, called the proposed changes in Schedule 6 "a high-level bombing" that "needs to be resisted." The Bill threatens the effectiveness of watershed planning and management and "grossly expands" the use of Ministerial Zoning Orders, crippling, he states, "Conservation Authorities in the pursuit of their historic stewardship of environmental issues."

The six fellow members echoed his words. Sadly, as some folks living in Downtown Bolton know only too well, it's clear the damage caused when Mother Nature rears her ugly head is significant. The potential for long lasting, even permanent, damage to the environment (and to homes and families and businesses) cannot be ignored.

Caledon is indeed at a crossroads. It's imperative that as residents we speak up to share our concerns over where and how development happens, the potential impacts of building highway 413, the loss of our voice at the regional table and the long-term ramifications to this beautiful crossroads we call home. Caledon – we need to protect both our environment and our ability to decide our own future so that we remain "the pretty little intersection of urban and rural" and not just a bypass on the road to disaster.

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The podium in sport is not just for medals, but for history

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

If there's something 2020 has taught us, it's that sport is more than just a professional game that athletes make their millions from. It has inspired competitive athletes to write new chapters in the stories of their sport – and make some history in this new normal.

Kim Ng became the first female general manager in Major League Baseball for the Miami Marlins, writing her story in the annals of sport.

It's a huge accomplishment. This year, many WNBA games were televised. Even Kim Davis, the NHL's Executive VP of social impact, growth initiatives and legislative affairs, spoke of ending the racism in hockey this year.

But, looking at the NHL, no woman has even been a GM or Assistant GM before.

Aurora resident Michela Lio would like to be the first.

"I've always dreamed of being the first woman, whether a GM or Assistant GM (in the NHL)," she says. "It's a huge stretch but it's definitely something that I want to work as hard as I can for. But you know, there's steps to get to that point."

Lio officially accepted her Div.1 hockey scholarship to Massachusetts' College of the Holy Cross on November 14.

She will be studying business at the school and looks to be involved in Sports Management. To get there she'll do just about anything required of her, from bringing cups of coffee to the office and to even working for Toronto's arch-nemesis, the Boston Bruins.

"Holy Cross has internship programs whether it be the Boston Bruins, or the AHL affiliate team. The girls on the hockey team have done it before, even if it is a six-month thing," Lio said.

In her unique hockey journey, Lio was a late-bloomer. Growing up in an Italian household, she began playing soccer in the summer and basketball in the winter. She played rep in both sports before playing house league hockey when she was nine.

At that tender age, hockey was a co-ed sport and she was willing to play with the guys.

Lio comes from a sports family, and it was clear it's who she was. It defined her everyday life.

She began as a defenceman for the Etobicoke Dolphins, playing house league for her first year before moving up to select.



Women have been making their mark in the sporting world over the years and with Kim Ng becoming the first female GM in the MLB. Michela Lio, pictured here, aspires to achieve that goal in the NHL.
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She moved over to the North York Storm a few years later where she transitioned into a forward at the Peewee level and then moved over to the Toronto Aeros for Midget AA.

Her coach with the Storm, Dave Gwyn, with whom she had developed a special relationship, moved to the Durham West Jr. Lightning and she went with him to the Provincial Junior Women's Hockey League.

She attributes much of her success to Gwyn and his coaching style that has developed her into the player that she is today, mentally and physically.

"I learned so well from him. He's always there for me, he's like a second dad to me. We're extremely close," Lio said.

Added Gwyn: "It became very obvious very early on she became what I like to call a 'hockey player' and what I mean by that is, she doesn't just play the game. [She is] a constant student of the game. And I think, combined with the work she puts in, her being super fit and working on things like strength, are important," Gwyn said.

"To me, that's one of the things that makes her really unique. She is a student of the game and it's going to help her tremendously as she moves forward."

Lio has done it all to be in this position, a point in time where so many outlets have become open to her, even being a player. But that's going to be difficult.

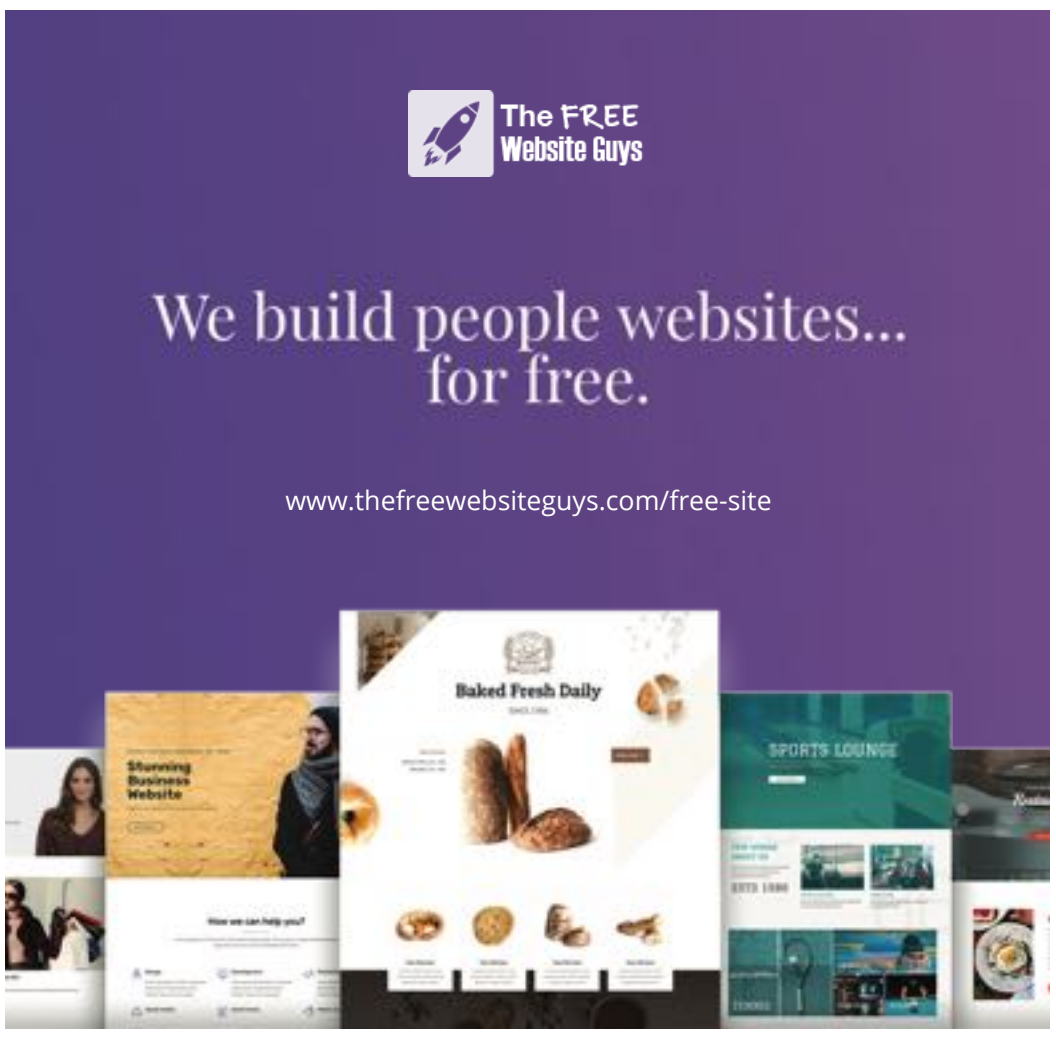
A friend of hers in the Canadian Women's Hockey League, Canada's professional level, said her salary was $5,000 a year. In comparison to the men, that's peanuts, to put it bluntly.

But one day, with the hope of making a difference in the hockey community and an impact on the ice, Lio dreams of women playing the sport with a sustainable salary. Even if it isn't the millions, as long as it is something to live off of, she's good.

And with her dream to preach women's hockey to young girls in Canada who want to play the sport just like the boys do, she hopes one day the women's game becomes large enough for other girls to fulfill that dream.

Lio wants to be the gateway for many women seeking management roles. Coaching barriers and trainer barriers have been broken. It's getting there.

Keep an eye out for her name for years to come. One day, she might be making headlines. And even if she isn't the first one by then, she definitely won't be the last.



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Ontario Junior Hockey League's First-Assist Program going virtual

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

The Ontario Junior Hockey League Foundation's First Assist Program has become a virtual tool.

In the third year of the program, this year's version is modified to adapt to the mental distress of COVID-19 for all 507 elite-student athletes in Junior hockey.

Assistance will be provided via Zoom calls and players will have access to this tool on their smartphones and laptops.

"We couldn't deliver it the way that we did so we actually revamped the programming," said Rick Morocco, Executive Director of the OJHL Foundation.

"Our programming will be done virtually and it's changed a little bit. We have the mental health refresher, but we're really trying to focus on all of these mental health issues and how, maybe, they've become more apparent as a result of what COVID's impact has been."

The program will help athletes who are suffering from challenges such as loneliness, isolation, stress and simply coping with the virus itself.

For those seeking help, sessions will run 1.5 hours with "interactive discussions," focusing on team-building exercises. These sessions will also direct a player on where to seek help.

The official document written on March 21 by the First Assist Program is available on the OJHL website.

"The mental wellness of our players has always been a top priority of the OJHL and is a major reason why, in 2018, our Foundation went to industry experts to develop a mental wellness program designed specifically for Junior aged hockey players," said OJHL Commissioner Marty Savoy in a statement.

This program was discussed far before its creation in 2018.

In 2013, an individual on a team in the league, suggested there should be a not-for-profit foundation encouraging the mental wellbeing of players.

But the program was sidelined for three years until Morocco was hired.

His effort essentially catapulted the program into where it is today.

The OJHL Foundation worked closely with Glenn Crichton from The Coping Centre and PhD Rebecca Pister from the Canadian Mental Health Association to tie this all together.

"We really tried to break down the barriers and the stigma of mental health. Working with Glenn, he put together a team, including Rebecca Pister, who sought to develop a program we ultimately went with," Morocco explained.

"She started by sending a request for information from our players, asking a number of questions and, based on that feedback, we started to put together that program. That program was meant to be interactive and developed as a campaign."

This program was also meant to be run in a classroom setting. A handbook was published each year and handed out to the players. A campaign-style call to action was installed that if any of the players have experienced thoughts where they need support, they have an outlet.

Players who chose to remain anonymous, were completely funded by the OJHL and are directed by Crichton on where to go for the help itself.

"We'd like to think we've helped everybody. That's what our goal is. I can tell you there has been a dozen players that have required some intervention in our league," Morocco said.

"We've always said if we can help one player in the trajectory of their life that we feel it's been a success."

Morocco added the program is continuing to expand and discussions are currently being held with regards to helping staff and coaches. Although no coaches have reported difficulties mentally, Morocco says this expansion is necessary.

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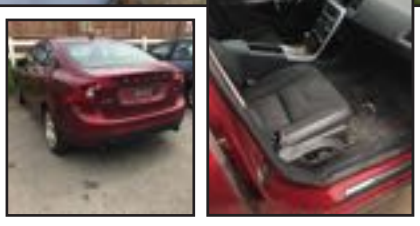


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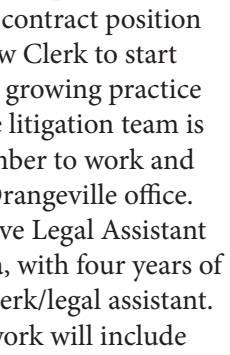
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OBITUARIES

HOARE, Nora Alice (nee Woodland) 1924-2020



A strong and graceful woman whose unconditional kindness, support, generosity and positive light touched the souls of those who knew, loved and cherished her.
Nora was predeceased by her husband Art, son John (Lori), sister Beth, and brothers Art and Ed. She will be dearly missed by her sister Marion, daughter Adrienne (Laverne Kirkness), daughter-in-law Lori, grandchildren Sara, Kris, Jordan (Jessica), Alanna (Jacob) and Kaiti (David); great-grandchildren William, Kyla, Lucas, Hayden, Cooper, Aria, Finley, Emerson, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbours.
Nora lived a beautiful life, surrounded by loving friends and family, enriched by faith, golf, travel and her own unique sense of humour. Nora's family is particularly grateful for the care she received at Lord Dufferin Retirement Residence, Amica London and University Hospital, Fourth Floor.
Nora realized and showed appreciation for her life's blessings, often quoting a familiar hymn: "Count your blessings…one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."
Nora herself was a blessing in the lives of many.
A Memorial Gathering will be arranged following the pandemic.
Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Nora are asked to consider Orangeville's St Mark's Anglican Church and Headwaters Health Care Foundation.
A tree will be planted in memory of Nora in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The next annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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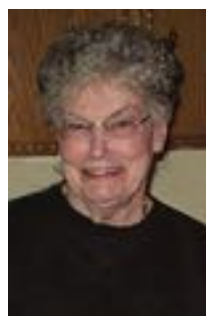
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YOUNG, Wilma Jean (nee Rea)



Passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the age of 87. Beloved wife of Bill for 56 wonderful years. Dear mother of Kelly (Shaine Moore), Krista (Mike) Parke, and Michael (Christa Jewell). Cherished grandmother of Mikayla Y, Mikayla J., David, Carrick, Kaleb, Paige and Joseph. Lovingly remembered by her brother Gordon (Marilyn) Rea, the late Bob Rea, and her sisters-in-law; Isabel Rea and Beth Cole. Wilma will be greatly missed by her many nieces, nephews and many friends and neighbours.
A Private Funeral Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.
Memorial donations to the Arthritis Society of Canada, High Country United Church or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Wilma in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The next annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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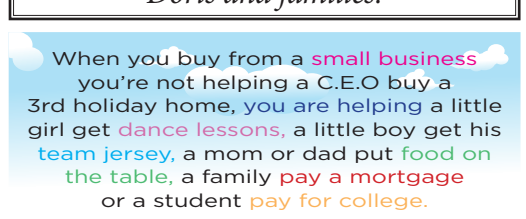
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OBITUARIES

CAPSTICK, Doreen Bernice (nee Spong)
December 31, 1928 – December 1, 2020
A strong, thoughtful, sweet and loving woman, passed away peacefully at the Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne ON surrounded by her family. Predeceased by her loving husband (John Morris) of almost 70 years. Doreen was predeceased to her brother's Bob (Jean) and Ron (Joyce). She will be dearly missed by her sister Cheryl and brother-in-law Keith Tiveron. A loving and caring Mother to David (Marilyn), Paul (Barb), Deborah (Frank) and Janice (Jim). Grandmother to Lauren, Brett, David, Kathryn, Amanda, Jennifer, Lisa, Brian and Emily. Great-Grandmother to 11 adorable little ones.
Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
A Private Funeral will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Interment will be held in May in Midland at the Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the www.lung.ca or Dufferin Oaks, 151 Centre St., Shelburne, ON L9V 3R7.
A tree will be planted in memory of Doreen in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The next annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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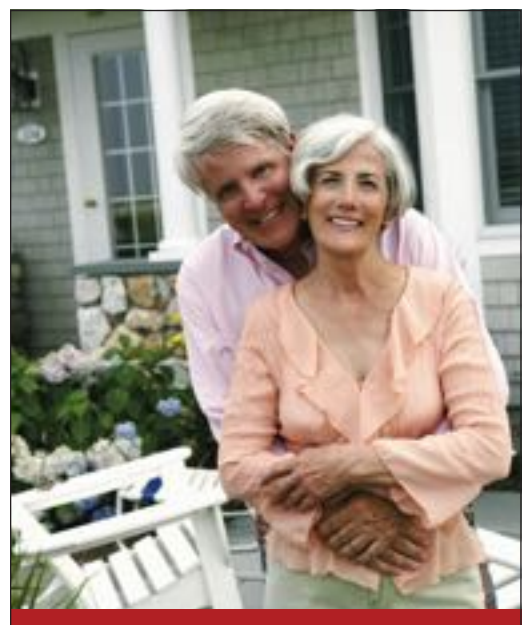
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Bolton Dominos serves up support for Caledon Public Library

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL
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Caledon Public Library (CPL) has partnered up with a local business to help raise funds and support of the local library.

Bolton Dominos is giving the community the opportunity to support their local library by donating one dollar out of every cheesy bread that is ordered from December 1 until the end of the month.

The idea was developed by Dominos who wanted to connect with CPL and play their part in supporting local organizations in Caledon.

"CPL is always eager to partner with local businesses in any ways that benefits both us and them," said Mary Maw, Manager, Communications and Community Development for the Library. "We are always looking for ways to enhance the services we offer beyond what is already supported by the tax base."

"We were so excited when Dominos approached us with the offer," she continued.

In addition to supporting the library by raising funds, Dominos is providing information about different services offered by CPL.

"We are thrilled to have the support of Dominos," said Maw. "In addition to donating $1 from every cheesy bread sold, they are also featuring information about our digital library and instant card on 5,000 pizza box toppers for the month of December."

CPL offers a temporary instant card for Caledon residents to access the library's digital resources. Individuals can later apply for a permanent library card.

The partnership is beneficial for both parties, and it gives them the ability to support one another and encourage the community.

"Helping the community to know where we are and that we will be open through these times was our goal and we want to do as much as we can to work with the Bolton community and hope that when people think pizza, they think Domino's because we are active in the community," said Dominos representative Rocquisha Whyte.

Added Maw: "While there is a 'donate' button on our website and we always welcome donations, we also understand that during these difficult times it is more about how we can support the community. The best way to support us is by getting a library card and making use of all our services and resources. We now offer the ability to register online for an instant library card at www.cpl.social/card and our Digital Library www.cpl.social/digital is available 24/7 with a wealth of online resources for all ages."



Bolton Dominos reached out to Caledon Public Library (CPL) to help raise funds and awareness of the library's services. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Shovels in the ground at Urban North development in Barrie



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The shovels are in the ground at Pace Developments Urban North construction site in the south end of Barrie off Mapleview Drive.

When complete, the development will include 873 town homes and a high-rise condominium in a master planned community surrounded by nature with onsite access to the Hewitt's Creek Ravine Trail leading directly to Wilkins Beach.

It took more than two years of planning and making the site suitable before building could be started.

Crews have been working hard to clear the land and install the infrastructure necessary before actual home construction could begin.

The development has already sold out after home buyers reviewed the plans and were impressed by the home designs and the layout and location of the neighbourhood.

In the past, the location was considered "too swampy" to be a suitable location to build. However, Pace engineers were able to overcome any concerns and created an area surrounded by greenery, parks, playgrounds and trails, that will be home to more than 850 families.

The Pace Developments team hosted a ceremonial ground-breaking on Friday, December 4, and invited

partners in the project to attend and celebrate the start of the new development.

"Today is a ground-breaking ceremony," explained Pace Developments COO, Pam Ventresca. "We have managing partners, owners, consultants, sales people, pretty much everyone who has been part of this project for years. We will be starting home construction very soon. For the past two years, there has been servicing [of] the land development and now the building starts."

The location of the development is a major drawing point for home owners in the area.

"Lake Simcoe is just down the street," Ms. Ventresca said. "The Barrie GO Train station is close by and we'll be building a path to the GO Train Station. This site has been very popular for that reason for commuters. This is a great location. We're sold out."

The Urban North sales centre, located on Mapleview Drive, won a national award for Best Sales Centre.

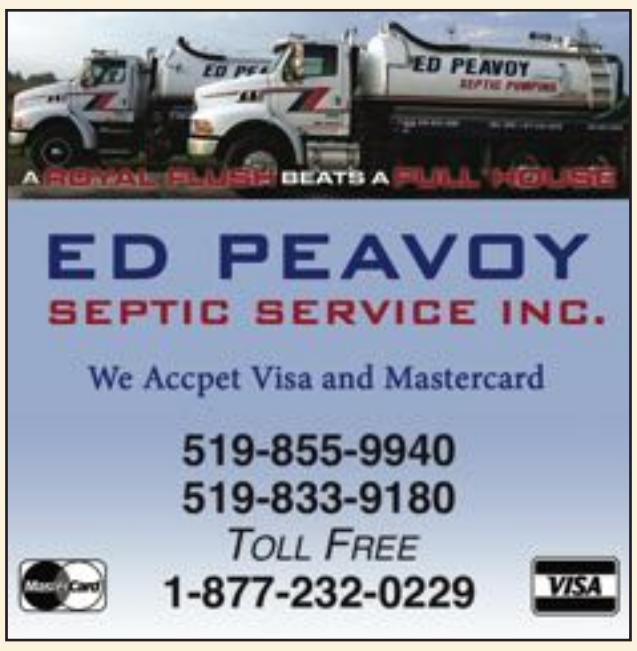
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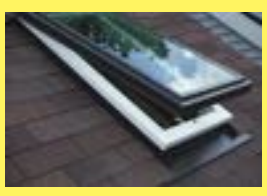
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