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Sylvia Jones, MPP
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Business Support Grants

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1 Ontario Small Business Support Grant

This is a grant, up-to **$20,000** to help small businesses that must close or significantly restrict services due to the recent Province-wide Shutdown.

2 Property Tax and Energy Bill rebates

This is a grant that will cover the **entire length of time** that public health restrictions are in place, for:

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Ontario Small Business Support Grant

Applications are open for the new Ontario Small Business Support Grant, which helps small businesses that are required to close or significantly restrict services under the Provincewide Shutdown effective December 26, 2020.

What you'll get

Starting at $10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant provides businesses with funding to a maximum of $20,000 to help cover decreased revenue expected as a result of the Provincewide Shutdown.

The business must demonstrate they experienced a revenue decline of at least 20 per cent when comparing monthly revenue in April 2019 and April 2020. This time period was selected because it reflects the impact of the public health measures in spring 2020, and as such provides a representation of the possible impact of these latest measures on small businesses.

New businesses established since April 2019 are also eligible provided they meet the other eligibility criteria.

Businesses will be able to use the support in whatever way makes the most sense for them. For example, some businesses could use the support to pay employee wages, while others may need support maintaining their inventory.

Ontario's Main Street Relief Grant: PPE Support

We are helping small businesses with the unexpected costs of PPE.

What you'll get

Eligible small businesses will get one-time grants of up to $1,000.

Property tax and energy cost rebates

Businesses that are, or were, required to shut down or significantly restrict services due to provincial public health measures can apply for rebates, provided in the form of grants, to help with their fixed costs.

Businesses struggling to pay their energy bills as a result of COVID-19 may also be eligible for the COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business (CEAP-SB),which you can apply to through your utility provider.

What you'll get

Eligible businesses could get rebates for:
municipal and education property taxes
energy costs, including electricity and natural gas (or where natural gas is not available, propane and heating oil)
Funding will cover the entire length of time that regionally targeted public health restrictions are in place.

Most businesses can expect to receive their rebate payments within a few weeks of submitting a complete application.

What you'll need to apply

Business and banking information

You will need your business and banking information to apply, including:
general business information (for example, CRA business number)
banking information (for example, banking institution, account number, branch code)

Receipts for PPE

You will need to submit receipts or proof of costs for PPE purchased since March 17, 2020.

This includes:
gloves, gowns, face shields, eye protection, masks, sanitizer, sanitizing wipes
thermometers, temperature monitors or cameras
physical changes, including the installation of hand sanitizer stations and plexiglass dividers
signs to guide or inform customers and employees

Bills and/or invoices

To apply, you will have to submit proof of costs.

For property tax rebates, this includes your property tax bills (or proof of costs associated with property taxes).

For energy cost rebates, this includes a digital copy of the first energy bill (including electricity, natural gas, propane or other) you received on or after the day modified Stage 2, Control, Lockdown or Provincewide Shutdown restrictions were put in place in your region. You can also submit other energy bills if your business is heated by propane or heating oil.

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GUIDING LIGHT

St. James Anglican Church has undergone a series of restorations to bring the long-standing church into a beacon for the community. For more, see Page 6.

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Boundary review recommends new set of wards for Town

BY ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A presentation was brought to Caledon Council this week providing an update on the Ward Boundary Review.

Jack Ammendolia, Director and Member of Watson and Associates Economists Ltd., alongside retired political science professor at the University of Waterloo Dr. Robert Williams, presented lawmakers and the community at large configurations and preliminary options for Council to consider.

Ward boundary reviews, though not mandated, are recommended every three elections.

The Town of Caledon is currently served by nine members, including a Mayor, four Regional Councillors, and four local area Councillors within five existing wards, a system which was set back in 1994 and has not been modified since.

Since the long span of time between the first initial divide of wards, Town staff encouraged Council to undergo the ward boundary review process as the Town has seen significant growth for the past 27 years.

In 1994, the population in Caledon sat at just over 39,000. By this year, projections show that the town will hit 89,000. They have projected the population to hit 108,000 by 2031.

Every 10 years, municipalities participate in a ward boundary review to discuss if the current ward system is still working for the population of residents at that time.

"In Caledon, it's be a long time since these boundaries have been considered, so it's appropriate to think about whether the current structure is still appropriate," said Dr. Williams.

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Public spaces promoted as part of Bolton revitalization

BY ALYSSA PARKHILL
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The Town of Caledon got an update on the Bolton downtown revitalization project on Tuesday night, receiving a series observations and recommendations.

Last March, the Town adopted the 2020-2030 Economic Development Strategy, which included revamping plans for the popular downtown core of Bolton.

Throughout this past year, research, along with stakeholder engagement was done, followed by a draft plan that was presented to Council. Along with engagement with a variety of groups, a survey was organized to allow the public to weigh in on their thoughts as well.

Organized and drafted by marketing and consultation company MDB Insight Inc., the process received 350 responses from the community.

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Peel students to return to class February 16

BY BROCK WEIR

Students in the COVID-19 hotspots of Peel, York Region and Toronto will be able to return to class on Tuesday, February 16, Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced Wednesday afternoon.

"We said it had to be safe and while this has not been easy on Ontario parents and students and on our education staff, I want to be clear that safety is what has and what will drive our decisions every step of the way," said Minister Lecce. "We will not put your child and your family at risk. We were the first to close schools in this country last March and today we're the only province that decided to cautiously and gradually reopen our schools. Our Premier has been unequivocal: he will not put our families at risk.

"We know how critical getting kids back to school is for the mental health and development of our children. But, perhaps most importantly, while kids stayed home to learn remotely and with the introduction of tough measures and the stay-at-home orders for all Ontarians, we have seen a consistent decline in community transmission. With the full support of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and with unanimous support of all local medical officers of health, Ontario is ready to reopen schools because it is safe."

Schools in Ontario's remaining Public Health Units outside of the three hotspots will re-open to in-class learning this Monday, February 8.



The Town of Caledon Council got an update on the Downtown Revitalization Plan with several recommendations to make improvements and changes to Bolton's popular downtown core. **FILE PHOTO**

Former Bolton fire hall eyed as public venue in revitalization efforts

Continued from FRONT

MDB first presented to Council back in March regarding the Economic Development Strategy and have returned to discuss more details regarding the downtown revitalization that was originally included.

Executive Vice President Lauren Millier, alongside Senior Consultant Clark Hoskin, joined Council at the February 2 Planning and Development Committee meeting.

The revitalization plan began with a thorough background review, as well as meetings, interviews and workshops with members of Council, Town staff, community groups, businesses and Caledon residents.

"There were four areas that emerged across the consultation and certainly from the review of material that we looked at. Four major themes...are the basis for how the plan evolved," stated Millier.

These four pillars include organization, design, economic vitality and promotion.

Each pillar provided a series of recommendations from MDB Insight to Council on different aspects and improvements the plan will have for the Town.

Included in these pillars are 10 actions that MDB Insight believes would improve and promote the downtown core of Bolton.

Some key recommendations include:

- Improving communication with the Region of Peel as well as current business owners
- Permanently keep the parking pilot, implement traffic-calming measures and public realm improvements
- Encourage businesses to sell or lease empty storefronts
- Create a task force under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) with a three-year mandate
- Actively seek out solutions regarding development flood-plain communities with the help of regulatory agencies
- Encourage more recreation, entertainment, and public spaces through redesign
- Leverage current retailers and hospitality in the downtown core
- Begin and promote pop-events in public spaces

These are only a few of the recommendations provided.

Another major recommendation that stood out was reopening the Bolton Fire Hall and turning it into a spot for the community to share and enjoy.

In 2017, the Town of Caledon decided to turn the former fire station into a potential theatre venue, an idea which was later shelved after the project was projected to be a $2.1 million endeavour with an annual operating cost of $150,000.

One year later, the Town discussed turning the building into an innovation hub, which was also shelved.

This modified idea would reopen the Bolton Fire Station as the "FireHub", which would include a neighbourhood resource centre, a space for local artisans, coworking space, food retailers and local food markets, relocate the farmers market and be equipped with public washrooms.

"We say all this with an understanding that there is a lot of work to be done to bring aspects of this building up to code in order to make it all accessible, but we do think, at least in the short-term, the space that's on the ground floor does lend itself to aspects of this," explained Millier.

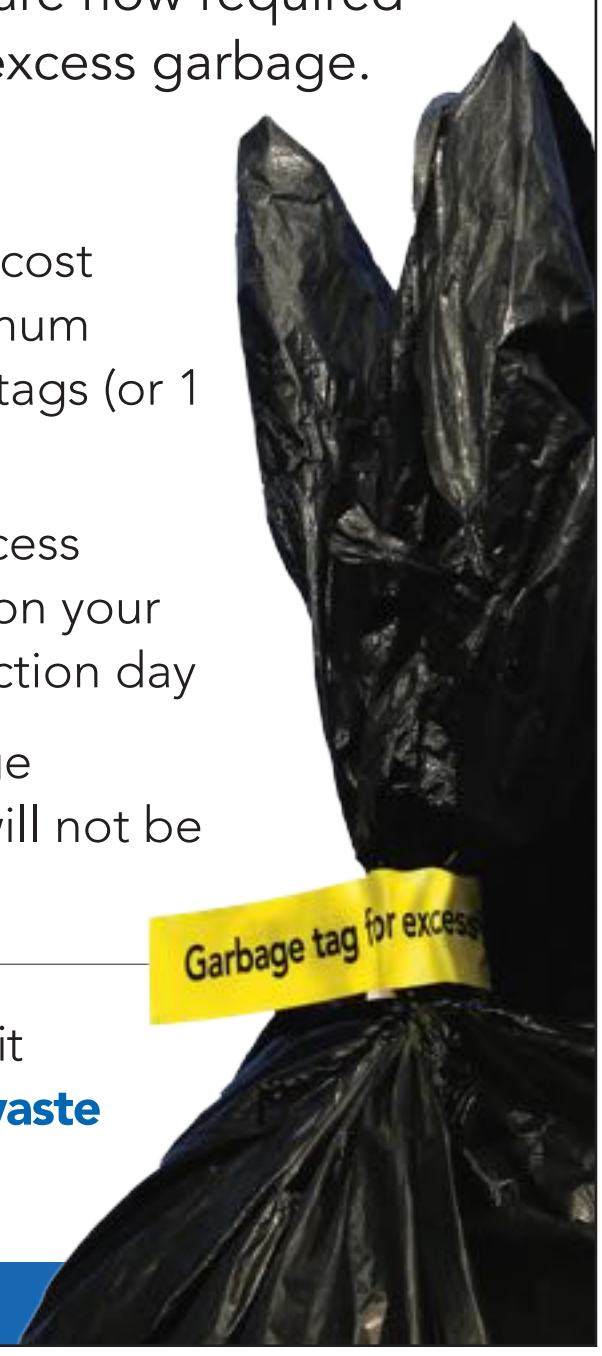
No members of the public had any comments or questions regarding the revitalization plan.

The Downtown Revitalization Plan would take place over a 24 to 36-month period.

The next steps include establishing a Downtown Bolton Task Force, resource the revitalization plan and prioritize actions.

The report will be coming back to Council for further debate in the future.


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South African COVID-19 variant found in Peel Region, first in the province

BY ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Peel Region is reporting 334 new cases of COVID-19 as of February 2, with 3,860 active, 50,720 resolved, with a total of 55,143 and 563 deaths.

Peel has been steadily in the 300 range since January 25, where numbers have hit 306, 379, and even as low as 295 on January 29.

Alongside Peel, York Region is reporting 124 new cases and 119 in Toronto.

Remarkably, Ontario is reporting a low number of 745 cases across the province, a significant decrease since 1,969 cases reported on Monday. Tuesday's numbers, however, do not paint a full picture as a technical glitch excluded Toronto's numbers from the total.

Caledon is reporting a total of 2,091 cases, followed by 34,034 in Brampton and 19,408 in Mississauga.

Peel Public Health announced on February 1 that the first case in the province of the B.1.351 variant of COVID-19 has been reported in Peel Region. The variant comes from South Africa.

The case involves a male resident of Mississauga who has not travelled outside of the country. He is self-isolating at home.

Amongst this case, Peel has reported seven confirmed cases of variants of concern (VOC), but is expected to see higher numbers in result of the increase of testing underway at the Peel Public Health labs.

"I am extremely concerned about the news of this variant in our community, especially with no history of travel. We are starting to see our cases plateau and community spread of this variant may change this suddenly," commented Peel Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh. "I urge all residents to continue to strictly follow Public Health guidelines and help break the chains of transmission."

Peel Public Health is working with the provincial and federal health officials to continue to monitor the variants and further protect Peel residents.

Additionally, the province announced on January 29, a six-part plan to improve proper screening and increased health measures to stop the spread of the new COVID-19 variants.

"We welcome the new measures announced by the federal government today, but we need a stop gap to prevent new cases, including variant cases, from arriving in Ontario until those measures are fully in place," said Premier Ford in a statement. "That's why our government is taking immediate and decisive action, which includes mandatory testing of incoming international travellers and providing additional layers of protection for the people of Ontario, especially our seniors. Through our six-point plan, we intend to stop this virus in its tracks."

The plan includes mandatory testing of all international travellers, enhanced screening and sequencing, continuing to maintain all public health measures, strengthening cases and contact management, enhancing the protection of vulnerable Ontarians and leveraging data.

"Urgent action is required to protect Ontarians from the new COVID-19 variants. That is why our government is implementing a six-point plan, which includes mandatory on-arrival testing of international travellers starting next week," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "We continue to urgently call on the Federal government to impose a temporary travel ban on flights coming from countries where new COVID-19 variants are being detected."

The first case of the UK COVID-19 variant was confirmed in December and 51 cases have been confirmed since.

It's been proven that the variant is not necessarily worse but could be up to 56 per cent more transmissible between individuals.

Alongside the UK variant, other variants of concern have been found globally from South Africa and Brazil.

To learn more, visit Ontario.ca, or Peel Public Health at peelregion.ca.

Vaccinations continue in long-term care as Feds announce production deal

BY BROCK WEIR

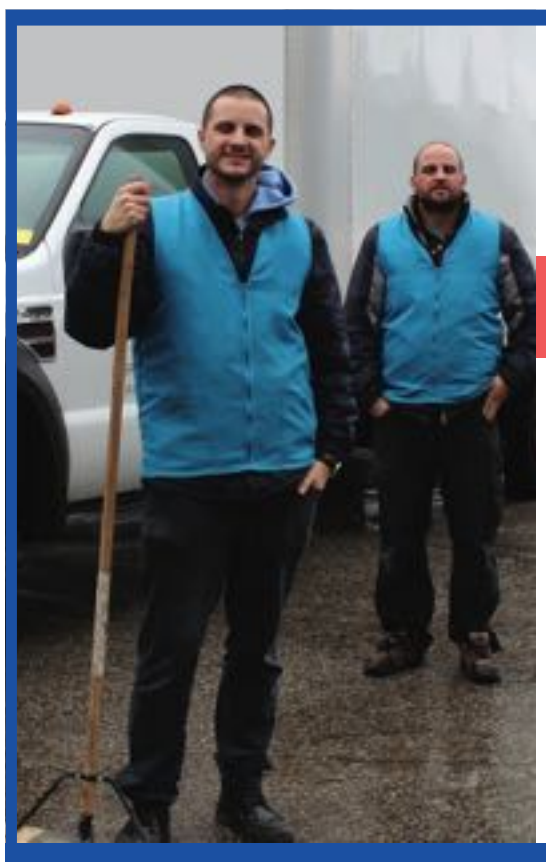
Vaccinations are continuing in Ontario long-term care homes and within northern fly-in communities as the Federal Government outlines details of a deal to produce doses of the COVID-19 vaccine domestically.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Tuesday a memorandum of understanding had been signed with Novavax with an aim to producing its COVID-19 vaccine at the National Research Council's Montreal-based Biologics Manufacturing Centre.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, our top priority has been the health and safety of all Canadians," said Trudeau in a statement. "Today, we are investing in our biomanufacturing capacity so that we have the made-in-Canada vaccines and treatments we need to protect Canadians, now and in the future, and recover from the impacts of COVID-19."

Added Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry: "Our government is bringing back the vaccine manufacturing capacity that Canadians expect and need. These investments will help to ensure that Canada has modern, flexible vaccine manufacturing capabilities now and in the future. With the investments announced today, our government is helping Canadian companies advance made-in-Canada vaccines and therapies, while securing domestic manufacturing options for international vaccine candidates. This is all part of our government's commitment to protect the health and safety of all Canadians today, and in the future."

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THREE CHARGED FOLLOWING THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

On January 29, at approximately 11:01 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP responded to a theft call for service at a local business. Information was received that a back pack containing keys, electronics, and a wallet was taken from the passenger seat of an unlocked vehicle.

On January 31, at approximately 7:08 a.m., OPP received information that the suspect vehicle had returned to the local business. Officers responded and located the vehicle.

As a result of the investigation, three individuals were arrested and are facing numerous charges.

Tamandeep Singh, 23, of Brampton and Amritpal Khattra, 24, of North York were charged with the following offences:

- Possession property obtained by crime under $5000 - two counts;
- Possession property obtained by crime over $5000;
- Possession of an identify document;
- Failure to comply with undertaking;
- Possession Break In Instruments; and
- Instrument for use in copying credit cards - possession

The charges have not been proven.

Manvir Singh, 22, of North York was charged with the following offences:

- Possession property obtained by crime under $5000 - two counts;
- Possession property obtained by crime over $5000;
- Possession of an identify document;
- Possession Break In Instruments; and
- Instrument for use in copying credit cards - possession

The charges have not been proven.

The three parties were held for a bail hearing and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date.

"Caledon OPP would like to remind the public that leaving your vehicle unlocked and/or with valuables in plain view offers would-be criminals an easy opportunity for theft. Police and its insurance industry partners want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured vehicles. Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables in plain view."

STUNT DRIVING

On February 2, at approximately 12:10 a.m., an officer from the Caledon OPP was conducting a general patrol on Mayfield Road in the Town of Caledon.

"At that time, a vehicle was observed travelling at a high rate of speed, exceeding 50 km/r over the posted speed limit," said Police. "The officer conducted a traffic stop. As a result of the police investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted."

As a result, Manpreet Singh, 28, of Brampton, was charged with the following offences:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg; and
- Race a motor vehicle – stunt

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 15, 2021 to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

"Stunt Driving/excessive speed is a charge for drivers travelling at a rate of 50km/h or over greater than the posted speed limit. Excessive speed, impaired driving, and winter road conditions can easily become a fatal mixture."

Over the last weekend, officers from the Caledon OPP charged four drivers for stunt driving (excessive speed).

While conducting a general patrol on Mayfield Road on January 29 at 11:21 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle travelling 140 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone. The vehicle was driven by a 19-year-old from Chatham.

The following day, an officer was conducting speed enforcement on Emily Kolb Parkway at approximately 7:50 p.m. A vehicle was stopped for driving 117 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone. It was driven by a 39-year-old from Brampton.

On January 31, enforcement was conducted in the Community Safety Zone on Highway 10 in Caledon Village at approximately 11:10 p.m. The area is a posted 50 km/h zone. The officer stopped two vehicles. The first driver was a 29-year-old from Ajax who was travelling at a speed of 103 km/h. The second was a 21-year-old from Brampton for driving at 120 km/h.

All four drivers were charged with Stunt Driving and received an immediate seven-day vehicle impound and driver's license suspension. They are scheduled to appear in Caledon East Provincial Court to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

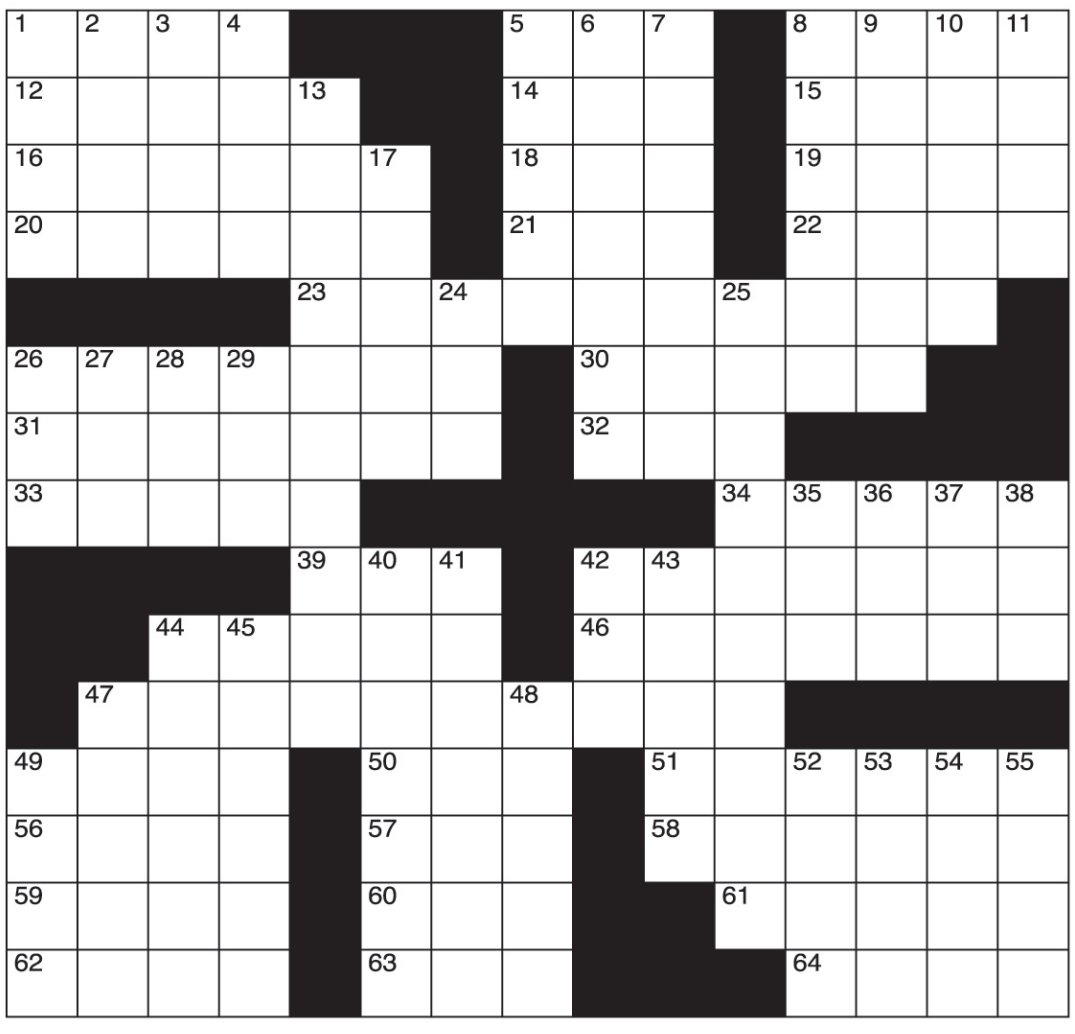
IMPAIRED DRIVER

On January 28, at approximately 9:14 p.m., the OPP responded to a vehicle into the ditch collision on Beech Grover Side Road, in the Town of Caledon.

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21. Consumed
22. Cushions
23. All over
26. One who provides food
30. St. __ Girl, brand of beer
31. Walking slowly
32. Wood
33. Semitic gods
34. Bugle
39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)
42. Congressman
44. Plant of the heath family
46. Subdivision of an army
47. Having many different forms
49. Shellfish
50. Latin for hail
51. Between sixth and seventh
56. Maori war dance
57. Precious or semiprecious stone
58. Teeter totter
59. Deity
60. A major division of geological time
61. Fishing net
62. Small Caribbean bird
63. Field force unit
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents oil spills
2. Monetary unit
3. The color of the sky
4. Dough used to make tortillas
5. Popular comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Has its own altar
9. Expedition to see animals
10. Group of related organisms
11. His and __
13. Frenetically
17. Small integer
24. Unit of energy
25. Studies of culture
26. Taxi
27. Doctors' group
28. Don't know when yet
29. Former measure of length
35. Popular CBS series
36. Skin condition
37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe
38. They __
40. Caused severe damage
41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay
42. One point east of due south
43. Sea eagles
44. Drenched
45. State capital
47. Italian city
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
49. Brief talk
52. Popular disco group: Bee __
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Military vehicle
55. Chinese Moslem

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



A mammography machine is used to look at breast tissue and detect any signs of breast cancer or any other concerns.

FILE PHOTO

Dufferin-Caledon community raises money for new machine at Headwaters

BY ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Once again, the community has come together to help support Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) in funding necessary equipment.

The Orangeville-based organization, the Morningview Foundation, is set to match all donations made by the community, up to a whopping amount of $200,000.

Beginning on November 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, donations reached over $200,000.

With over $400,000 raised through the community and the matched donation by the Morningview Foundations, HHCC was able to purchase a brand-new mammography machine that is equipped with 3D printing to help support breast cancer patients.

This new machine provides more accurate results and screening for dense breasts, seeks earlier detection of breast cancer in those who have symptoms and those without.

The machine also reduces the chances of receiving false-positive results.

"The new mammography machine at Headwaters will enable us to acquire high quality digital mammographic images efficiently while minimizing radiation exposure and maximizing our ability to detect breast cancer as early as possible," said Dr. Dan Mozeg of HHCC.

Mammography machines are highly expensive. The machine itself in fact costs more than $400,000, but thanks to a long-time community member, a donation was made in January which allowed the hospital to have the right amount to purchase the machine.

"With the introduction of the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) to Headwaters several years ago, the need for high quality breast imaging and diagnosis continues to increase and the acquisition of this new machine will help us to meet this need and care for our patients," said Dr. Mozeg.

The OBSP is a program that recommends and encourages women to get screened for breast cancer. Two different women are categorized in the program which includes women at average risk and those at high risk.

The recommendation is for women between the ages of 50 to 74 to get screened every two years. The benefits to these screenings are if breast cancer is found early enough, treatment has a better chance, and it is said to be less likely to have spread to other parts of the body.

Women who are 50 to 74 are eligible to receive these screenings through the OBSP if they have no new symptoms, have no personal history of breast cancer, no breast implants, have not had a mastectomy and have not had a screening in the past year.

"Thanks to our community, including the Morningview Foundation, for the difference your support will make in the lives of our patients and their families. Thanks to you, a new mammography machine is en-route to Headwaters. We quite simply could not have done it without you," said Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO Dora Boylen-Pabst.

For further information, visit hhcfoundation.com.

Social shaming is a byproduct of the pandemic: CEO

BY JESSICA LAURENZA

Renzo DiCarlo is a C3 triathlete member and an avid runner on the Bruce Trail.

He is also the CEO of BioPharma, a global pharmaceutical company specializing in human clinical trials, including assisting with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

Rather than explain the scientific innovations of our healthcare system, he details the importance of showing compassion and having empathy during the pandemic.

Having been on-site at his Toronto location since March, DiCarlo has seen the social and psychological ramifications further impede on people's lives.

If you're asymptomatic, the rapid tests are 73% accurate and if you do show symptoms, the test is 93% accurate.

"But even that 7% margin of error is high," DiCarlo explains.

Infections are being passed through asymptomatic children to their parents and, consequently, to their grandparents who are the ones showing up at the hospital.

People with underlying health conditions or secondary issues stemming from the pandemic are suffering from the extensive measures applied to hospitals to combat COVID. DiCarlo lost his uncle this past summer to heart disease because he was too afraid to go to the hospital.

If you go to the ER, unless it's a critical issue, most doctors try to maintain physical distance from patients, "which is sad because a lot of people are suffering from other diseases and issues besides COVID right now," DiCarlo explains.

DiCarlo outlines his discontent with the amount of social shaming and ignorance surrounding COVID.

Have you ever thought about why people are driving alone in their car with their mask on?

"Maybe the person is an Uber driver and they're constantly picking people up; maybe they're a courier and they're always in and out of their car; maybe they're wearing a mask as a reminder not to touch their face."

It's important to be empathetic towards people you don't know. You have no idea what someone is dealing with.

DiCarlo worries about the small, local businesses who are the backbone of our economy.

"What's going to happen in a couple of years when these businesses don't exist anymore?"

He has done his best to play his part in the community by supporting local businesses and offering people advice. He has explained to local business owners and residents that it's okay if you're not worried about COVID, but he questions why they aren't worried about others.

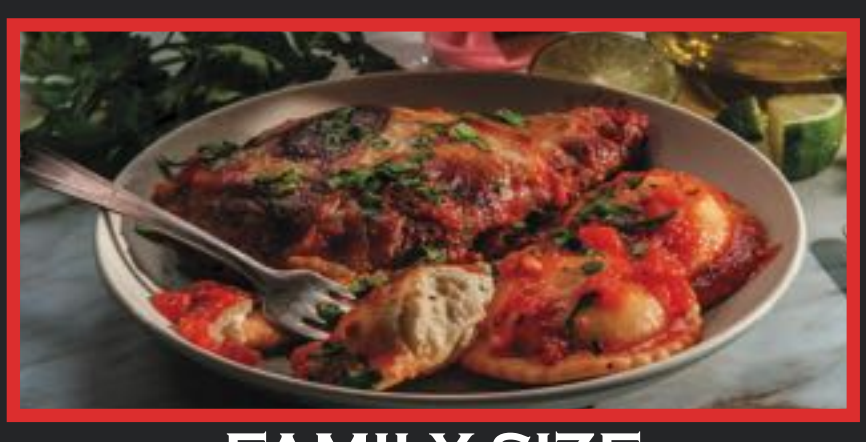
He gives an example.

"Think about your 60-year-old mother or 80-year-old grandmother. Do they have underlying health issues? Do you care if they get COVID? How do you know you're not a carrier? How do you know you're not asymptomatic? How come you're not worried about me transmitting the virus to you?"

Although the virus has resulted in lockdowns and quarantines, it's important to think about the ones you love and how you would feel if they got sick. That's why masks are important.

"If I'm infected and I have a mask on, I'm reducing my risk of infection towards you," DiCarlo says. "If we're both wearing masks, the risk is reduced even more so."

It's important that each citizen does their part in wearing a mask to protect others, showing compassion and non-judgement, and supporting the local community in any way possible.

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A construction team carries out work on the roof of St. James Anglican Church.

PHOTO BY TODD HILLHOUSE

St. James Anglican Church restoration work completed

BY ALYSSA PARKHILL
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon East place of worship has completed a series of changes and are excited to be able to show to the community.

St. James Anglican Church underwent a number of different restorations to the structure of the building, bringing the long-time spiritual home into a new light.

Restorations began in November 2019 and work continued until completion this past December.

"The roof [and] the paint deteriorated, which resulted in the metal roof being exposed to the elements, and actually resulted in some panels that had to be replaced, let alone the thing had to be sandblasted and then painted," explained Todd Hillhouse, Treasurer for the church. "We were very lucky that it was a restoration job and not a repair job which kept the whole character of the church and [allowed us to] preserve using materials that complement the building."

St. James Anglican Church, which used to be at the corner of Innis Lake Road and Old Church Rd, and the congregation later moved into the Caledon East in 1900.

The present church building was built in 1901 by local builders and designed by a Toronto architect by the name of C.J. Gibson.

St. James is one of many Anglican churches specifically under the auspices of the Diocese of Toronto.

The restoration process endured some challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as financially as restorations are often shown to be more expensive that renovations.

St. James Anglican Church worked with a local contractor Restoration Guys Inc. who tackled the roof and wooden eaves, while sandblasting all the stone work and restoring all the wood in the stained glass windows – and even doing major work to the bell tower.

There were several pieces of history that are a part of the church that wouldn't be able to be replaced, and the team at Restoration Guys were able to ensure their protection.

"Apparently, even though we're ringing the bell, it was in rough shape up top. It had to be sandblasted. It had to be treated because it had rust and deterioration [and needed] a new rope. The bell rings much better," said Hillhouse.

"Being up in the bell tower was an opportunity to replace the light inside. It's all newly painted, and we have a bright new bulb inside so you can see that illuminate at night," commented Father Chris Dow, Priest at St. James Anglican Church. "It really, really lights up the bell tower and it's quite a noticeable attraction."

More is to be restored, mainly indoors, but members are ecstatic about this project being completed and being able see the church in a brand-new light.

"It feels great. It was a noticeable eyesore before and it just didn't send the right message to the community," said Father Dow. "We have a great congregation; they love this church. So now with the new roof, the restoration work, the bell tower and all that, it's a nice visible sign of the life we have on the inside."

In order to pay for these restorations, many members of the community, as well as current and past parishioners, chipped in to help support the church. With their help, St. James was able to raise $36,000 through fundraising.

In addition, the Town of Caledon also provided a grant of $12,500.

Members at St. James Anglican Church are hopeful that all the work done will encourage residents of the community to seek and enjoy services provided by the church.

Many residents have already shared their compliments on how improved the physical building looks.

"We look forward to inviting people to come see the place, and take it all in," said Father Dow.

St. James Anglican Church continues their Sunday services through an early service with a limit of 10 people, as well as a later service with seven to 10 members.

Services are livestreamed online for members to attend without leaving their home.

To learn more, visit stjamescaledoneast.ca.

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Boundary review recommends new set of wards for Caledon

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The team at Watson and Associates presented a set of guiding principles that a ward-based electoral system should work with.

These include representation by population, future population trends, communities of interest, and physical and natural boundaries, which all total effective representation.

"To achieve effective representation, it's not one thing you can point at," said Ammendolia.

Ward 1 currently sits with a population of 10,050, Ward 2 at 18,830, Ward 3 and 4 at 21,800 and, finally, Ward 5 at 24,790.

2031 projections completed by Watson and Associates states that Ward 1 will go down to 9,780, Ward 2 increase to 38,470, Ward 3 and 4 to 34,540 and Ward 5 to increase to 25,150.

"When we have wards that range in population between 10,000 and 25,000, there's a definite imbalance between some of the wards in Caledon right now," said Ammendolia.

With these guiding principles, the public provided their feedback based on the ward they live in and what they considered to be their top priority.

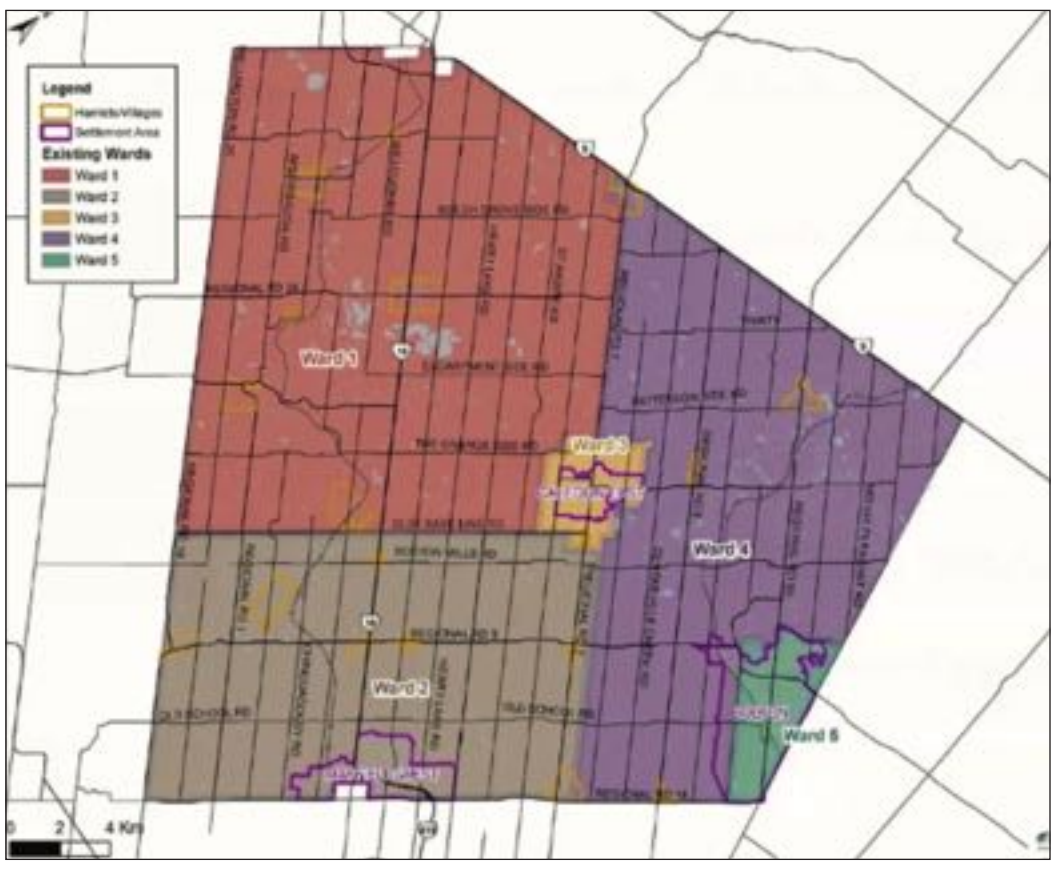
"If we're going to go forward and also to evaluate the current system, we need to determine whether there is a guiding principle that should be given greater priority in Caledon," said Dr. Williams. "We saw that in 1994 the then OMB said we're going to use communities of interest as the priority principle, and the bigger question is, is that still the case?"

A survey was done with 244 participants in Caledon.

Results showed that more than half of the residents in Ward 1 and Ward 3 and 4 put communities of interest as their first and second priority. Wards 2 and 5 stated representation by population as their first or second priority, and more than half of all responses ranked effective representation first or second priority guiding principle for Caledon.

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The current ward system in Caledon, which was established in 1994 and has not been modified since, includes five wards with Wards 3 and 4 combined.

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"Our initial evaluation of the wards and what we talked about indicates that they don't meet the guiding principles," said Ammendolia.

Preliminary options were provided to Council on alternative ward boundaries that include all of the provided guiding principles for lawmakers to consider. These options included dropping down to four wards, rather than the current five, or increasing to a total of six wards.

Councillors, as well as some of their residents, shared their concerns regarding the representation by population, especially after the recent decrease of representation at the Regional table where rep by pop was a key factor in deciding that Caledon's Regional representation be decreased by two members.

"Caledon has maintained the argument at the Region that rep by pop does not give us effective representation, we lost that argument, but now we're applying it here," commented Ward 2 Regional Councillor Johanna Downey.

"We're not giving that sole consideration," remarked Dr. Williams. "It is one of a number of factors. When you try to push population as the driving force, you lose all kinds of other things."

He added, "population parity is not the only thing that matters."

"I think when you look at that six representation as we grow and develop, I think it makes a lot of sense. I know there needs some tweaking, but I think you're there," commented Mayor Allan Thompson. "There's places where you got to have that rural vote, and you've got to have that urban voice as well. So, you want to make sure that's well represented.

"It's important that those communities all have a balanced voice."

The next step in the ward boundary review process includes preparing additional options and configurations. It also includes beginning the second phase of public engagement with virtual open houses to discuss the presented preliminary options and to gather further input and feedback from the community.

IMPAIRED DRIVER

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"While on scene, officers formed sufficient grounds to arrest the driver for the offence of Operation of a Motor Vehicle while Impaired. The driver was transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted."

As a result of the investigation, Daren Guildford, 47, of Brampton, was charged with: Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 15, 2021 to answer to the charge. The charges have not been proven.

DRIVER CHARGED AFTER USING EMERGENCY LIGHT

On January 23, at approximately 11:23 p.m., an officer from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was patrolling Highway 410 near Valleywood Boulevard in the Town of Caledon.

At that time, the officer observed a vehicle traveling northbound at a high rate of speed while using emergency lighting equipment producing intermittent flashes of red and blue lights.

The officer stopped the vehicle and the police investigation resulted in the seizure of two emergency light bars.

As a result, a 20-year-old from Mississauga was charged with the following offences:

- Unauthorized red and blue lights
- Have care or control of a vehicle with cannabis readily available
- Drive vehicle with cannabis in open baggage
- Driver fail to surrender licence
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle
- Fail to have insurance card
- Obstruct plate

The driver is scheduled to appear in Caledon East Provincial Court at a later date to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

"Section 62(14.1) of the Ontario Highway Traffic Acts prohibits vehicles to carry lamps that produce red and blue lights," say Police. "Exceptions includes vehicles such as police, fire, and ambulance. Drivers in violation of this section become a safety hazard by causing confusion amongst other motorists. This behavior also undermines the use of such lights by true first responders when responding to an emergency."

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COVID-19 Testing

If you have symptoms, get tested as soon as possible. If you're a close contact (someone who was exposed to a person with COVID-19) but do not have symptoms, get tested at least 5 to 7 days after you were exposed to a person with COVID-19. If you aren't sure when you were exposed, get tested right away.

For more infomation visit:

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- **CALEDON EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE**
  6215 Old Church Rd, Caledon East
  Hours: Fridays 2 to 7 p.m.
- **CALEDON CENTRE FOR RECREATION AND WELLNESS**
  14111 Regional Road 50 North | Bolton, ON
  Hours: Mondays 2 to 7 p.m.

  *For the above locations call **905-796-4922** to book an appointment.*
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  100 Rolling Hills Drive, Orangeville
  *Visit **headwatershealth.ca** to book an appointment.*

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FEBRUARY

9 General Committee (Budget), 7 p.m.

15 Family Day Holiday -- Offices closed

16 Council (Budget), 6 p.m.

17 Committee of Adjustment, 1 p.m.

17 Open House: Fireworks By-law, 6 p.m.

Also, check out the community events calendar:

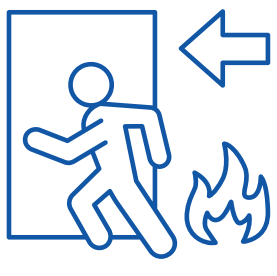
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Fire and smoke move quickly. Every second counts when you're trying to escape from a fire. Everyone must know what to do and where to go when their smoke alarms sound.

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Here's what you should do:

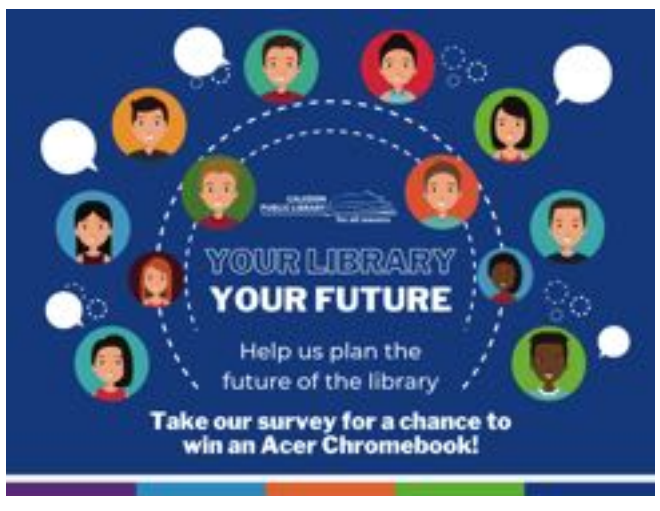
- Plan two ways out of every room, if possible
- Practice your escape plan twice a year
- Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas



HERE'S THE CHALLENGE

Get your own copy of the home escape plan grid at **caledon.ca/fire**.

Between February 8 - 15, take a photo of your family practicing your home escape plan and post on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram (@YourCaledon). Use #StayFireSafe.



Meeting start time correction

Notice of Public Meeting - Proposed Fireworks By-law

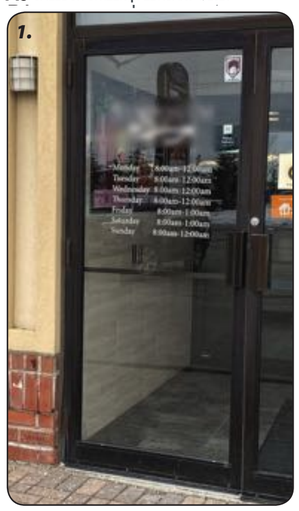
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Entries must be submitted by 5pm on Friday February 12th.

If your entry form has all 20 businesses matched to the correct door, you will be entered into a Draw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Winners will be selected and announced in the February 18th Caledon Citizen.

Top Prize: $500 gift card bundle
2nd & 3rd prize: $250 gift card bundles

All correct entries will be entered into a draw for the Care Package. Must be 18 years of age or older to win.

One entry per person per week.

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☐ 2.	☐ 12.
☐ 3.	☐ 13.
☐ 4.	☐ 14.
☐ 5.	☐ 15.
☐ 6.	☐ 16.
☐ 7.	☐ 17.
☐ 8.	☐ 18.
☐ 9.	☐ 19.
☐ 10.	☐ 20.

Participating Businesses

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MOUNTAINVIEW PHYSIO	BOSS LEATHER
BOLTON FAMILY DENTAL	FOODLAND CALEDON EAST

Good luck to all and what a great way to get up and go for a walk, drive or bike ride to make sure you have the right doors chosen for each business.

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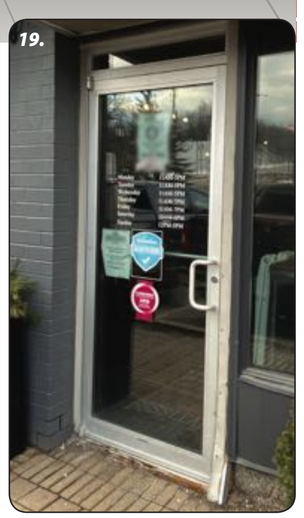














Brock's Banter

Stuck in another period of twilight

BY BROCK WEIR

Working from home can be a mixed blessing.

Speaking purely from the standpoint of a guy with no kids, my adjustment has been easier than most. But, in all honesty, it wasn't entirely smooth sailing.

One of the biggest difficulties in those early days, as I have mentioned once or twice in this space before, was not being able to come home after leaving the day's work behind at the office. Work was always present, sometimes calling me back to the screen, and the simple act of closing the door to my appointed workspace just didn't do the trick.

Given the fact that I was one of the lucky ones who still had a job all those many months ago, however, I snapped back to reality with gratitude for my situation and got on with the day. After all, what alternative was there?

The weeks and months that we have all been through have made it easier. A few days before we had our first stay-at-home orders last March, I figured what was about to come was all but inevitable and brought whatever necessities home on the Friday before. I didn't think everything though and, bit by bit, the situation has been rectified.

First, a week or two after our first health restrictions were handed down, there was a trip back to the office to collect the electric pencil sharpener. You might be scoffing at what seems like an inessential piece of office equipment, but trust me on this one. Next up was lugging home significant portions of our archives from before the days when digitization was all but a reflex. Last week, it was time for my office chair to come home – the last 10 months having wreaked havoc on my in-home swivel that has served me well since high school but has now succumbed to wear and tear the likes of which it had never seen before.

As I reacquainted myself with the far firmer office chair to begin work on this week's paper, it suddenly became almost oppressively quiet in the house. Some background music was in order. With no particular hankerings, a YouTube playlist was picked at random. Such was its randomness that I wasn't paying any particular attention to what was coming out of the makeshift jukebox, until one song all but hit me between the eyes.

Last January and February, I harboured a double-barrelled earworm. Perhaps a bit too late to the party, they were two songs that were receiving particular airplay at the time: "Gaslighter" by The Chicks and one of the latest from Alanis Morissette, "Reasons I Drink."

There was no special affinity for these songs, other than the simple fact they were, in my opinion, great returns to form and I admittedly listened to them far too often – until I stopped.

The last time I remember listening to them in earnest was one cold night almost exactly a year ago. Headed into Toronto for a performance by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the GO Bus hit some traffic on the way to the city, so out come the earbuds in a bid to pass the time.

I guess I vanquished the earworm that night because those songs were out of mind – until they popped up again last week. When that first one poured out of the speaker I could feel the hair on arms stand just slightly on end. Why? The songs were still great, but I was feeling something different. Nerves? Trepidation? Dread? Each a slightly different spin on the same family of "feels." Then, it struck.

If seasons could have an anthem, those two could have been top contenders for last winter, when we knew something was in the air and the world as we knew it was about to change.

The more I thought about what I was hearing – and, admittedly, I had to pause once or twice to give myself a break, I realized that these two tracks, at least to my mind, evoked that strange twilight we were all experiencing one year ago this month when we knew an enemy was knocking on our door and it was only a matter of time before it burrowed its way through.

It was an odd, if disconcerting sensation to relive those feelings of nerves, trepidation and dread, along with the feeling of determination of just getting on with it until we were unable to do so without some very serious and significant adjustments. But, the more I thought about it, this trio of unfortunate emotions was tempered with a one-two punch of satisfaction and hope.

Over the last 12 months, we have collectively displayed an adaptability we have not had to roll out perhaps since the headiest days of the Second World War. Despite some difficult starts and stops, we have, out of sheer necessity, recreated our lives to get by and stay safe.

All levels of government in this country – albeit, alas, temporarily – put aside partisan differences to address the immediate needs of every day Canadians, issues that transcended allegiance to any party.

We have not only redefined how we conduct business – in ways which were previously dismissed outright before necessity forced some hands – but how we stay connected and help other, less tech-savvy friends and family navigate what might seem a brave new world.

Most of us have discovered stores of patience we never realized we had, found new appreciation for people in any number of jobs that were, perhaps, previously simply just part of our everyday lives, and even picked up some new skills along the way.

Now, despite a few unfortunate hiccups in the distribution process, there is hope on the horizon with vaccinations and an increasing number of approved inoculation suppliers.

By now, we probably all know someone who has received at least their first dose of vaccine. Indeed, every photo we see on social media of beaming friends and family exhaling in relief as they proudly point to the band-aids on their arms, is just one more brick on the road to whatever our new "new normal" has in store for us and I, for one, am not only looking forward to its arrival but seeing what we make of it.

If the last year has taught us anything, we need to make the most of the world we have. Whatever is on the horizon, is up to us to take this opportunity, in what might be another twilight period, to define in advance what we want to achieve on the other side.

I just know, as far as music goes, I'm not going to pick any of my faves as the backdrop just in case!



Local media always has your back

by Mark Pavilons



Arthur Miller once said that a good newspaper is like a "nation talking to itself."

And Robert Peel believed that public opinion is a compound including "newspaper paragraphs."

P.T. Barnum espoused "he who is without a newspaper is cut off from his species."

A recent Edelman's trust barometer poll revealed some less than positive results. Some 56% of Americans agree with the statement that "journalists and reporters are purposely trying to mislead people by saying things they know are false or gross exaggerations."

And 58% think that "most news organizations are more concerned with supporting an ideology or political position than with informing the public."

The 2021 Trust Barometer reveals an epidemic of misinformation and widespread mistrust of societal institutions and leaders around the world. There's a failing trust in four major institutions – business, government, NGOs, and media

The pandemic, and the uncertainty it has created, is somewhat to blame. Toss in fear, apprehension, racism and financial pressure to the mix, and you have a recipe for mistrust.

A large part of this apprehension comes from a certain former head of state and his repeated bashing of the media and use of the term "fake news." There's an old saying about glass houses and stones.

Unfortunately, he's left a bad taste in the mouths of Americans.

The 2019 Digital News Report outlines the effect the loss of hundreds of newspapers across the country has had on its media ecosystem. Canadian news sources seem to be held in a higher regard, with trust levels at 52%. In addition to those who rely on digital for news, 66% rely on TV while only 28% source their news from a print publication.

Sure, I'm biased, but I firmly believe that our trust is high. We ultimately serve you, the public, our readers. You are the boss, not the person named on our masthead.

The community newspaper is the one true source of local information. It's likely the last bastion of local news. It's one of the few remaining places where you can learn about your neighbours, local policies, where your taxes go, when your road is getting paved and how your son or daughter performed on their sports team. Few other venues exist to tout local business accomplishments, discoveries, milestones and acts of kindness.

Our mandate is to report reliable facts as they are presented to us. We are not psychics or have some invisible pipeline to the truth. We rely on other individuals and organizations – entrepreneurs, politicians, municipal staff and residents – to share their stories and facts on various issues. Yes, some of it is opinion and some is inherently biased. But that should be clearly stated in every instance and it's up to the reader to decide and decipher. We can present the facts, and the opinions, what you do with them is up to you.

Some argue that the media itself isn't strong enough to turn this tide of trust around. They need support and, yes, endorsement, from those very same sources. This is the basis of credibility.

While credibility, honesty and passion can be established, it only takes one big mistake, or one misstep, to set it all back to the beginning.

We have been serving this community for many years, and all journalists work hard getting to know all the community leaders, local politicians, local volunteers, organizations and just what makes Caledon tick.

You would think that once we established credibility and had a good, solid track record, that would be it. Not so. The work continues week after week. Every issue we have to reaffirm our commitment to the community; provide timely and pertinent information. We have to continually be the best we can be, so the community is not only informed, but engaged and enlightened. We want everyone to feel they can turn to us, contact us, about anything on their minds.

We'd like to think we do an excellent job in putting this package together for you week in, and week out. The pandemic has been challenging, resulting in much fewer public events and in-person interviews. But we have persevered and still provide oodles of articles for you to digest.

Just as we ask people to reach out to us about their stories, we also ask that they put us in our place when necessary. We're not perfect and we do make mistakes. Hopefully they are minor, and few and far between. Again, the ultimate judge is you. Tell us how and where to improve. Tell us what you love and what you hate. Just as our system of government relies on engagement and involvement, so too does your local community newspaper. I'm with Sally Quinn, who once said "I can't imagine life without a newspaper." We're here for you!



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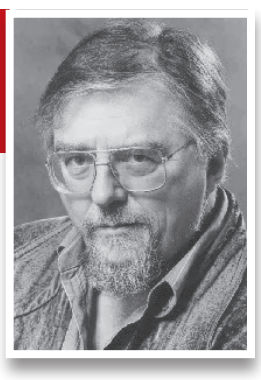
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Vaccine Nationalism

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OUR WORLD TODAY



My wife and I had our first shots of a COVID-19 vaccine this weekend (Astra-Zeneca, since you ask), and none of our children are old enough to be particularly vulnerable. I therefore no longer have a dog in this fight, and can write with godlike impartiality about who else should get the vaccine.

We can all (or almost all) agree that the most vulnerable should come first: care-home residents, health workers, over-70s, and people with serious underlying diseases. Among adults under 50 who catch COVID-19, only 200 out of a million die; among those over 70, 54,000 do. So, everybody else can afford to wait another month or so, and let the vulnerable go first.

But who is "we"? Almost always it means people in our own country, not the whole world. Not even the country next-door, in most cases: there is now a most unedifying row between the United Kingdom and the European Union over vaccine supply, although they are among the richest countries in the world.

The EU's 27 nations have 960 million doses of five different vaccines on order, with options for several hundred million more. The UK has 250 million doses on order from the same five companies (Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech, Oxford/AstraZeneca, Novavax and Johnson & Johnson).

That's enough for everybody in the EU with plenty left over, and more than twice as much as the UK could possibly use. And still they fight over who gets it first.

If this is how rich neighbours behave towards each other, is there any hope that they will support vaccination in poor countries far away? As it turns out, yes.

"Vaccine nationalism" is not an all-or-none thing. If the whole street is on fire, I will save my children first, but I'll go back to save the neighbours' kids too, and even their cats if there's time. It's not children at risk in this case, but the principle is the same.

Nobody can criticize Britain, for example, for putting its own most vulnerable people first – but it is on schedule to have them all done by the middle of this month.

As soon as that is accomplished, it should share some of its supply from AstraZeneca to save the lives of elderly French and Danes and Greeks rather than devoting it all to its own relatively safe middle-aged people. And as other supplies come online, it should share more widely too.

Within a few months, as more vaccines are approved and production ramps up, more doses will be produced each day than can be injected into the citizens of rich countries in the same day. This will happen because those countries pre-bought large quantities of many different vaccines in order to be sure of having some winners.

The vaccines almost all worked, so we are in the happy situation of looming over-supply – and there's no need to wait until the rich countries have vaccinated everybody at home. Once their own vulnerable people are safe, they can spare some for the vulnerable elsewhere.

Canada, for example, has bought 214 million doses of vaccine, with options on 200 million more. There are 38 million Canadians, so say 30 million recipients – many of whom will be getting one-shot vaccines. Canada will have at least 150 million doses left over – or 350 million, if it exercises its options.

"Absolutely we will be sharing with the world," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and the UK, which will end up with around 200 million spare doses, should be saying the same thing.

The United States has orders with six companies for 800 million doses, with options on another 1.6 billion. There are more than 800 million spare doses bought and paid for worldwide. Start sharing them now, not after everybody has been inoculated at home.

This is not charity; it's self-interest. So long as the virus is circulating widely in poorer countries, it constitutes an enormous reservoir in which new mutations will occur frequently – and some of those mutations might render existing vaccines ineffective. The vaccines can be tweaked to deal with new variants, but we don't want to be playing catch-up for the next five years.

Shattered Ceilings

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Someone reached out to me recently to share thoughts on the election of Kamala Harris as Vice-President of the United States. They, along with millions of women around the world, are heralding her victory as a significant step forward in nudging the needle ever closer towards achieving equity, if not parity, with our male counterparts. That the new VP also identifies as African American and of South Asian descent adds to the significance of the occasion as little girls from around the world can now see their own reflection staring back at them.

Kamala Harris has a long history of shattering ceilings, as do many Canadian women and women all around the world, whether in business, politics, the justice system or leading non-profit agencies. Her election presents an important opportunity to share our own stories of empowerment right here close to home. Caledon (and the surrounding area) has its own proud history of women in politics and in positions of power, local women who are role models to us all.

Caledon's first female Mayor, Carol Seglins, was elected in 1994 and remained in office until 2003. Prior to her time as Mayor, she had also served as a Regional Councillor. As a trailblazer for Caledon, Ms. Seglin's Mayoral term was immediately followed by the strong leadership of Mayor Marolyn Morrison, a female role model who served the community of Caledon well for over 13 years, in office from 2003 through 2014.

Mayor Morrison was (and is) known for a number of character traits, including her refusal to be intimidated by just about anyone. She originally began her career as a Public School Trustee and then Regional Councillor before becoming our Mayor. "Few decisions please everybody," she was once quoted as saying but making hard decisions never deterred her from making them and she retired undefeated.

Our current sitting Council is comprised of nine members the majority of which (five) I'm happy to say are women. The current CAO of Caledon, named in March of 2020, just as the pandemic took hold, is Carey Herd, an accomplished municipal leader who has been with the Town since 2013. Further evidence that Caledon might be considered leading the way in terms of leadership opportunities for women is that of the 11 departments at the recently reorganized Town offices, six are led by women and the CEO of the Caledon Public Library is also female. For a Town of about 70,000 people, I think we are doing an admirable job.

But – despite these marvellous examples of local women in leadership positions, we still need to ask ourselves some hard questions. Questions like whether women intentionally hold one another down? Do we support and empower other women or do we seek to undermine them? Is there a sense of female solidarity or do successful women operate in silos because they see it is the only way forward?

We already know that women are judged differently from men, particularly those seeking or holding political office. We have only to look at the numerous news stories of women like Hillary Clinton who was told at one point in her campaign for the presidency to start acting more feminine because she was too intimidating. Females everywhere will share stories of being seen as "moody," "domineering" or "b**y" instead of strong-willed, able to make decisions or principled – descriptors more apt to be ascribed to males in leadership positions.

Examples abound of women supporting women and I've been lucky to be a part of many great networking groups with a specific focus on helping women in business. But for every woman raised up, who might we be leaving behind?

Entire books have been written by women seeking to support their fellow females in business. "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg comes to mind. The book originated from a TED Talk she gave in 2010. At that time, she hinted broadly that to achieve equality at work, women need equality at home. That a women's partner must take on an equal share of the unpaid labour in order to achieve success.

According to Rachel Thomas, writing in Fortune magazine, "The book explained why so few women are at the top of organizations—not because of their shortcomings, but because it's often impossibly hard for them to get there. It dove into the research on bias and shared behind-the-scenes stories about how women deal with workplace indignities that men never face." Anecdotally, we all know that men are rarely asked, "how they will balance work and home life", yet that question is routine for women, expected even. Sheryl's book wasn't so much a "how to" manual to achieving equality at the table but rather, a suggestion that "now that you know this (the difficulty of the journey) you are better prepared to deal with it. Claim your seat the table – and if you achieve power, use it to help pull down the barriers that hold others back." While I'd like to think that we do, and we are, pulling down barriers and encouraging one another to claim that seat at the table, I'd prefer to live in a world where it wasn't so hard to find the table in the first place. Former Orangeville mayor Mary Rose shared that during her time in office her colleagues "were wonderful supporters" and "accommodating" and while that's good news, I wonder if this is everyone's experience? Of course, none of this even begins to address the additional bias faced by Black women, Indigenous Women and People of Colour.

Still, the election WAS and IS good news. I was gratified to see post after post and tweet after tweet celebrating the Kamala/Biden victory, many containing pictures of little girls from all communities, staring at their TV screens while Vice President Harris was sworn in. These were little girls perhaps now better able to envision a future where they too could hold the office of VP of the United States and perhaps even that of the man standing next to Kamala on the platform that day.

To all of our hard-working Caledon community female change makers – thank you for your efforts, your hard work and your leadership by example. May you continue to shine a light locally for all young women who dream of brighter tomorrows where equity and parity are so commonplace, we no longer devote whole articles to their importance.

Thanks LK for your thoughts - I hope I've done the topic justice.

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Popular local golf courses introduce new brand

BY ALYSSA PARKHILL
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The Devil's Pulpit Golf Association has a new brand, combing the two popular golf courses into one known entity.

PHOTO BY THE PULPIT CLUB

What was once known as the Devils Pulpit Golf Association has now been rebranded after being recently taken over by Longridge Partners Inc.

The Toronto-based investment firm bought the association last Spring. Since then, they have gone on to announce a new brand, grouping two highly known and popular golf clubs, The Pulpit and The Paintbrush, into one.

The goal, stated by the firm, was to newly represent the association rather than make a significant change.

"The Pulpit Club isn't just a new name—it represents a distinctly fresh approach to the private golf club market," said president Mackenzie Crawford in a statement. "The partners in Longridge were members of the DPGA when we acquired it and we had a vision for the club and surrounding area. Great golf is at its core, but The Pulpit Club is about offering outdoor opportunities 12 months of the year and presenting a new membership structure to support that."

Both the Pulpit and the Paintbrush are on the list of the top 25 golf courses in Canada.

The Paintbrush is ranked at number 10, and the Pulpit at number 25.

In addition to the two golf courses, the area also includes an estate home as well as 500 acres of property, all owned by the investment firm.

"Our goal is to create truly engaged social- and nature-oriented opportunities for members of The Pulpit Club, whether they are fervent golfers, outdoor enthusiasts, or families looking to escape to the incredible Caledon Hills for a weekend of exploring, scenic dining, and myriad other outdoor pursuits," said Crawford.

The Pulpit Club is looking to create not only a place for golf, but for all members of the family.

"The engagement level of our members has increased dramatically. Whether you're coming to the club for golf, dinner, play by the pool with your kids, or in the winter for snowshoeing, tobogganing, cross-country skiing, or a campfire, this is your escape into a spectacular natural property," said The Pulpit Club General Manager Rob Roxborough.

Included in the new brand is a membership program called the Partnership Membership, which is generational and allows members to have access to both golf courses as well as clubhouse, restaurant and other programs offered, all year-round.

"Whether it is through our membership offering, the refined and relaxed atmosphere at the club, or the amenities and activities we're offering, it is our goal to set The Pulpit Club apart in the market," said Crawford.

Which makes the Pulpit Club membership different than other club is the Partnership Membership provides an investment opportunity in the properties of both the Pulpit and the Paintbrush.

According to their interactive website, "the investment is in the unparalleled properties of the Pulpit and Paintbrush courses, a hard asset value that secures the value of the membership, without exposure to operating expenses or capital assessments."

"The rebranding is an exciting step, but only one of many to come for the club and this area of Caledon," said Crawford.

To learn more about The Pulpit Club, visit their new website, thepulpitclub.com.

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Buccaneers or Chiefs? Who has the edge this Sunday in Super Bowl LV?

BY ROBERT BELARDI

For the first time in Super Bowl history, a team will be hosting the NFL's most prestigious game in their home stadium.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will become the first to do so on Sunday when the Kansas City Chiefs come to town to battle it out for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Both teams earned their trip to the grand dance in exhilarating fashion. The Buccaneers staved off the Green Bay Packers in Lambeau Field 31-26. The Kansas City Chiefs came back down 10-0 to the pesky Buffalo Bills at Arrowhead Stadium, with a 38-24 victory.

Each year, the hype surrounding the Super Bowl never seems to fade, but this year's storyline is one for the ages.

Tom Brady will be playing in his 10th Super Bowl, having won six titles already. And he will be taking on the quarterback on the other end of the field who was his Super Bowl predecessor in Patrick Mahomes.

Mahomes looks to defend his title, having won the Super Bowl last year against the San Francisco 49ers.

And he might be able to do so because of his coaches. Chiefs head coach Andy Reid and offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy aren't shy to take risks. We saw it in the AFC Divisional Round against Cleveland on fourth down with their back-up Chad Henne. To risk it all is what Reid and Bieniemy are all about.

Football Editor at theScore, Daniel Valente predicts Reid and Bieniemy won't be the only ones that are willing to chance it.

"Really what makes this matchup against Tampa Bay intriguing is they're going up against another coach and another team that has the philosophy of, 'we're going to risk it all,'" Valente said.

"Bruce Arians, Tampa Bay's coach, no risk it, no biscuit. He's same thing. Third and one he's going long. I think if it's any team that can go blow for blow with KC, it's Tampa."

In a tale of two offences that totalled over 6,000 yards in the regular season each, the Chiefs have distinctive weapons that Valente says are talented to earn more yards after the catch.

Tyreek Hill, Mecole Hardman and Travis Kelce are only three of the Chiefs' offensive stalwarts that will be quite the load to handle for the Bucs.

But another intriguing matchup in this one is the Buccaneers pass rush against a banged-up Chiefs offensive line.

"I think that's the one thing that's being overlooked a lot in this matchup is the battle in the trenches. Tampa's pass rush against KC's depleted offensive line. They're down (Eric) Fisher and Andy Reid said today (January 25) that Mitchell Schwartz isn't looking likely to be coming back in the Super Bowl," Valente said.

If Tampa Bay wants to pull off an upset, this is the key matchup. The Buccaneers stout defence with Ndamukong Suh, Jason Pierre-Paul, Vita Vea, Shaquil Barrett, Devon White and Lavonte David will be key.

If the Buccaneers also want to control the tempo offensively, they can do so running the football. The Bucs have two studs in Leonard Fournette and Ronald Jones with other running options should they choose to use them.

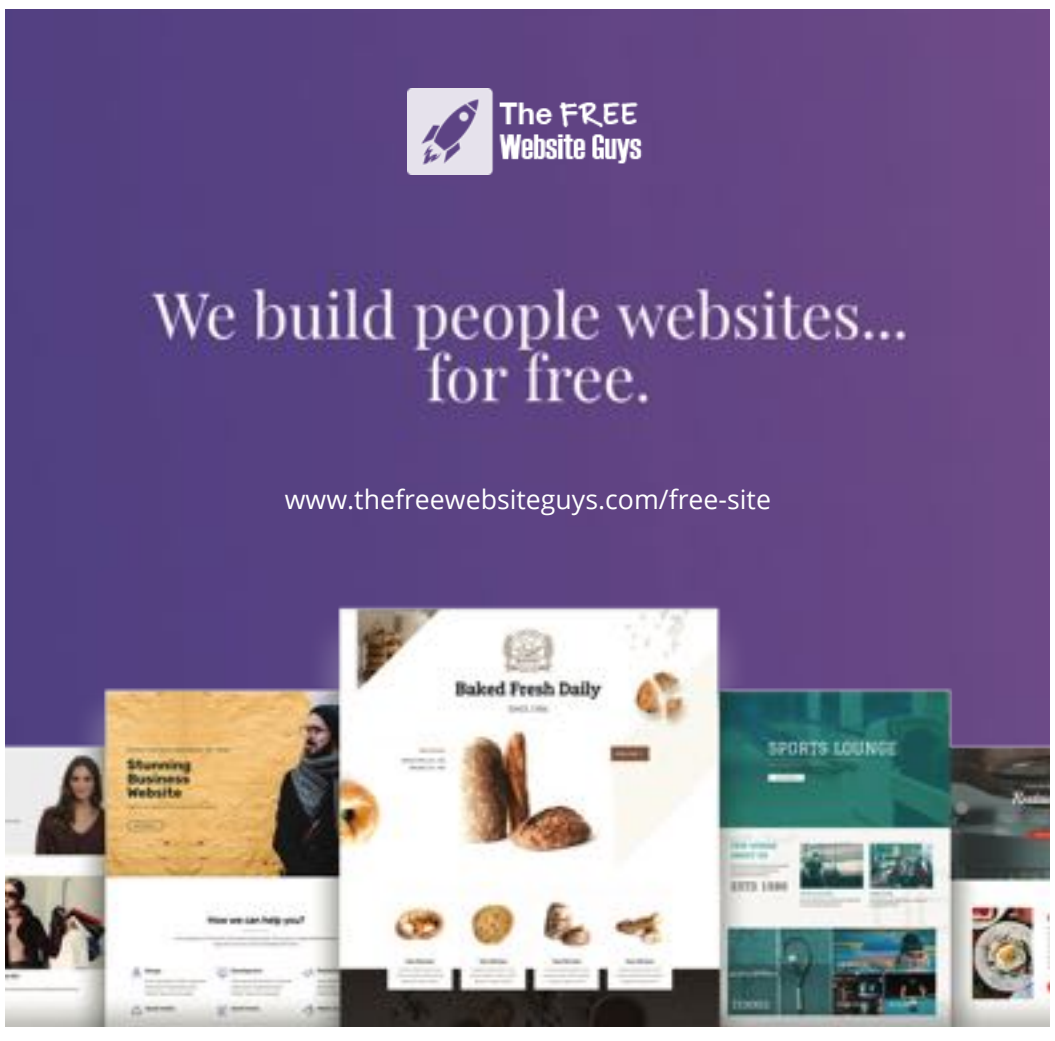
But, Valente says, he is confident in Kansas City's defence heading into this matchup with the Bucs. It's because of their defensive coordinator.

"What really gives me trust in Kansas City's defence, is their defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo. He's gone up against Brady numerous times in his career. He's the guy who ended the (Patriots') undefeated season when he was with the Giants," Valente said.

"He's done it once in '07. He's caused Brady fits throughout his career."

It's going to be a tale of matchups heading into this game. It's going to be about the Chiefs defence locking up Bucs wideouts Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and, depending on his usage, Antonio Brown.

Valente's pick, if he had to choose: 23-17 in favour of the Kansas City Chiefs. He says in these matches that are labelled to be shootouts, defences come to play. It will be a tight game. We'll find out on Sunday who will bring home the Vince Lombardi trophy.



Indigenous business owner fears closure if reopening doesn't happen soon

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Georgette Dunn not only earned a degree at the University of Nottingham, she also found love with a man named Rick.

After they married, she convinced him to emigrate home with her and they settled in Aurora 10 years ago. Along with his bags, he brought along a fine history of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). In Nottingham, Rick was an active professional. So, it only made sense for the two to open up their own club in 2015 – Fearless MMA.

Dunn became one of the few female indigenous business owners in Aurora and, to this day, holds that distinction high.

Over the course of this six-year period, Fearless MMA moved between two locations. Dunn has earned her NCCP Coaching Licence 1 and become a professional hand-wrapper. Without an official title for it, she is qualified to wrap the hands of pro fighters. She also teaches female boxing and fitness classes, while Rick teaches MMA to both amateurs and professionals.

Together, they've built a wonderful community for fighters. They've built robust relationships, strengthened the will of others. They've also strengthened the mindset more, the very fibres of the human conscience. They've also taught others how to endure pain through Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and boxing.

Now, it's time to use everything she and Rick have taught others and fight through the threats of COVID-19.

Her now 6,000 square-foot facility is feeling the heat. There is a feeling of trepidation. Dunn says she is simply hanging on to what her and husband fought so hard for by a thread.

"We hope to be in the community for another six years, but it's not looking very good," Dunn said.

When in the Red zone, fighters did come in to train. Dunn said that was better than nothing, but not nearly good enough. 70 per cent of the business was lost.

A provision was introduced by Boxing Ontario and Boxing Canada that if you had any pro fighters coming to the gym, your facility can remain open. Fearless MMA has seen athletes qualify for pre-Olympics, national and provincial competitions.

Richmond Hill native Jahangeer Faquiry qualified for pre-Olympic trials. Aurora native Sabir Yousufzai won Golden Gloves, the Brampton Cup and multiple provincial titles. Stouffville native Carter McGhie won the national Muay Thai championship last year and all the way from Georgia in Europe, Emzar Lashvili, known as 'The Ninja' by Rick, emigrated just a year ago to Canada and is a fantastic athlete.

Just recently, Aurora native Todd Stoute, also known by his fight name The Black Hulk, is a pro fighter who has recently come to the club to train.

"We have 80 registered members with the sanctioning government. We were able to continue to train them. When the government went into the Grey zone and it happened in Toronto first, Boxing Ontario originally said the government was leaving it up to the sanctioning body to interpret the legislation and act accordingly," Dunn explained.

Boxing clubs in Toronto were only open for a mere three to four days before Public Health seemed to of denounced the Provincial government's proposed legislation.

"Boxing Ontario released a statement that Public Health/Health Canada, had released an addendum to the statement and said, to be clear, all indoor facilities were to be closed," Dunn said.

Clubs were not to be opened at all moving forward, despite any pro fighters. Dunn says its going to be a challenge to bring all of these athletes back up to speed once everything does open up.

Much like myriad other businesses seemingly resorting to virtual classes, Dunn says this is not an option. MMA is tactile. Everything is done within six-feet apart from one another.

The bills continue to add up. Every now and then, Rick and Georgette will enter the building to ensure everything is functioning properly. The Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) is running a month behind. Although it covers 65 to 90 per cent of monthly rent, Dunn fears when she must go back on her own, the debt incurred will be quite the load to carry.

"I guess everybody is in the same boat, but I guess everybody doesn't have the same amount of overhead, because we are such a large facility."

Boxing Ontario President Jennifer Huggins sent letters to petition this closure to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division, Steve Harlow, the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, the Hon. Lisa MacLeod and Premier Doug Ford.

A meeting was held and the results of this meeting are pending. Dunn believes this might go very far.

In her facility, students who lack stable households came to the facility not only to train but to look for their coaches to be a figure and a role model in their lives.

Dunn says many students discuss their struggles and to seek advice and mentorship. It is a grave concern to her and her husband, while also acknowledging the severity of the virus.

As of now, Dunn is putting together a marketing contingency strategy to promote discounted prices once she is able to open her doors.

She says she has a firm foothold in the Aurora community, having held fundraisers for women's shelter and food banks. She has also held fundraisers for Indigenous causes. As a proud Indigenous woman, recognized as Metis, she will continue to support groups, spread her culture and will continue the fight for all Indigenous communities to achieve equality.

It is very important to her to keep the culture relevant, and notify people that she is a business owner. She wants to erase misconceptions and stereotypes. She wants to eradicate the borders that are created within our society and let citizens know, there are plenty of Indigenous entrepreneurs around.

And to all 200 members, Dunn says Fearless MMA is a place where the people in the community and elsewhere, can come and feel right at home.

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Dunn says she is unsure when the facility will be available to be open. She hopes it will be soon, as her and Rick continue the fight of their own. With all MMA teachings, they hope to be back at full strength once again.

Made-in-Canada vaccines announced

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Additional Federal investments announced this week include up to $25.1 million to Vancouver's Precision NanoSystems Incorporated to expand the company's ability to produce ribonucleic acid vaccines in Canada and help the company build a $50.2 million biomanufacturing centre to produce vaccines and therapeutics for the prevention and treatment of diseases; an additional investment of up to $14 million has been allocated for Edesa Biotech Inc. of Markham to work on antibody therapies for acute respiratory distress syndrome, the leading cause of COVID-19 deaths.

Last week, the Province developed a plan to speed up vaccine distributions to the Province's most vulnerable populations "with the goal of visiting each long-term care, high-risk retirement and First Nations elder care home by February 5. Delivery delays of the Moderna vaccine, however, forced these goal posts to be moved.

"The Province's initial approach was to offer vaccination to all residents, staff and essential caregivers working at long-term care and high-risk retirement homes to provide the opportunity for best overall protection," said the Province in a statement. "In response to the reduction in vaccine supply, the province prioritized the vaccination of residents of long-term care, high-risk retirement and First Nations elder care homes. The province is expecting approximately 310,000 doses to be delivered in the remaining weeks of February. Once sufficient doses are available, vaccinations will resume to provide first doses for staff and essential caregivers in settings with the most vulnerable populations.

Added Health Minister Christine Elliott: "Despite limited supplies from the federal government, our government has taken decisive action to provide protection to our most vulnerable seniors as quickly as possible. Until everyone can receive the vaccine, it remains critical that Ontarians stay home and continue to follow public health measures to stop the spread and save lives."

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Downsizing Diva Dufferin-Caledon taken over by new owner



Lisa Jackson has been announced as the new owner of Downsizing and Moving Specialists for Seniors Dufferin-Caledon.

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Downsizing and moving specialists for seniors, Downsizing Diva Dufferin-Caledon, has announced Lisa Jackson as the new owner for this territory.

Lisa took over the ownership of Downsizing Diva Dufferin-Caledon this year after previous owner Brenda Alderdice retired after building a successful business for almost 10 years.

Lisa says she was thrilled to purchase an already existing company so the transition could be seamless.

She was ready to become a business owner herself and says she welcomes the challenge.

Downsizing Diva was developed by entrepreneurs Gail Shields and Karen Shinn over 25 years ago to help seniors and their families reduce the stress of downsizing and moving. The company began franchising 10 years ago and have franchisees across the GTA with plans to grow across Canada.

The Divas are extensively trained as senior move management specialists and look after every detail from start to finish.

Jackson began conversations of taking over the ownership this past July, when she began her research of the company, including who they are and what they do. She later shadowed some of the many projects to see firsthand the difference the "Divas" make.

Lisa liked the idea of being part of a franchise of like-minded women that all have the same passion to assist seniors through a very stressful time.

After losing her brother back in 2019, Jackson felt the stress of dealing with his estate and organizing his belongings out of his home in Kingston first hand, on top of the emotional stress of losing a loved one. "We had to do some renovations in the house to make it sellable, dealing with lawyers, real estate, bankers and together mourning his loss" she explained. "But I thought, it's almost impossible to deal with all this on my own."

This personal situation really motivated Lisa to appreciate a service such as Downsizing Diva has to offer.

A friend mentioned Downsizing Diva and Lisa loved the idea of helping those who had the same experience.

"Now I can help other people through my experience, being able to understand when you're in that predicament. I knew I had to do it," said Jackson.

Just recently, a client who has fallen into the same situation as Jackson reached out to Downsizing Diva and Lisa was able to see the overwhelming relief when she explained the services she could provide.

With the large population of seniors in the Dufferin-Caledon community, services provided by Downsizing Diva come highly recommended. Lisa stresses it is important to come up with a plan and think about moving when you can move, not when you need to move.

Acquiring all of Brenda's well-trained employees was instrumental in continuing all the services in a seamless manner. Lisa's DIVA team takes care of the front-line work, sorting with the clients for keep, donation and/or sale. It is important to Lisa that her clients are the decision-makers at all times.

"Move day is exciting since all the details are taken care of including complete unpack, making the bed and setting up the kitchen and bathroom. We really go out of our way to leave them very comfortable in their new home" said Jackson.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has its challenges with many businesses, Downsizing Diva is considered an essential service and continues their services while following very strict protocol from head office wearing the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE).

"Depending on the size of the project, we are limiting the number of employees working in one area at a time. Most of the time, it does not take more than three of us. Instead of working on one room at a time together and getting it done, we each take a different room or a different section of the house so we can concentrate our time separately." said Jackson.

Lisa resides in Orangeville and is excited to serve the community in which she lives.

For more information on Downsizing Diva services please visit www.downsizingdiva.com orcontact Lisa at lisa@downsizingdiva.com or 416-818-8249.

Vince's initiative to enhance patient care at Southlake's Mental Health Department

Two weeks ago, Vince's announced the 2021 recipient of their Community Product Initiative. Southlake Foundation would be this year's beneficiary, with 15 percent of sales of the designated "Community Product" – often a staple grocery item – supporting the Mental Health Program at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

"The focus on Mental Health has been growing, in particular during this pandemic," said Giancarlo Trimarchi, partner at Vince's. "Although there is much discussion about the need for mental health facilities, programs and initiatives, we also recognize there are shortfalls, and that there is room for improvement. On that note, we'd like our customers to know how funds from this year's Community Product Initiative will be used by our partners at Southlake, and how this will make a positive difference for patient care."

Southlake Foundation's Better Begins Today campaign is a $7.5 million campaign to support the surging demand for treatment that will be addressed with a newly built Emergent Mental Health Assessment Unit and a new 12-bed Adult Inpatient Unit, along with other site improvements.

Southlake's mental health spaces are smaller than today's standards, overcrowded and without basic necessities that promote healing and recovery. The exceptional mental health care at Southlake requires an urgent investment to create specialized assessment facilities, greater inpatient capacity and enhanced privacy.

The $7.5 million fundraising goal will fund the creation of new mental health facilities including:

Emergent Mental Health Assessment Unit (EMHAU)

The recently opened EMHAU has six private assessment rooms with beds, windows and televisions where patients can see a psychiatrist and begin treatment immediately until inpatient beds are available. Before the launch of the EMHAU, a mental health patient could spend up to five days in the Emergency Department in a windowless area, with only a curtain for privacy while waiting for admission and for their treatment to begin. Having a dedicated assessment unit will dramatically expedite care, treatment and, ultimately, healing.

New Adult Inpatient Unit

A new 12-bed Adult Inpatient Unit, scheduled to open in summer 2022, will boost Southlake's total inpatient mental health capacity from 24 beds to 36, and incorporate new indoor and outdoor common spaces for social interaction, recreation and treatment. This expansion reflects a more modern approach to care and includes many more private rooms, creating a better overall patient experience throughout the healing process.

"Right now, mental health is top of mind like never before with the ongoing effects of the pandemic. But at Southlake, it's only adding to an existing demand that we've been facing for years," said Jennifer Klotz-Ritter, President & CEO of Southlake Foundation. "This generous partnership with Vince's will play a vital role in increasing access to mental health care, and alleviating the strain on our mental health program by helping us get closer to our goal of creating physical spaces that mental health patients in our communities need to heal."

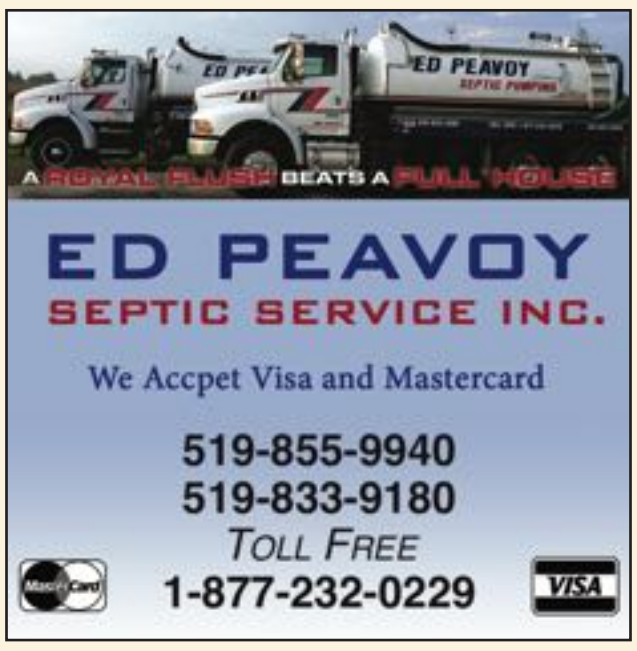
Community Product Initiative

Vince's launched the Community Product Initiative in 2018, and since then it has raised more than $58,000 for nine life-changing causes. In 2020, it was decided that focusing their yearly efforts on a single, regional recipient would make an even greater impact in the communities they serve. Vince's has continued with this single focus in 2021, and expects tremendous community support for these vital mental health care programs.

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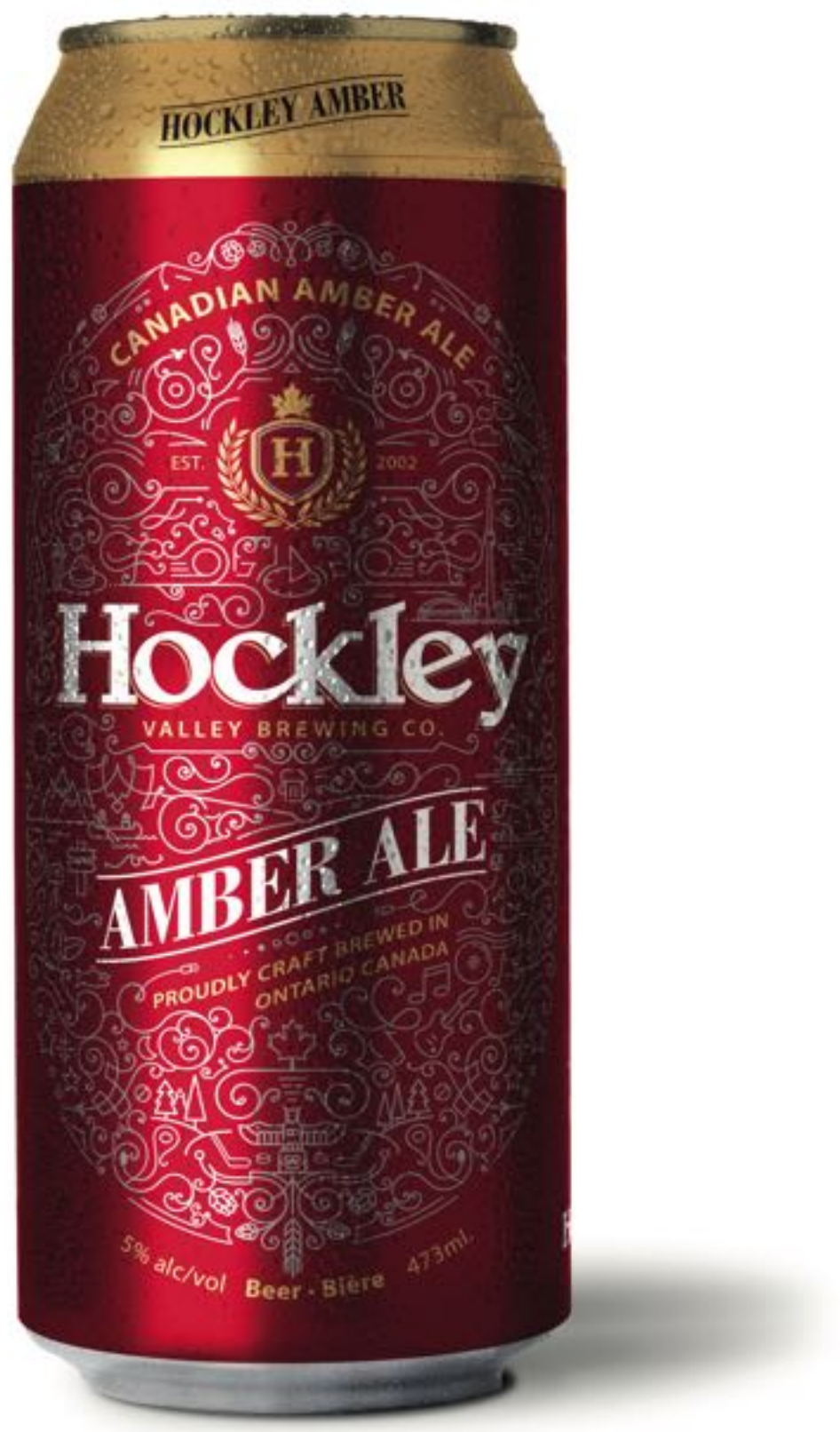
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