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Residents arrive at Caledon East's vaccination centre for their appointments on Tuesday. As Easter Weekend arrives, as the Province's vaccine rollout continues, Peel's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh is encouraging people to stay home and follow guidelines.

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Stay home over Easter as Caledon sees "significant resurgence," says Dr. Loh

BY ROB PAUL
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

With the Easter weekend arriving and COVID-19 cases continuing to rise in Peel Region, experts are asking residents to stay vigilant and continue to do what they must to stay safe.

There have been 70,915 total cases in Peel as of March 31—3.8 per cent of the cases are in the Caledon area—with 641 total deaths. There have been 128,550 total doses of the vaccine administered in Peel with 104,527 of them being first does and 24,023 being second doses.

Caledon Council met with Peel Public Health's Medical Officer Dr. Lawrence Loh on Tuesday for an update on the COVID-19 situation in the community heading into the long weekend.

"I certainly hope—especially with the arrival of vaccines in our community—that we will see changes in patterns, hopefully if allocations and supply continue to improve in the next few months, we will see a significant change to both the nature of the pandemic as well as the potential measures hopefully by the summer," said Dr. Loh.

"That said, we are seeing a significant resurgence of the pandemic in our community. In the Town of Caledon, the incidence rate is now at 144.8 per 100,000—just shy of the average across Peel at 158.9 per 100,000. The test positivity in Caledon is at 7.7 per cent, compared to the rest of Peel which is at 11.2 per cent. Of the total number of cases that have been screened for variants of concern, there are now 20 confirmed variants of concern among Caledon residents and 173 that have screened positive for a mutation of interest. Having stayed in the Grey (lockdown) measures within in Peel has blunted the increase compared to other jurisdiction throughout the rest of Ontario."

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Ward options get down into the details

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The last time there was a ward boundary review in Caledon was 1994, and although not mandated, it is recommended to have a review every three elections. In 1994 the population of Caledon was around 39,000 while today it is projected over 75,000 and is expected to increase to over 108,000 by 2031.

With the continued growth of the community and an update to the ward boundaries needed, a consultant team from Watson and Associates led by Jack Ammendolia and Josh Valenti, along with retired University of Waterloo professor Dr. Robert Williams were tasked with providing the Town of Caledon with a couple of options.

"These wards have not been reviewed for over 25 years, there is a lot of change that goes on and we have to recognize that the community needs to be prepared to make a change," said Williams.

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Mayor, MPP hail investments in health, business and broadband in Provincial budget

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On March 24, Ontario's Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy announced the 2021 Provincial Budget as the next phase of Ontario's COVID-19 response.

The budget brings the Province's total investment in health to $16.3 billion and its total investment in the economy to $23.3 billion.

Ontario's COVID-19 action plan now totals $51 billion.

"You can't have a healthy economy without healthy people," said Bethlenfalvy. "For the past year, we have been focused on protecting people from COVID-19. Many challenges lie ahead. But with vaccines being distributed in every corner of the province, hope is on the horizon. We are ready to finish the job we started one year ago."

To help in the fight against COVID-19, the Province is making over $1 billion available for a province-wide vaccination plan and aiming to make it safer for people to return to workplaces, businesses, and to every facet of their community with $2.3 billion being invested in testing and contact tracing efforts.

Due to the economic impact of COVID, the budget will also invest in supporting workers and families through actions such as providing a second round of Ontario Small Business Support Grant payments; investing an additional $400 million over the next three years in new initiatives to support the tourism, hospitality, and culture sectors; proposing a new Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit for 2021; implementing a third round of payments to support parents through the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit; and proposing a 20 per cent enhancement of the CARE tax credit for 2021.

"The necessary public health measures have come at a cost for workers, families and business owners, but there is no question that they have saved lives," said Bethlenfalvy. "We recognize the sacrifices that have been made. We are taking further steps to provide additional relief and support to those who have been most impacted by the pandemic, including providing a third round of direct payments to parents, doubling the Ontario Small Business Support Grant, and helping workers with their training expenses."

Mayor Allan Thompson was happy to see that the Provincial government would continue to help the people of his community through investments in COVID assistance and improving internet.

"The Provincial budget tabled yesterday (March 24) offers critically needed additional supports for our hard-hit small businesses and another $2.8 billion dollars in broadband funding. This brings the total funding for broadband to $4 billion which will help communities like Caledon accelerate our goal of bringing high speed to every corner of our Town," said Mayor Thompson. "The pandemic has emphasized the need for reliable, affordable broadband to access jobs, healthcare and education, something we have long advocated for here in Caledon".

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones believes that overall, the provincial budget was "absolutely" positive for the Peel Region and Caledon community. One major reason for Jones' positivity regarding the 2021-22 budget, was the efforts put forth by the Government of Ontario to help local businesses as they continue to feel the impacts of COVID-19.

"We're very focused on protecting people's health and ultimately making sure the businesses that cannot currently operate as they normally would are protected until we get sufficient vaccines to allow them to open safely," Jones said. "I don't think this is over, frankly. I think in Peel Region in particular, because we continue to be in a grey controlled zone, it's still very much in the throes of the pandemic and we're still fielding that. We cannot have the activities, the businesses, and the restaurants open as much as we've seen in the past. The investment that the Province made to give additional support to those businesses immediately and directly impacted by the shutdown, means that they have that needed additional support until we can get to a safe re-opening."

More specific to Caledon, Jones points towards the focus put on improving internet around the province—an issue residents in the Caledon community have dealt with and felt even more with people working from home and students participating in E-learning as a result of the pandemic.

"Related to Caledon in particular, I have to say that the additional investment in broadband that we've committed to—$16.9 billion—is really incredible," said Jones. "The reason I say that is, COVID has taught us that access to reliable broadband is so important. Now with the planned provincial investment of 10 years, $145.4 billion—including $16.9 billion in this coming fiscal year of 2021-22—it's going to mean real expansion. Within Caledon we've already had it on Mount Wolfe Road and Centreville Creek Road in Albion, but that can be expedited with this investment."

In this year's budget, she says there's a clear emphasis being put on the people in the communities with investments from the government that will be felt locally like the over $50 million annually being put towards expanding the para-medicine programs in the province.

"It's very much an investment in people and an investment in the economy," said Jones. "An example I would give in Dufferin-Caledon, Dufferin County has had a community paramedic program for a number of years, where community paramedics can visit patients in their own homes and avoid the need for emergency visits because they see stuff emerging if there are problems. That community paramedicine program will now be coming to the Region of Peel, which is $9.7 million. That's a real incentive for people who are perhaps waiting for a long-term care home, they can now safely stay in their own home and have those visits from the community paramedics."

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Time at home has eased burden on local shelters as families adopt pets

Community Cat Program faced pandemic related challenges

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Many have felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in different ways, and as it wears on people's mental health, a way to bring positivity into the home during these trying times is to adopt a pet.

In Caledon, the animal shelter has seen an increased interest from those hoping to bring a pet home.

"Since March of last year, the Town has adopted out 18 dogs and 111 cats," said Caledon Communications Advisor Tony Maxwell. "At the same time, the number of animals we have taken in has gone down, which means we have fewer than normal animals available for adoption. We have also been experiencing a high volume of calls from people looking to adopt a pet during the pandemic."

For those interested in getting in touch with animal services to adopt a pet from the animal shelter, the shelter is located at 12889 Coleraine Drive in Bolton and open to the public Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They can also be reached by email at animal.services@caledon.ca or by phone at 905-584-2272 ext. 4698.

Coinciding with residents of Caledon looking to help pets by bringing them into homes, there's been an effort put forth to focus on reducing the number of feral cats through the Community Cats Program and humanely making these cats safe in the community. The program is predicated on committed volunteers who want to help these animals.

"The goal of the Community Cat Program is to slowly reduce feral and homeless cat populations over time in a humane manner," said Maxwell. The program started—and continues to be—a collaboration between dedicated volunteers and the Town."

Animal Services assists volunteers with the program in humanely trapping, altering, vaccinating, microchipping, and returning the cats to their outdoor homes.

Originally a pilot program, the Community Cats Program is now a fully funded initiative in Caledon with the Council prioritizing it.

"The program began as a pilot and due to its success, it is now an added service level. In 2020, Council increased the budget of the program to allow for double the amount of community cats in the program each year," said Maxwell. "The pandemic certainly posed some challenges, but staff were still able to continue with the program."

The key to the program's success though is the volunteers who are willing to commit their time for the greater good and they're always looking for more assistance.

"There is an existing core of volunteers assisting the Town, but we are looking for more to help care for the colonies," said Maxwell. "We recently advertised in the newspaper and from that received a positive response from several interested volunteers. Anyone wishing to help must be knowledgeable about caring for cats and willing to commit over the long-term to provide care for the cats within the colonies assigned to them."

Prospective volunteers can contact Animal Services for more information at 905-584-2272 x. 4698 or email animal.services@caledon.ca. For more information about the program visit caledon.ca/cats.



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DECEASED FOUND FOLLOWING VEHICLE FIRE

On March 29, at approximately 1:13 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP, along with Caledon Fire responded to a vehicle fire on Healey Road in the Town of Caledon.

Once the fire was extinguished, a deceased person was located inside the vehicle. Caledon OPP, the Coroner's Office and the Ontario Fire Marshall are investigating the cause of death. A post mortem is scheduled at the Centre of Forensic Sciences (CFS) in Toronto.

Healey Road was closed between Airport and Innis Lake Roads from approximately 1:25 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call Caledon OPP at 905-284-2241 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.peelcrimestroppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2,000 upon an arrest.

Caledon OPP would like to assure the community that there is no public safety concern for those residing in the area.

ARRESTS FOLLOWING BOLTON ROBBERY

Toronto Police Service, along with the support of other police services, including the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), recently identified and arrested six individuals involved in eight robberies across Toronto, Peel, York, Halton, and Alliston.

One of these robberies occurred in Bolton on December 8, 2020, at approximately 3:42 p.m., when officers from Caledon OPP responded to a robbery at a business located in the area of Highway 50 and McEwan Drive.

Information was received that three unknown suspects had attended the business, assaulted one of the employees, tied up another one, and proceeded to steal cellular phones from the store inventory. The suspects then exited the store and fled in a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) in an unknown direction.

Police would like to remind local residents that you can always 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 $2000 upon an arrest.

OFF-ROADING THROUGH CEMETERY IS NOT OKAY: OPP

On February 22, at approximately 9:36 p.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a Jeep stuck in a cemetery.

"Allegedly, the vehicle was driving over graves prior to being stuck. It was confirmed that the vehicle had not damaged any grave stones," say Police. "The Jeep was found by officers a distance away from the roadway. Due to the location of the vehicle and the removal equipment available at the time, it could not be removed until the following morning."

As a result of the police investigation, the driver, a 32-year-old from Brampton, now faces two charges under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act:

- Disturbing a burial site; and
- Interfering with cemetery

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Caledon East Provincial Court to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

"If you feel the need to test your 4x4 capabilities, Caledon OPP reminds everyone to be aware of your surroundings and stay off public or private lands, which do not belong to you. Not only can it be an offence, but hidden dangers could exist and/or property could be damaged or destroyed."

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

On March 23, at approximately 9:42 p.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a traffic complaint in the Town of Caledon.

"An officer located the vehicle in the area of Kennedy Road and Newhouse Boulevard and initiated a traffic stop," say Police. "As part of the investigation, the driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an Approved Screening Device (ASD), which resulted in a 'fail' reading. The driver was then placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration over 80 mg, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted."

As a result, Leonard Paruag, 47, of Caledon was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 3, 2021 to answer to the charge. The charges have not been proven. They also received a 90-day driver's licence suspension and a seven-day vehicle impound.

Between March 26 and March 28, 2021, the Caledon OPP charged two drivers with impaired driving in the Town of Caledon.

On March 26, 2021 at approximately 10:13 a.m., Caledon OPP received a call for a possible impaired driver from a concerned citizen.

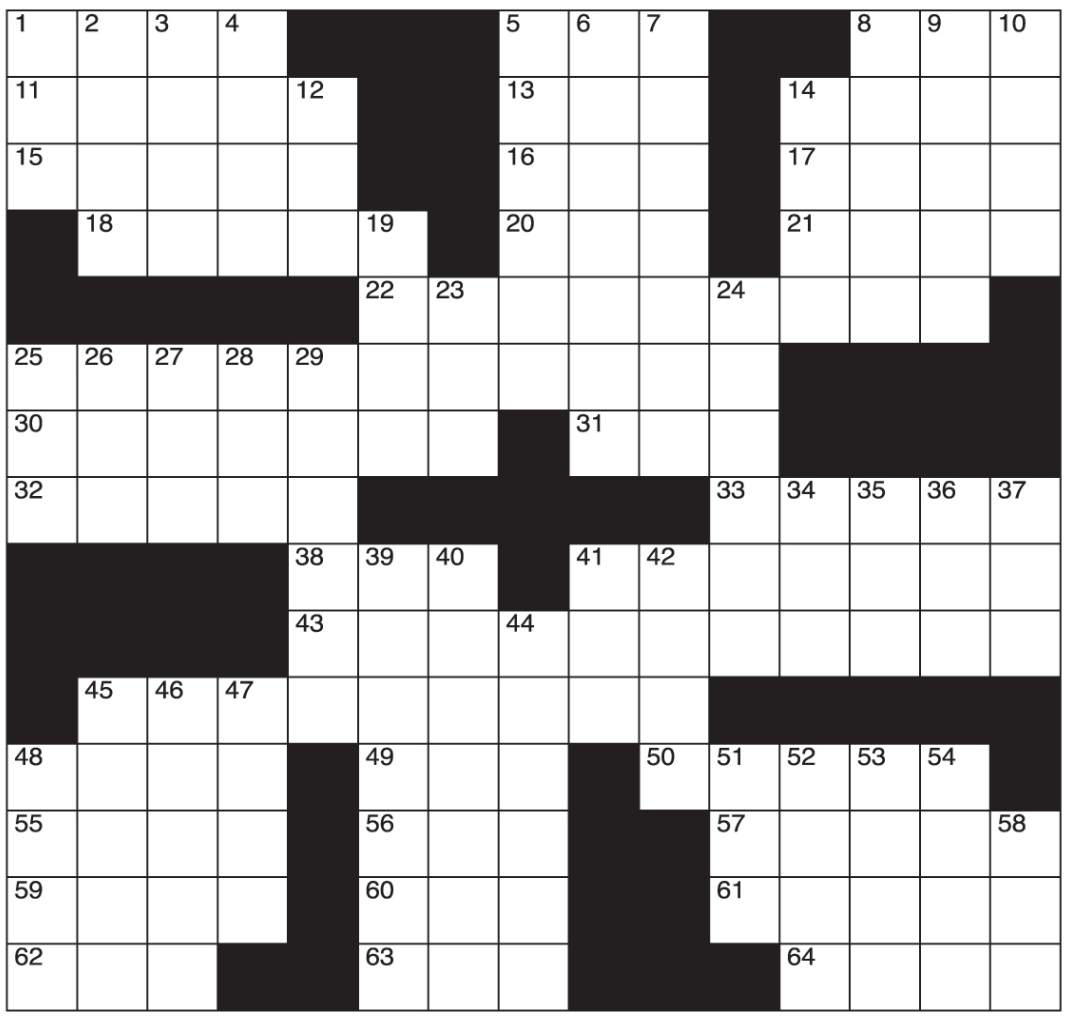
"The vehicle was reported being in a business parking lot on Highway 50 in Bolton," say Police. "Officers located the vehicle. As a result of the police investigation, the driver was arrested for Operation while Impaired, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted."

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14. Fine-grained earth
15. Plant genus that includes water caltrop
16. Peacock network
17. TV writer Dunham
18. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
20. They __
21. Muslim ruler title
22. Position given in respect of
25. Explaining further
30. Measuring instrument
31. Romanian monetary unit
32. Council of __, 1545-1563
33. Savory jelly made with meat stock
38. Journalist Tarbell
41. Most suspenseful
43. Festivity
45. Animal embryos
48. Fertility god
49. Medical patients' choice (abbr.)
50. Type of sword
55. Competition
56. Bird of the cuckoo family
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Engineering organization
60. Beverage receptacle
61. Spiritual leader
62. Doctor of Education
63. Where golfers begin
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Vietnamese offensive
2. Fast mammal
3. Oh goodness!
4. The back of one's neck
5. One who lives in another's property
6. Involve deeply
7. Alfalfa
8. Tropical tree resin
9. Sudden fear
10. Jewish religious month
12. Veterans battleground
14. Musical symbol
19. German river
23. Paddle
24. Lizard
25. Shock treatment
26. The common gibbon
27. Brew
28. Usually has a lid
29. Lenses in optical instruments
34. Time zone in Samoa (abbr.)
35. Wrinkled dog: Shar __
36. Denotes equal
37. TV network for children
39. Take the value away from
40. Female graduates
41. Don't know when yet
42. "__ tú": Spanish song
44. "Seinfeld" character
45. Bleated
46. Entwined
47. Away from wind
48. Soft creamy white cheese
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Speak ill of

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Adults aged 70+ now eligible to register for vaccinations in Peel

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With vaccines continuing to rollout, Loh warns that with the danger of the variants and cases continuing to increase in the Region, it could force focus away from vaccinations as health care resource are put towards saving lives.

"This pandemic is unfortunately far from over," he said. "We are seeing younger people being admitted and usually they're sicker and they're staying longer. We're at 60 to 65 per cent variants and the challenge when it becomes a greater proportion of your share of positive cases is that you know it's more transmissible."

Loh is encouraging people to stay home over the Easter weekend and continue to follow medical advice in limiting interactions to help cut the COVID cases down and keep the re-opening schedule on track.

"Outdoor dining and outdoor fitness can occur; we're really encouraging people to favour the outdoors because we know transmission is diminished outdoors and that masking and distancing are adhered to while limiting the duration of time spent with individuals who you do not live with," he said.

"I know personal service settings are scheduled to open April 12, I'm certainly hoping that the situation will plateau or stabilize to support that, but that's something we're continuing to monitor. Anything that gets further [opened] will result in increased contact and interactions, which may result in transmission. When you open more of the community, you're opening more contact and interactions which can lead to more COVID-19 transmissions, especially if proximity and masking are a challenge. But remember, the outdoors is low risk, not no risk."

Although the COVID-19 case load is cause for concern, Loh said the vaccine situation in Peel is continuing to trend positively and they've shown they have the capacity to deliver high numbers of vaccine in the Region as long as the supply is there.

He also asked Peel residents visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine for updated information on vaccine eligibility and direction to booking sites.

"While we're still in a period of supply management; we are now starting to see an increase in consistency and an overall increase in volumes in vaccine supply," said Loh. "This is in line with the Federal government's originally announced schedule with the bulk of our vaccines arriving in April, May, and June. I'm hopeful that if our allocations continue to increase over the next weeks, we will be able to move through our various priority groups. Last Friday, we had our most significant day of delivering vaccines in the Region of Peel—almost 8,000 doses of vaccine. One out of 10 doses delivered in Ontario that day was delivered in Peel."

Councillor Tony Rosa raised his concerns to Loh about the outbreaks in schools in Peel, and what to expect with the April break around the corner and if it's safe for students to be in classrooms.

"We continue to monitor cases, outbreaks, and trends in schools very carefully," Loh said. "We're continuing discussions with our school board partners, but the ultimate decision would be made by the Ministry of Education as whether they would be changing the modes of learning. Schools have been safe in terms of the measures in place, and they have actually limited transmission, but the challenge is with the variants being more transmissible, so where this is a lapse or exposure there are more people that may be impacted."

Rosa also mentioned he's heard from seniors in the community about how effective having one dose is and if they should still follow the strict precautions recommended for the unvaccinated.

"Usually, it takes three to four weeks to derive the protection from the first dose of the vaccine," said Loh. "At this point because the vaccine is so new and our community transmission rates are still where they are, the recommendation remains to adhere to the precautions. Once we get to a specific threshold in our community transmission, a lot of these measures can start to loosen."

With recent news surrounding the AstraZeneca vaccine, multiple Councillors asked Loh to clear up the situation and ensure it's safe for residents to receive.

"Having worked in vaccine safety previously, I know that when there are adverse effects that are identified, usually there's an abundance of caution and they move quickly to identify how it may have been caused by the vaccine," said Loh. "At this point there has been no causal link that has been confirmed in Canada. I would stress…that any vaccines that have been approved in general, are vaccines that I continue to have confidence in, in terms of the safety and effectiveness. Our encouragement to any resident is if you have the opportunity and are eligible for the vaccine, please take the first vaccine you're offered. The sooner we all get vaccinated, the sooner we all get out of this. I don't share the concerns that have been raised in the public."

Now that the variants have become an issue in Caledon, Mayor Allan Thompson is asking residents to remain cautious and safe over the Easter weekend and continue to follow health recommendations so things can return to normal.

"It's concerning to see where these numbers are going," said Thompson. "I know we're maybe in a better direction in Caledon, but it's still a concern for all of us and we've got to be extremely diligent."

With that in mind, the Ontario government extended booking for COVID-19 vaccination appointments to individuals aged 70 and over through its online booking system and call centre in 11 public health unit—including Peel Public Health—on March 29.

As of March 27, 2021, over three-quarters of Ontario residents aged 80 and over have received at least one dose. Over a third of residents aged 75 to 79 have now received their first shot.

In Peel, adults 70 and over, Indigenous adults 18 and older, and active health care workers are eligible to book vaccination appointments.

Eligible individuals can schedule a vaccine appointment by visiting Ontario.ca/bookvaccine, or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Information Line number at 1-888-999-6488. The Provincial Vaccine Information Line is open Monday to Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can provide assistance in 300 languages.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

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As a result, Peter De Pinto, 55, of Caledon, was changed with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg; and
- Operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code

The vehicle was impounded for 45 days.

The charges have not been proven.

"On March 27, at approximately 12:28 p.m., a Caledon OPP officer initiated a traffic stop while conducting speed enforcement in a community safety zone on King Street," say Police. "As part of the police investigation, the driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an Approved Screening Device (ASD), which resulted in a 'fail' reading. The driver was then placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration over 80 mg, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted."

As a result, Jack Armstrong, 70, of Georgetown was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg;
- Fail to surrender insurance card; and
- Speeding
- The vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The charges have not been proven.

Both accused drivers are expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 10, 2021, to answer to the charges. They also received a 90-day driver's licence suspension.







Public consultations continue on Caledon's ward options

Continued from FRONT

The consultant team has come up with five different options and has been holding virtual open houses for Caledon residents to get a better idea of what the ward boundary options are and to ask questions and provide feedback and comments on preferred options.

There's also an online survey available on the town website for resident to provide input on the ward boundary review (www.caledon.ca/en/government/ward-boundary-review.aspx).

Option 1 is a four-ward design (Caledon is currently split into five wards) which has similar characteristics to the existing wards with Mayfield West contained within its own ward. The 2021 populations within each ward in Option 1 are 18,380 in Ward 1, 14,830 in Ward 2, 13,470 in Ward 3, and 28,780 in Ward 4.

"In this example, Bolton and Mayfield still continue to be in one ward and Caledon East still has some relationship with the existing Ward 4, but this time more in the southern half because Ward 1 actually comes across and takes over the northern part of the existing Ward 4," said Ammendolia. "From a population parity, it's not perfect, but it's much better than what we're looking at with the existing system. We see that in 2021, most of the wards are in or close to the optimal range. Ward 4 that contains the existing Bolton urban area is above that optimal range, but we see as Caledon grows out, that ward starts to come in range.

"Three of the four wards are within optimal range, or pretty close. Ward 1 is a little low, but the nature of the ward being a little more rural, we can live with that tradeoff. Ward 3 is the Mayfield ward…There's extreme growth occurring in that ward in Mayfield West right now and one of the questions is, how do we deal with it? And, in this option, because of that growth, it gets a little outside of that optimal range."

"In this four-ward model, we have three major urban centres with Mayfield West, Bolton, and Caledon East," said Williams. "That basically is the current structure of the municipality; these are each centred in a ward, leaving the northern more rural part outside. It's only one of the four wards that doesn't have a significant growth element to it. But what does happen is that northern rural ward essentially joins large parts of the former township of Caledon and the former township of Albion."

The second option provided by the consultants is also a four-ward design that's focused on communities of interest and will have Caledon East remain associated with the existing Ward 4 community. The population within Option 2 are 14,360 in Ward 1, 15,800 in Ward 2, 15,180 in Ward 3, and 30,050 in Ward 4, but the ward populations are projected to grow out of parity by 2031 in option two.

"In Option 1 we tried to keep Bolton and Mayfield West as contained as possible," Ammendolia said. "In Option 2, they're still contained within one ward, but it starts to look at that peripheral rural area surrounding that urban zone. In this option when we look at Ward 1 it's still fairly large and rural, but is actually contained to the western part of the municipality and more similar to what it looks like now, but comes further down south, practically to Mayfield West. Caledon East still has some association with the existing Ward 4. Where in Option 1, that association was more with the southern half, in this option it's more with the northern half. For population parity, it's pretty good with the exception of Ward 4, but as the area grows out we start to lose some of the population parity. With the growth of the urban areas, it will start to push us outside of the optimal population parity. It hits a lot of things, but the population parity isn't as balanced as in Option 1."

Added Williams: "What we're looking at here is providing some room to grow around Mayfield West and Bolton. This version keeps the old distinction between Caledon and Albion and preserves a bit of that traditional relationship, but the problem is with only four wards and two of the area's growing significantly, it's hard to hit all of the principles we've been asked to consider."

With the way Council is currently set up, a four-ward system is optimal, but because having less wards can make population parity more difficult, the consultants provided different ward design options.

"We're looking at this with four local councillors in a four-ward system, but now we're changing gears slightly to look at multiple ward options for a couple reasons," said Ammendolia. "As we started to look at the different issues like population growth to date [and] population growth that's expected, the different communities of interest, the three urban areas…one thing that became evident is that we think the two four-ward options are viable. But we realized if we considered more than four wards there might be other guiding principles we'd be able to achieve in a better way.

"There has been a change to the size of the Council and because of decisions made at Peel Region, the Municipality of Caledon now has two less Regional Councillors. While we looked at multiple wards because of the core principle issues, it became more of an issue to look at multiple wards because of this change in Council size."

In the third option, rather than stick with the current five-ward system or the four-ward system in Option One and Two, the consultants have gone to six wards to have two additional local wards to maintain the existing Council size.

Option 3 also focuses on communities of interest like Option Two, but has Bolton split into two adds (north/south). The populations in option three are 13,070 in Ward 1, 8,300 in Ward 2, 14,060 in Ward 3, 9,920 in Ward 4, 10,000 in Ward 5, and 19,450 in Ward 6.

"This essentially gives two rural wards, so it's now two out of six instead of one out of four, like in the previous examples, which gives us a little more room to move," said Williams. "We're still recognizing that urban growth is transforming Caledon, but in this case, it's captured in four wards instead of three. Another distinction here is dealing with Bolton in two wards and this creates a distinction between the north and south to recognize where that concentration is at the present time."

Added Ammendolia: "The main theme of this option—in addition to the two additional wards—is really trying to focus on the various communities of interest that have been identified to us in Caledon. You still have some of the main urban areas as anchors in their wards—Mayfield West, Caledon East—and we saw in Option 1 and 2, in the 2021 populations any version that had Bolton contained in one ward was well over the population parity. This option tries to address those things."

With Option 4A, the consultant have Caledon staying in a five-ward design with Bolton split into two wards (north/south) like in Option 3 and Mayfield West condensed within a ward south of Old School Road. This option is strong for the population parity with 15,040 in Ward 1, 15,780 in Ward 2, 18,170 in Ward 3, 11,480 in Ward 4, and 14,880 in Ward 5.

"Here we're still trying to address if we can do a better job balancing core pricinples addressing the reduction in the total council size in Caledon, but this way it's more of a compromise," Ammendolia said. "If six isn't palatable, can we increase by one ward and look at a five-ward system with five local councillors? Some similarities to Option 3 with Bolton in two wards and Mayfield West in one. Ward 1 is a rural ward with Ward 2 anchored by Caledon East. You see from a population parity perspective that in 2021 it's all good, three of the five wards in this example are within five per cent. It's about as good as it gets in terms of population parity and we still recognize the communities of interest. We think it's a very well-balanced approach to hitting the core principles, except when we look at Ward 5 in the 2031 numbers, the population in that ward will be about 70 per cent higher than the average and that's because of the extreme growth in Mayfield West. Option 4A is about catching up—having not been reviewed in over 25 years—and brings you to where things are today."

Finally, the Option 4B is similar to Option 4A with Bolton split into two wards (north/south) but adds a sixth ward and has Mayfield West split east/west along Highway 410. The idea behind it is that rather than go with Option 4A which could cause for another boundary review in five to 10 years as Mayfield West grows, it would give the municipality the ability to split Mayfield West when it hits a certain size.

This option is to help with population parity in 2031 and has a 2021 population split of 15,040 in Ward 1, 15,780 in Ward 2, 18,170 in Ward 3, 11,480 in Ward 4, 12.790 in Ward 5, and 2,200 in Ward 6.

"Option 4B is a little bit of out of the box thinking for us," said Ammendolia. "It really focuses on the issue with Mayfield West and similar to Bolton growing into two wards, we're presenting that same option for Mayfield West. This is exactly the same as 4A, but what it does is it simply divides the Mayfield West ward into two wards. What we're proposing is that it can be done by some sort of trigger, like when the population hits a certain number it triggers another councillor and the ward gets divided. It's really to be determined on how the municipality would do it, but it's really giving them an option if they don't want to do a ward boundary review again in a few years. It gives the ability to build off the five-ward option as population changes over the next five or 10 years."

PUBLIC NOTICE

HAVE YOUR SAY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

12423 Coleraine Drive and 0 Simpson Road, Bolton

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (Temporary Use)

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2021-0004
RELATED FILES: SPA 2021-0006 AND SPA 2021-0007

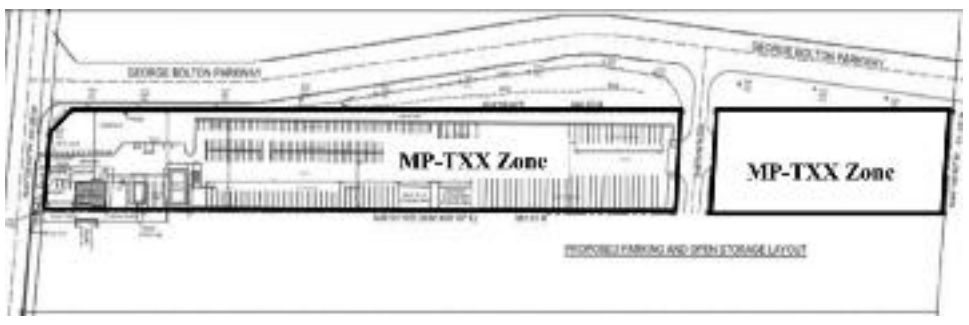
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received a Zoning By-law Amendment (Temporary Use) application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT: Blackthorn Development Corp. on behalf of Darzi Holdings Ltd.

LOCATION: 12423 Coleraine Drive and 0 Simpson Road, Bolton

PROPOSED CHANGES:

To amend the Zoning By-law for the subject lands from Prestige Industrial (MP) to Prestige Industrial – Temporary XX (MP-TXX) to temporarily permit a contractor's facility, site-specific zoning exceptions for a period of three (3) years.



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

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

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:
If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6.

ACCESSIBILITY:
If you require an accessibility accommodation to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Record and Information Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca.

Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Notice Date: April 1, 2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Ward 4

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0002
RELATED FILE: MINISTERS ZONING ORDER (O.REG 171/21)

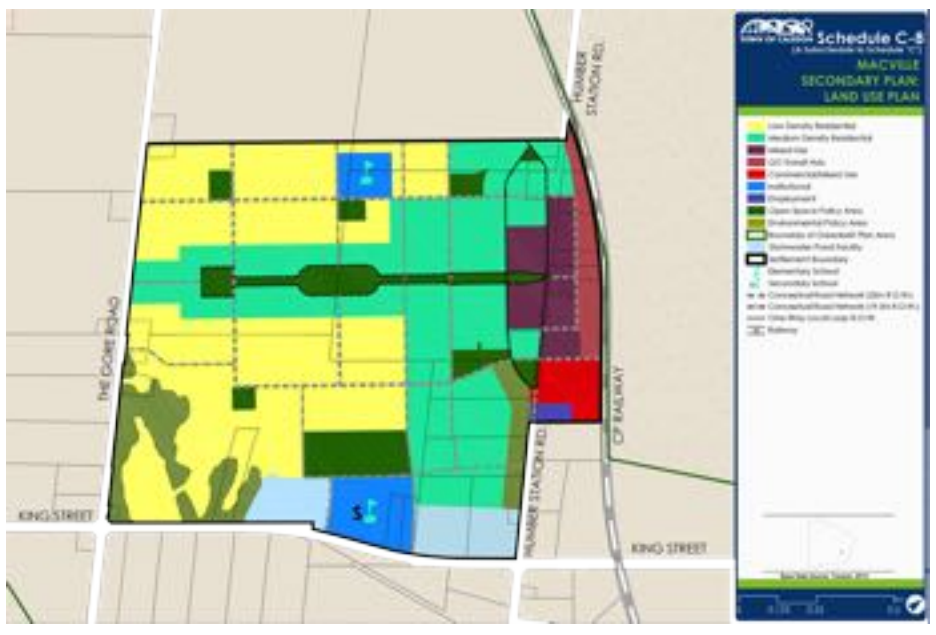
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an Official Plan Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT: Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of Bolton Option 3 Landowners Group

LOCATION: 0, 14155, 14211, 14275 and 14389 The Gore Road; 0, 7640, 7816 and 7844 King Street; 0, 14100, 14166, 14196, 14206, 14226, 14259, 14275, 14287, 14305, 14361, 14384, 14396, 14411 and 14436 Humber Station Road, Ward 4

PROPOSED CHANGES:

To amend the Official Plan for the subject lands from Prime Agricultural Area to establish a secondary plan area to permit a range of residential, commercial, mixed uses, institutional open space, environmental policy area and transit hub uses.



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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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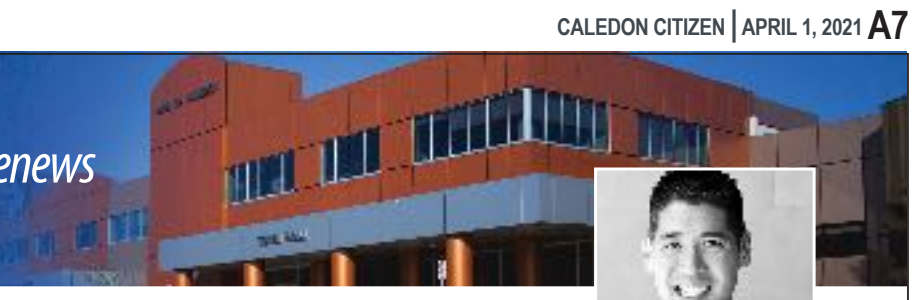
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COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 AT 6 P.M.

Join Dr. Lawrence Loh, Chief Medical Officer for Peel Public Health and Mayor Allan Thompson for the latest updates on COVID-19.

TO PARTICIPATE:

Dial 1-833-311-4101, access code 132 525 8399# or access the live stream at **caledon.ca/agenda**.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Send your question in advance to mayor@caledon.ca.



COVID-19 Vaccination

Vaccines are becoming more available!

Currently vaccines are available for the following people in Peel:

- Healthcare and frontline workers
- Adults aged 70 or above
- Indigenous population - 18 or over (First Nations, Inuit and Metis)

Vaccination appointments are available at all Public Health and hospital clinics including:

- William Osler Health System
- Trillium Health Partners
- Caledon East Community Complex

Visit **peelregion.ca/covid19vaccine** for more information.

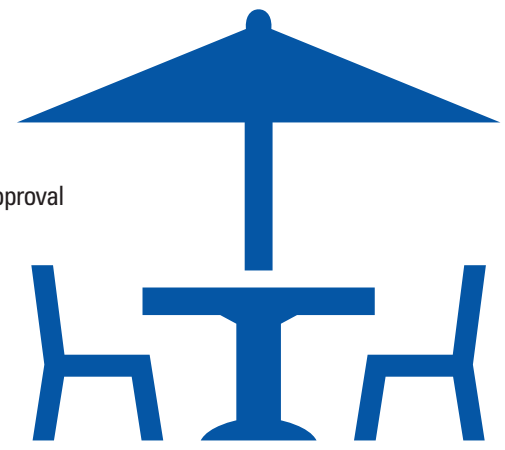
It's patio season!

Apply now

To help businesses open and recover, the Town has an expedited approval process for businesses who want to install a patio on their premises. If all conditions are met, approval can be as fast as 2 - 3 days. As well, Council has directed that regular permit fees for patios (and tents) be waived.

Apply now or call the Planning Department for more information: 905-584-2272 x.7338.

caledon.ca/patio



Virtual Recreation Activities

Whether it's arts and crafts, cooking and baking, music and dance, fitness and fun, or aquatics training, you can find it all in the new Spring 2021 Virtual Programs Guide.

Registration NOW OPEN



caledon.ca/recprograms

GET INVOLVED

Join the Downtown Bolton Task Force

The Town of Caledon is currently seeking two people to serve on the Downtown Bolton Task Force, a business owner in the downtown and a member of a community group or service club.

Apply by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2 at **caledon.ca/committees**.

Gypsy Moths | Act now to prevent infestations

ON TOWN PROPERTY

To report gypsy moths on Town property, please contact Service Caledon at 905.584.2272 x.7750 or info@caledon.ca. It will be investigated by Town staff, who will survey the area for egg masses and decide what to do based on the severity of the infestation, level of defoliation, tree health, tree species and available resources.



ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Property owners are responsible for dealing with gypsy moths on their properties. Your best bet is to consult with a tree care professional to determine the best way to manage your property.

Learn more at **caledon.ca/gypsymoth.**

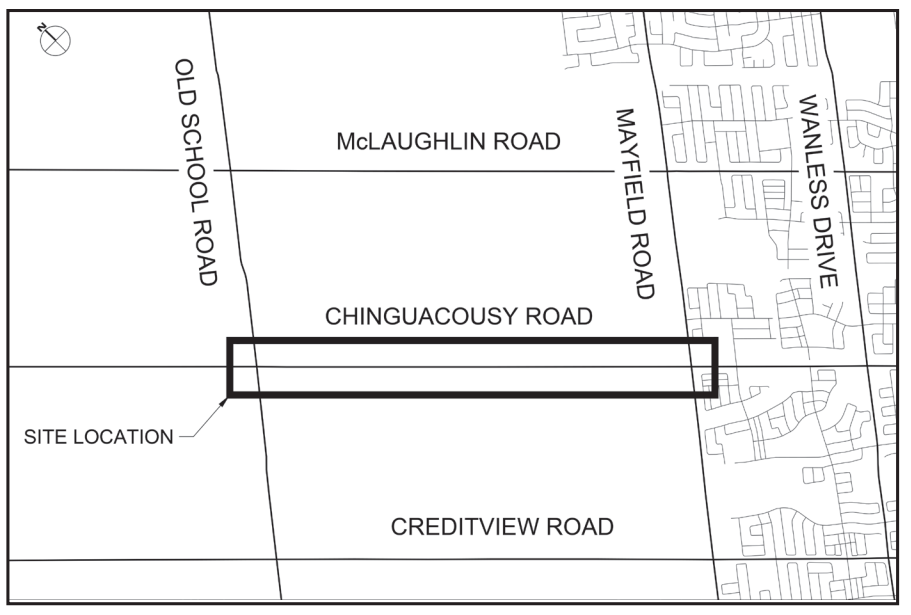


PUBLIC NOTICE

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Chinguacousy Road from Mayfield Road to Old School Road

THE STUDY:

The Town of Caledon has initiated a Schedule 'C' Class Environmental Assessment Study for Chinguacousy Road from Mayfield Road to Old School Road. The Study will investigate options to improve road capacity, connectivity, safety, and operations to meet the future transportation demand due to continued growth in the Town of Caledon.



THE PROCESS:

The Study will be conducted in accordance with the planning and design process for 'Schedule C' projects, as outlined in the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (EA) document, (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to discuss issues related to the study area, including alternative solutions, evaluation criteria, environmental impacts and mitigation measures. PIC dates and details will be advertised as the study progresses.

Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report will be prepared and made available for public review and comment.

THE COMMENTS:

Public participation will form an integral part of the Class EA Study to ensure that the ongoing concerns of the public and affected groups within the study area are identified, documented, assessed and addressed. To be added to the project mailing list, and for any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact:

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*Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Notice first issued April 1, 2021.

Salaries devour plenty of taxpayers' dollars



by Mark Pavilons

Most of us average Canadians work so that we can live.

For us, it's a necessity, to afford life's simple pleasures like paying taxes, utility bills, mortgages and credit card bills. Most of us don't work for the government. But for those who do, life seems pretty good, regardless of your job. Every March, the Provincial government releases what's been termed the "Sunshine List," a comprehensive listing of those civil servants earning $100,000 or more annually. There are tens of thousands on this list, that range from police officers and clerical staff to teachers and health care professionals.

The list grew by 23% last year and now boasts 74 civil servants earning $500,000 or more. To put this in perspective, Premier Ford earns just over $200,000 and Prime Minster Trudeau makes roughly $350,000 (that's $1,000 per day).

While some may argue that $100Gs today ain't what it used to be, it's still double the average wage in this country. It's still damn good money. And let's not forget benefits, regular raises, paid leave and in many cases, lifetime job security.

The unbelievable part in all of this is that roughly half of all budgets – Federal, Provincial and Regional – consist of salaries. That means any level of government has only half of what it takes in to spend on needed programs, services and infrastructure. The rest is simply fed down the automated gravy train.

Politicians are in a bind. The salaries are all locked in through union contracts. So the same unions complaining the government isn't spending enough on education, health care or policing, are the same ones whose contracts are driving up salaries to unsustainable levels.

Enjoying the sunshine are your typical suspects – senior department heads, government ministers, medical officers and countless CEOs of hospitals, utilities and universities.

When our health care system is under such strain, does it make sense to pay hospital officials hundreds of thousands of dollars?

Six employees of Ontario Power Generation are at the very top of the Sunshine List, with its chair making $1.2 million. The public health CEO in Grey Bruce made more than $630,000 last year – a 243% raise since 2018.

Closer to home, the retired police chief in York was given a sendoff in 2020 to the tune of $400,000.

It seems that almost every police constable earns $100,000 or more. In the U.S. the average salary for experienced police officers is roughly $53,000 ($67,000 Canadian). When you consider tax base, population, workload and volume of violent crime, it's a bit out of whack.

Similarly, a civil servant in the U.S., with eight years experience, earns an average of $52,000 ($65,520 Cdn.). Entry level government employees get a little over $32,000 ($40,320 Cdn.).

Both YRP and York Region are brimming with bureaucrats earning well over $100,000, and dozens upon dozens making over $200,000. A few even tipped the scales at over $300,000.

I'm not picking on local authorities – the situation is the same, if not worse – in all other jurisdictions across Ontario.

The often-heard argument is that in order to attract and keep qualified staff, you have to pay them well. They could make more in the private sector, we're told.

My argument is, let them try! Most levitate to government positions for the very reason that they're well paid, offer benefits and you're set for life. Annual raises, even in these challenging economic times, are a given.

In the real world, you'd be hard-pressed to find mid-level management positions in the $300,000 range.

Does York Region need a dozen lawyers, a handful of real estate appraisers, a bunch of healthy living directors and a supervisor of space and furniture design?

Jay Goldberg, of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, calls this a "harsh slap in the face."

"While tens of thousands of Ontario's children were kept home from school for months on end, the number of teachers making more than $100,000 still doubled to over 29,000," he said.

"It's not fair to ask the tens of thousands of Ontarians who just lost their job or took a pay cut to pay higher taxes because government employees haven't shared in the downturn. Governments need to address their labour costs and the first place they should start is at the top of the bureaucrat pyramid."

I'm not saying many of these employees aren't doing a good job or aren't worth their pay cheques. I'm not in a position to judge.

But these are tax dollars – yours and mine. I don't care what large box chains or banks pay their top officials. For them, it's based on performance and company revenue.

We all know that every level of government runs a deficit and has debt. For our governments to continue to pay such high salaries, while going deeper in debt, is just wrong.

The Province tabled its budget last week, and said given the billions earmarked for COVID-related expenses, we won't see the financial light of day until 2029.

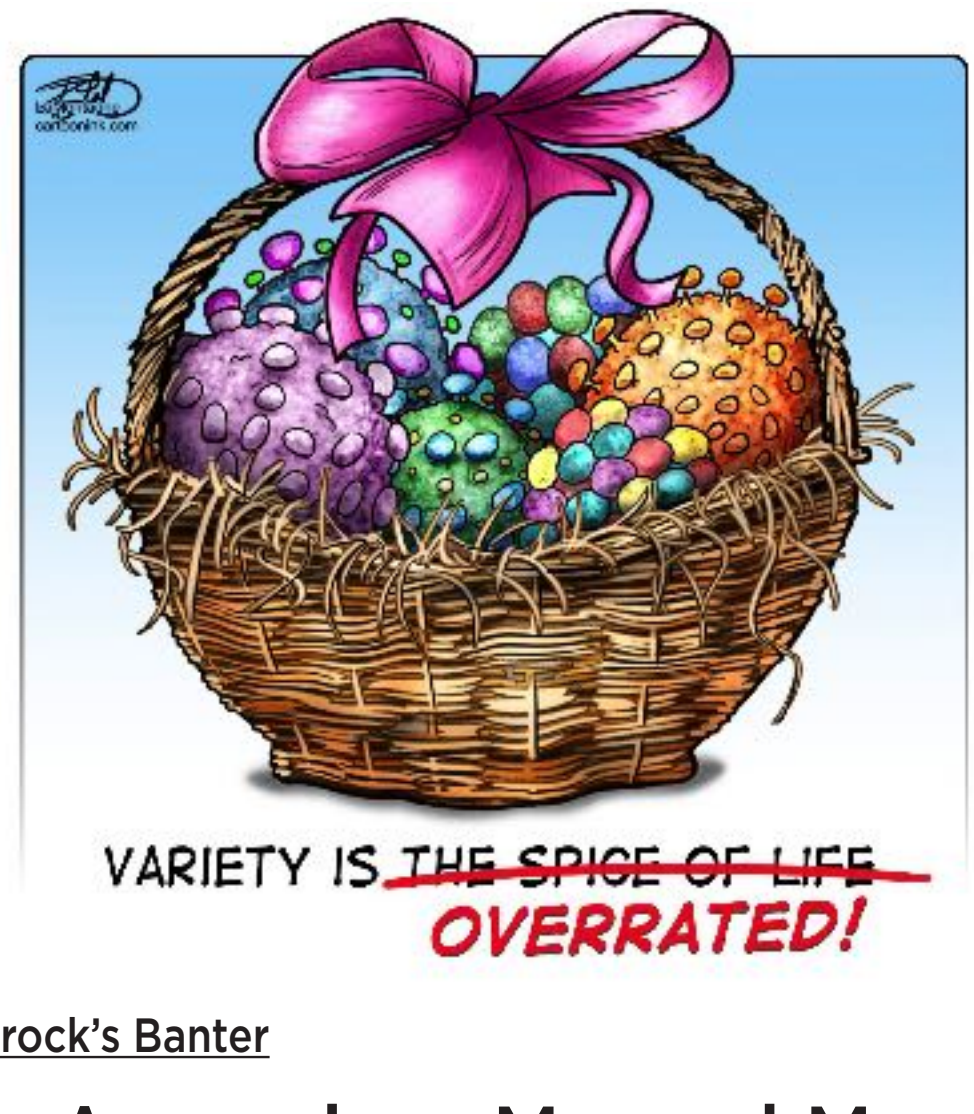
But you can bet the Sunshine List will continue to grow, year after year.

We haven't even touched on the well-fed Federal bureaucrats, but that would take hours upon hours of research to compile lists and comparisons.

Suffice it to say, when Ottawa is spending money on "fish fraud," one has to wonder.

In many realms of our society, there are salary caps. Perhaps that's something future administrations should consider.





Brock's Banter

A word on Mr. and Ms. In-Between

BY BROCK WEIR

Once or twice a week, I feel like I'm eagerly awaiting the numbers to roll in on the latest Lottomax.

It's certainly not a new feeling, but it's one I haven't experienced since I was maybe a tween, or just a little bit older.

A collector of "things" from an early age, my collecting journey took a dramatic turn when we first got the internet and discovered a little website you may have heard of called eBay. At the time, it was not the worldwide marketplace it now is. It was instead a destination for people looking for very specialized things, there weren't all that many sellers, and, as such, there were far fewer listings than today's standard.

Demand almost always exceeded supply and depending on what you were looking to offload or acquire, your wallet was bound to either become much lighter than you anticipated or brimming over with cash received from something that was once mouldering in your basement.

I wasn't immune to the frenzy.

In those early days, I found a few items that still take pride of place in my collection, but I also got rid of a few things as well. One of my more surprising sales involved a comic book I picked up from a nearby convenience store that derailed me from my mission of buying a popsicle. I read it, enjoyed it, kept it for unclear reasons, but decided to list it just for kicks.

This comic, a satirical spin on the drama surrounding Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding, was picked up at the height of the Lillehammer Olympics, but it still packed a punch four or five years later, re-selling for more than a $100 more than its suggested retail price of $3.95.

The only thing that tempered my excitement at this pre-teen windfall was being too young to officially use the online seller. Naturally, as the virtual bouncers kept anyone under the age of majority from joining in the frenzy, my mom's credit card had to be used for all transactions, the money order from the U.S. Post Office had to be made out in her name (this was before online pay systems like PayPal became standard), and I didn't get the thrill of a cheque made out in mine.

This was to be the case until I came of age. Until then it was a countdown until I passed that all-important threshold of 18 and could hold an account myself.

Given the number of weird and wonderful items I acquired at the time, my mother hasn't disclosed whether or not she regrets helping to feed the habit and all but fudge my age, but now I almost wish I was in the position to return the favour and do a little bit of an age switcheroo for her. But I won't because I know and follow the rules, despite my early e-commerce track record.

As I joked to a friend last Friday when he received his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine at a Scarborough clinic due to a pre-existing health condition, she is just a bit too old for current guidelines surrounding doses of AstraZeneca and, as far as Ontario's vaccination plan is concerned, just a bit too young at the moment for Pfizer or Moderna.

There's nothing to write home about on being Ms. In-Between – particularly when her elder sister, just two-and-a-half years her senior was due to start this week off right with her first dose.

It's no bouquet of roses either being a child of someone in this age bracket as, if I am being completely honest, the worry that comes with each and every outing, particularly with rising numbers, is nothing short of frustrating when success stories from vaccinated friends and family alike in the 60 – 64 age bracket and the 70+ demographic are all around us.

I don't have to look too far, either.

On Thursday, my dad, who is a resident in Simcoe-Muskoka just inside the 70+ demo finally got the green light from the local Public Health department to pre-register for his vaccination with an appointment booked for the middle of this month.

So, that's my situation – the son of a man in one age bracket with some degree of certainty that he has a place in line to receive a life-saving jab, and the son of a woman who was stuck in limbo more or less waiting for her number to come up as people just a little bit younger than her march towards that light at the end of the tunnel.

For the past several weeks, I have been wading through almost innumerable messages from the Provincial government on the vaccine rollout, successes and shortcomings alike, eyes trained not only on news to impart with readers but news and numbers that would be nothing sort of game-changing in my family.

As I wrote the above on Sunday evening, it was clear the game-changer could happen every day. And it came just before press time on Tuesday afternoon with news York Region would begin accepting reservations for the 65+ this week.

I'm feeling good about those metaphorical Lotto numbers, but I'm not taking anything for granted until the registration is complete on Wednesday and, whenever it ultimately arrives, a date is assigned.

It's a strange time we're living in now.

It wasn't all that long ago when people of a certain age – and, yes, I am counting myself in that group – were rather reluctant to reveal their age. Now, if it can get you your vaccination sooner rather than later, we're more inclined to shout the digits from the rooftops.

And what about those of us who have pre-existing conditions?

It seems a bit of a crap shoot right now on which pre-existing conditions will get you to the front of the line like a Disney Fast Pass, but how many of us who live with them and were once more comfortable keeping them under their hats, are now more eager to wave them around to their doctors like a flag just in case?

Will the arthritis that has been a thorn in my side since my own tween years finally pay off? After all these years, it's really the least it could do…

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Our Readers Write

Resident gives thanks to Caledon Fire and Emergency Services

It has taken us a while to get to a place where we have some time to write and say thank-you to the women and men that serve the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

At about 1:00 a.m., on Sunday, February 22, 2021, my wife, and I were woken up by the sound of our smoke alarm. Disoriented and suffering from some smoke inhalation, we found that our home was on fire, which was spreading rapidly. We put on some clothes, grabbed a few possessions, and headed out the door. We called 911 during the scramble and the first fire truck was on site 11 minutes after the call.

Through the course of the evening, our home was attended to by apparatus and firefighters from 5 Districts involving 11 trucks and some 38 firefighters throughout the night from: Station 309 Caledon Village; Station 301 Alton; Station 308 Mono Mills; Station 303 Caledon East; Station 305 Inglewood.

Although everyone had the daunting task of attending to the fire, we were constantly provided for with food, coffee, and consolation. Although this was a horrific evening for us, the event was made as comfortable as possible by the concern and care of the people involved.

We'd like to give a special thanks to the Deputy Chief of Operations, Mr. Colin Hanna. Aside from managing the huge task at hand, he found time throughout the evening, to come speak with us, to provide updates and reassurance. He asked us at one point what alerted us to the fire. When we indicated that it was the sound of the smoke alarm, he reiterated that this is a never-ending message from the Fire Department; WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES. It certainly did in our case.

Thank you again, to everyone involved. We are grateful and proud of each and every person that attended the call that night. We are incredibly thankful that we live in an area and time that has volunteer professionals, like these, that risk their lives in order to maintain the safety of others. We are humbled in your presence.

Forever grateful,

WANDA AND ROB OLMA
CALEDON

Planners need to have safety in mind on Airport Rd

I've read about the proposed changes to Airport Road in Caledon East

I'm concerned about narrowing the current width of the traffic lanes.

I would think that this would result in more accidents. I'm not sure if there are any studies on the number of accidents for various traffic lane widths, but wider would seem safer.

I have no objection to having bike lanes, but not at the expense of more hazardous driving conditions.

Mayor Thompson has expressed his concern for ensuring that roundabouts are large enough to safely accommodate large vehicles. The same thoughts should apply to the width of traffic lanes.

The road through Caledon East is a necessary route for many travelers, so planners need to ensure their safety is not compromised.

Future plans should maintain the current road widths.

LARRY PROCTOR
CALEDON

Open letter to MPP Jones opposing 413 proposal

I find it necessary to let you know as my MPP that both my husband and myself are opposed to this unnecessary highway.

We do have 407, which of course, is underused, due to being privately owned and very expensive.

This will be just another highway to replace it, after 407, which was built with taxpayer money is underused. If it was indeed feasible, Hwy 407 should, once again, be under provincial ownership and control!

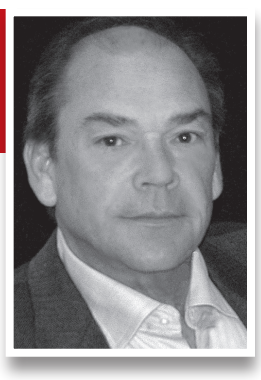
There are better ways to improve transportation in our region, and Hwy 413 is not it. We should utilize public transit and have a transit line located in Bolton to take commuters to downtown Toronto and beyond.

Please do not waste taxpayer money during this pandemic, especially now.

SANDY FORESTER
BOLTON

Adapting to change

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



There is a scene in the movie Amadeus that takes place after the debut of Wolfgang Mozart's newest composition at the opera house in Vienna.

It is set in the late 18th century amid the pageantry, powdered wigs, and nobility of Central Europe.

Mozart was an innovator in his time. He explored new possibilities in music.

This new piece was whimsical, lively and full of life.

While those in the audience appreciated the new piece, the style was new to them.

After the performance, the Emperor greeted Mozart backstage to congratulate him on this newest work.

He had but one criticism.

There were in some parts, he said "too many notes." He followed that up by saying "There are only so many notes an ear can hear in the course of an evening."

It seems the piece had broken new ground and was unlike anything the royal court had heard before.

Mozart is stunned at the ridiculous criticism of his work.

He responds, "I don't understand – there are just as many notes that I require, your Majesty, neither more nor less."

It just shows that no matter how hard you work on something, or how good it is, there is always some person that will see fit to criticize.

Currently we are in a situation that is frustrating, challenging, and possibly life threatening.

There has been a lot of criticism recently over things like vaccines and who will get them first.

There are complaints about shortages and why some groups are being served first when getting the shot in the arm.

So, lets take a step back and take a look at this entire situation.

A year ago, nobody even knew what COVID-19 was. It started out as some kind of virus that seemed to be affecting people in one city in China.

Of course, we all know the story from there.

However, this pandemic is unprecedented. It has not happened before with most current generations alive on this planet.

Putting plans into gear to combat a virus that was making its way through the population wasn't easy.

It certainly has caused some hardships, but most people with few exceptions have followed the program with little complaint.

No, we don't like wearing masks, and no we don't like that fact that we haven't been to a restaurant, a movie, a party, or concert in over a year.

This will be our second Easter where families are discouraged from getting together.

Many sports teams will be losing their second full season.

The Provincial government has taken a lot of heat lately, especially from certain groups.

However, the government has done what they were supposed to do in a case like this. They took advice from the experts, and relied on that advice.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford must have been quite shocked when he first received the news that this virus was making its way to our country and the seriousness of the situation was explained.

His response was immediate. He didn't delay, he didn't get into political debates, and he didn't waffle on decisions.

In a case where something is going to affect the population's health, there is no time to debate or ask for opinions. You can only rely on the current data and the expertise provided by those who are experts in the field.

Now we have the vaccines arriving. And people are still complaining we aren't getting them fast enough or there isn't enough of a supply to get everyone vaccinated.

Let's look at the numbers. Canada's current population is close to 38 million. If everyone needs two doses for it to be effective, that's 76 million doses needed – and just in our country.

Considering the speed with which this vaccine was created, we're off to a good start.

I don't know how vaccines are produced, and most people don't – but producing 76 million units of anything is one giant undertaking. Then add in another 600 million doses needed by our neighbors to the south, several hundred million more needed in Europe, and continue counting.

That's a huge undertaking.

So, if you don't get your dose in the next week, maybe consider the logistics of just having this huge amount created and given out to the population.

Sometimes you just have to appreciate the effort for what it is rather than criticize for what you think it isn't.



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Environmental Defence disappointed with Provincial budget, but cites possible silver lining on 413

BY ROB PAUL
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

With the announcement of Ontario's provincial budget last week, Environmental Defence has come out against the provincial government's lack of focus on the environment.

As climate change continues to become more crucial, Environmental Defence was hopeful the Ford government would change their tune and put more effort into reducing emissions with the Provincial budget being a jumping-off point for a shift towards preserving the future.

"We are disappointed with this budget," said Environmental Defence Programs Director Keith Brooks. "We were hopeful that the government would use the opportunity of the budget to kind of reset their approach to the environment. This government has taken a pretty hostile approach to the environment on multiple fronts, and I think they've received a fair bit of criticism for that, and we were hopeful that they were going to maybe begin to re-orient towards a more pro-environmental position.

"One of the biggest issues here, in Canada and also around the world, they're talking a lot about a green recovery and creating jobs through climate action while putting climate change at the centre of their recovery plans from COVID and also their job creation plan. This is happening here at the Federal level in Canada and in many countries in Europe, and it would have been nice to see some kind of action on climate change in the Provincial budget. But climate change is only mentioned twice in the whole document. They didn't even allocate money towards some of the things that are in their environment plan, such as this emissions reduction fund—they're supposed to put $400 million towards an emissions reduction fund and they haven't even done that. It's disappointing that there's no interest in actually fighting climate change in Ontario."

Despite efforts coming from the Federal government in the fight against climate change, Brooks says the country isn't even scratching the surface of what has to be done to make a meaningful difference and other countries around the world are outpacing Canada.

"We know the Federal government is doing a number of things to fight climate change, but Canadians need to know that Canada is not doing enough," he said. "We don't have plans to do nearly enough—we have a plan in place for the first time ever in Canada and that plan is expected to take us to Canada's target, but Canada's target is far too weak. Our target is not going to have our country do our fair share when it comes to reducing emissions and keeping global warming to 1.5 degrees, or even 2 degrees as was agreed to in Paris.

"We're behind our peers—we're behind the U.S. even in terms of emissions reductions, President Biden is expected to table a new pledge for the United States about their emissions cuts and it's expected to be more ambitious than what Canada has done. It's good that we're taking action [at the federal level], but we are behind the eight-ball on this."

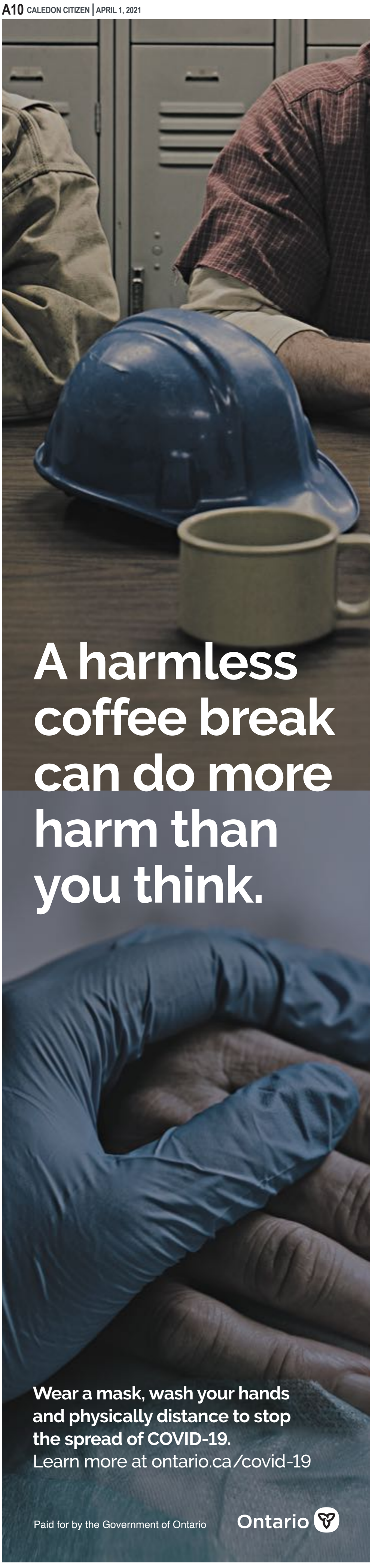
Now that Canada's Supreme Court has ruled in favour of the Federal government's carbon tax, Brooks is hopeful the Ontario's government will accept it, but does take issue with the break being given to industrial emissions.

"Are we finally going to stop the battle on carbon pricing now that the Supreme Court has ruled against Ontario and in the Federal government's favour? I sure hope so, because the Province hasn't only been fighting this, but misleading Ontarians about the impacts of the carbon price by talking only about the cost and not about the rebates—that's a problem. Ontario has its own industrial carbon pricing system—which the Federal government did grant equivalency too—the details of that system are not even sketched out and it's very weak. We are giving industries in Ontario a free ride to emit carbon at basically no cost. Industrial emissions are the second largest source of emissions in Ontario, this is a huge problem."

Looking for positives in a budget that lacks them from Environmental Defence's perspective, Brooks points to Highway 413 being left out of it, which he says is a good sign it won't move forward.

"We are glad that there is no mention of funding set aside for the controversial Highway 413. The next step must be for the government to cancel this unnecessary project which would cost Ontario at least $6 billion. It's the silver lining that it was not mentioned—the budget contained a page with a list of different highway projects that the government wants to move forward on and 413 wasn't listed there, that's good news. But the government needs to follow through and actually cancel that project once and for all.

"Unfortunately, the Bradford Bypass, otherwise known as the Holland Marsh Expressway, is mentioned in the budget. This highway would bulldoze through the Greenbelt and the Holland Marsh, one of the most productive agricultural specialty crop areas in the country and one of the largest wetlands in the region, causing severe stormwater and groundwater impacts."





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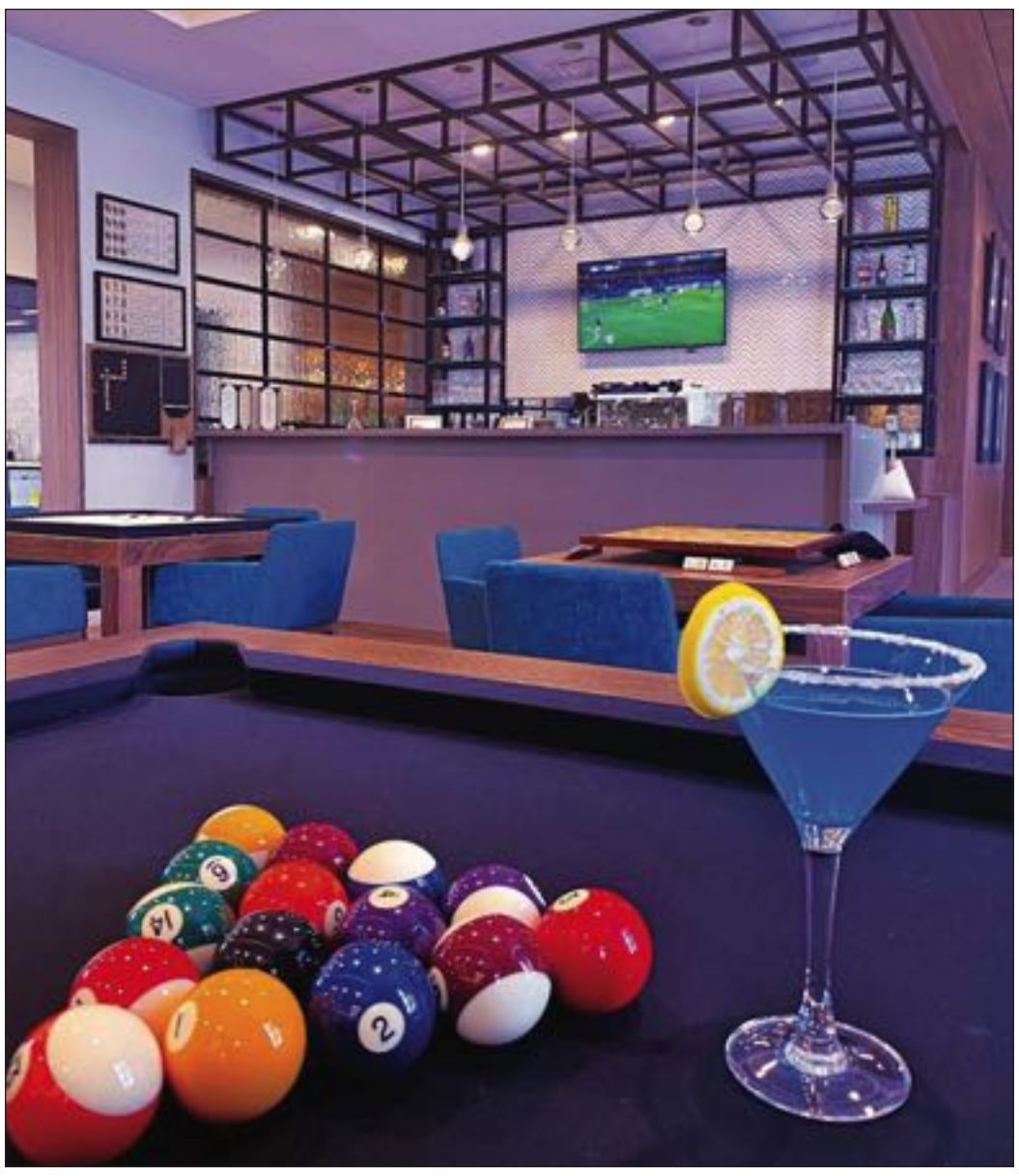
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A new age of retirement living in Bolton with Sorrento



Fun times in Sorrento Retirement Residence's lounge.

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BY BRITTANY GRENCI

When it comes to retirement living arrangements for seniors, consideration has to be given to location, amenities, overall comfort and convenience. Potential residents want to know that their needs will be taken care of while they maintain their independence.

A space that seamlessly encompasses all of these elements would no doubt be a hot commodity for those looking to make the move. After visiting Sorrento Retirement Residence in Bolton, we can confidently say that we've found such a place, and it's located right in our backyard.

From its conceptualization, Sorrento Retirement Residence has been a space uniquely designed to secure the comfortable, independent lifestyle of its residents. Sorrento's design is heavily influenced by the project's lead interior designer's incredible eye for composition and background in psychology, along with the builder's meticulous attention to detail. Everything from room layouts to colour combinations have been carefully chosen to promote comfort, social structure and engagement.

Once you enter its front doors, you step into a warm, welcoming atmosphere, met with luxurious design elements combining classic and modern European styles.

Situated at 10 Station Road, Sorrento residents have access to the best that Bolton has to offer. Parks and beautiful trails alongside the Humber River are just minutes away, along with shops and other activities.

Of course, making the move to a retirement space is a big decision. Seniors and their families often express concern that their lives will completely change after they move.

Shiran Refai, Sorrento's executive director says, "the only thing that changes when moving to Sorrento is your address. We provide many luxuries and amenities that allow you to continue pursuing your hobbies and maintain your independence."

Residents have access to a fitness center, pool, pet spa, rooftop garden, potting room, gourmet restaurant and so much more. Not only can they continue pursuing their hobbies after moving in, they'll have even more activities to explore.

Safety is top priority at Sorrento, especially amidst current pandemic concerns. The isolation and separation that many elderly ones have faced over this past year has no doubt has been extremely difficult.

Moving into a retirement living space like Sorrento allows residents to safely regain their sense of community. Social protocol measures are in place throughout the building so as to promote uplifting interaction in a safe way. If any residents don't feel comfortable leaving the premises to do their shopping, this service can be provided to them by the Sorrento staff.

There are also unique safety features built into the building to keep residents as safe and healthy as possible, namely, its ERV system. This system allows each individual suite to filter in air from outside while pushing out stagnant air. Air is not circulated from room to room, but each suite has an independent air exchange system. If any resident should become ill and need to stay in their room, the air in that room will be independently exchanged with air from the exterior of the building. This impressive feature single-handedly raises the bar when it comes to safety standards in retirement residences whether Independent or assisted living centres.

Resident health and safety are taken one step further at the Sorrento Wellness Center, where doctors are on call at all times along with in-house nurses and personal support workers who are available around the clock.

The consideration that has been given to each aspect of living at Sorrento sets this retirement residence high above the rest. Its charming staff go above and beyond to accommodate every resident, ensuring that their days are enjoyable and their needs are met, making for a truly elevated living experience.

Sorrento suites are now available to lease. For more information, visit sorrentoretirement.com or call 647-317-7242. You can also stay up to date on its current events through its Instagram and Facebook pages at @sorrentoretirementbolton.



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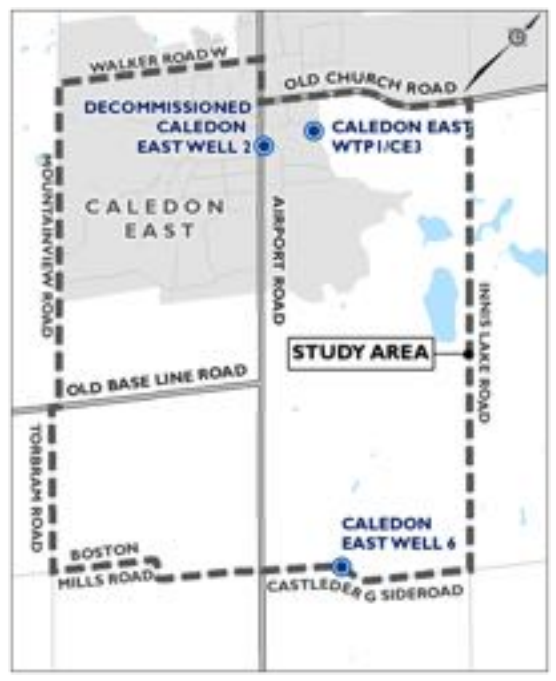
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Class EA Study Process

A Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study is being initiated to plan for the connection of the new Caledon East Well #6, located on the north side Castlederg Road just east of Airport Road, to the existing Caledon East/Palgrave Drinking Water System.



This new groundwater well will provide additional supply capacity to the existing Caledon East/Palgrave Drinking Water System. The Class EA study is being conducted according to the requirements of a Schedule 'B' project of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015).

The purpose of the study is to evaluate and identify the preferred infrastructure improvements to the water supply system in the Caledon East/Palgrave Drinking Water System.

We will consult the public, review agencies, Aboriginal Communities and First Nations Groups throughout the Class EA study. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held in association with this study. Notices for the PIC will be published in local newspapers, on the Region's website at peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/#current and distribute to all individuals who express an interest in this project.

How to stay involved

We are interested in hearing from you about this project. Please contact either of the project team members below if you have questions or comments, wish to obtain more information on the project, or would like to be included on the Project Contact List.

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Country Day School point guard commits to U of T

BY ROBERT BELARDI

It's been heralded before and it isn't a cliché, but when one grows up in a sports family, it's pretty likely the child will follow in the same footsteps.

When Carly Magarelli was growing up, her mother had played basketball with the Carleton University Ravens. Her two cousins and her younger sister loved to play the sport and Magarelli began to get into it too.

After signing her letter of intent to play basketball with the U of T Varsity Blues just a month ago, she recalled how it all began.

"It was something we can do together," she said. "It was really fun for us. We all just fell in love with it. From there, I began playing ever since."

All four girls were enrolled in the house league program in Vaughan simultaneously.

She began watching basketball more and idolized Chris Paul. She watched Paul's ball distribution, athleticism attacking the basket and high-arching shots when he was the Los Angeles Clippers floor general.

"He's definitely my idol and I've modelled my style of play after him."

After one season, Magarelli made the move to rep. She joined the Caledon Cougars program competing there for four years and then moved up to the JUEL league, joining the Mississauga Monarchs.

"The JUEL league is an only girls league for Grade 9 to Grade 12. It's a higher-level league for girls to enter but not as high as the OSBA's (Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association)," Magarelli explained.

"OSBA is a league run through the schools, during the school year, like prep schools."

At first, it was quite difficult to balance between schoolwork and playing at The Country Day School. After a month of playing at school and in the evenings in Mississauga, Magarelli learned more how to manage her time. She also vastly improved on her game and in particular her shot – she looked to Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry for that one.

But, in her final year at CDS, Magarelli unexpectedly injured the ligaments in her ankle during a game in 2019. It was the final time she donned the Cyclones jersey.

Fortunately, her impact and playstyle in the league was rhapsodized by many scouts. In particular, it garnered the attention of two-time Canadian Olympian, and former pro player in Europe, Tamara Tatham.

Tatham joined the Varsity Blues bench as assistant coach in 2017. Following numerous phone calls and the exchanges of text messages, Tatham offered a letter of intent to Magarelli.

"My older sister was a past OUA (Ontario University Athletics) athlete. For her, that was really exciting because she was passing the torch along. She's done her fifth year and it's poetic in that way," Magarelli said.

"My parents were really proud of me and really happy because it's something they wanted for me. We've all been excited for it."

She will be entering the Engineering Science program with an interest to enter the Biomedical science field.

Currently Magarelli has an interest in entering prosthetic design.

And as for basketball, she is unsure where the path will lead. For now, she has one focus and that is to win an OUA title.

She is in her final year at CDS earning the last of her credits online. She will await in the coming months, a phone call to report to training camp. That is of course, depending on Toronto's lockdown measures.



Country Day School point guard Carly Magarelli signed her letter of intent to join the University of Toronto's Varsity Blues this coming year.

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Robert's Rant: Raptors trade deadline wasn't bad at all

BY ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

Annually, the NBA Trade Deadline has a proclivity for flustering our very passionate basketball souls or leaving us clinging on to the edge of our seats.

In a time where we are constantly talking about uncertainty, this surely fits the bill. There were surprising trades last Thursday, especially when we all saw star-centre Nikola Vucevic traded to the Chicago Bulls from the Orlando Magic. We saw the Magic trade Evan Fournier to the Boston Celtics and Aaron Gordon to the Denver Nuggets. Not a bad time to blow things up.

We saw the Miami Heat acquire Victor Oladipo for practically nothing and we also saw the Philadelphia 76ers complete an abysmal deal for Oklahoma City Thunder guard George Hill.

Amongst the other deals that turned our heads, I wanted to focus on our hometown Toronto Raptors and grade their NBA Trade Deadline Day.

Let's begin with Norman "Playoff" Powell. The 27-year-old, San Diego, California native has been having the best season of his career this year. He has been averaging 19.6 points per game with 3.0 rebounds and 1.8 assists, as per Basketball Reference.

I can go on and rhapsodize on Powell's improvements throughout the past three seasons. We saw him play very well in the Raptors championship run. Even last season when things were normal and into the NBA bubble.

But what I will do is try to understand this deal more thoroughly. I believe the Raptors made this deal sending Powell the other way because they wouldn't be able to afford to give him a wealthy contract extension – let-alone the risk of Powell falling off again.

Masai Ujiri probably thought this was the best course of action. Trade him now, get as much as you can and move on. Some might say this deal was a loss. I beg to differ.

I think it was an even-keel deal. The Raptors dealt Powell and, in return, the Portland Trailblazers sent over Gary Trent Jr. and Rodney Hood.

In 1998, Gary Trent Sr. was traded from the Trailblazers to the Raptors. It's funny how history repeats itself. It isn't a cliché when things like this happen time and time again.

The Raptors get a young player in the younger Trent. The 22-year-old slotted in very well throughout C.J. McCollum's injury and has been having a great season averaging 15 points a game and showing flashes of what he can be. Not a bad risk by any means. Rodney Hood on the other hand doesn't provide too much value. We'll see what he can bring to the table.

The Raptors also dealt guard Matt Thomas to the Utah Jazz for a second-round pick and also sent guard Terence Davis to the Sacramento Kings for a future second-round choice as well. These two have been quite disappointing to say the least this season and getting something for them was better than nothing.

Powell took on the Raptors at Amalie Arena Sunday night for the first time since the trade. He lined up on the opposite side of mid-court, seemingly forgetting he's a Blazer. He posted 13 points in the Blazers 122-117 victory.

But the hallmark moment of the day for the Raptors and us fans came at 3:00 p.m. Kyle Lowry wasn't going anywhere. The greatest Raptor of all time will still don the red and black.

Now this is quite an exasperating conversation to have for some. There is a constructive argument to debate why the Raptors should have traded the 35-year-old on his birthday and in the final year of his contract. Lowry will become a UFA at the end of this year.

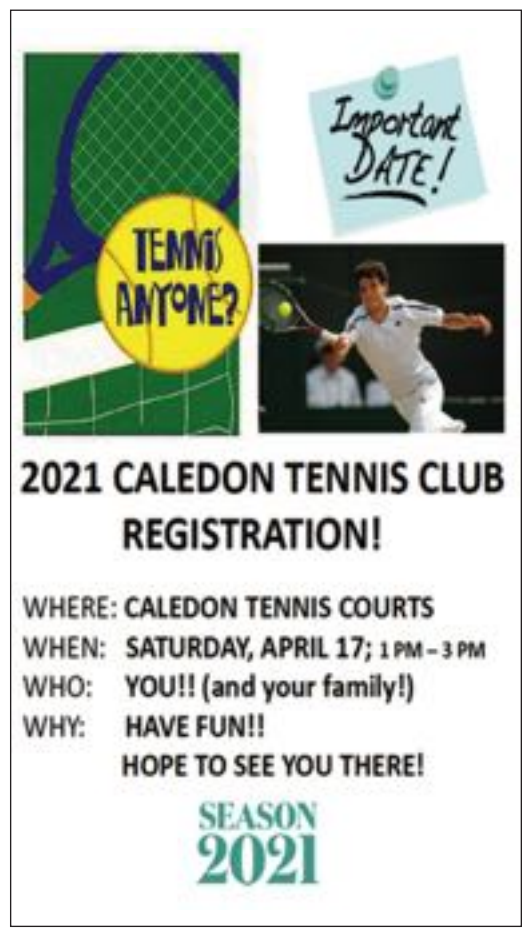
I believe the Raptors didn't get what they were looking for. The Miami Heat and the Philadelphia 76ers were the two frontrunners to land Lowry and both could not complete a deal. The Raptors wanted Heat guard Tyler Herro. Heck, that's who I would have wanted as well.

But keeping Lowry isn't exactly a loss. Ujiri didn't want to undersell. And how could he sell the greatest Raptor of all time just like that and without a proper goodbye from the Toronto faithful?

Maybe Lowry resigns at the end of the year for a cheaper contract. Maybe he helps nurture Malachi Flynn and even Trent. The sad part is Kyle Lowry is the threshold between the Raptors of old and the current vision of the Raptors of the future. He still holds those memories dear to all of us as fans.

With the Raptors currently fighting for a playoff-spot, their recent woes would suggest the boys might miss the cut. Who knows. They might.

Overall it was a sentimental trade deadline for the Raptors. I didn't want to see Powell go personally. I understand it was necessary. And Lowry; although the hope was to find him a competitive team to win the chip, it didn't work out. I grade the Raptors trade deadline moves a B. The organization acquired two players and two picks. They let three players go. Not too shabby.









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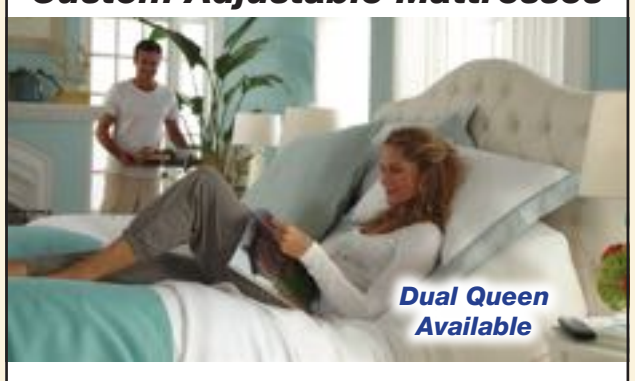
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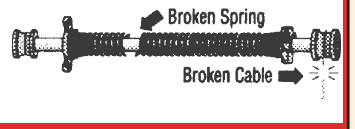
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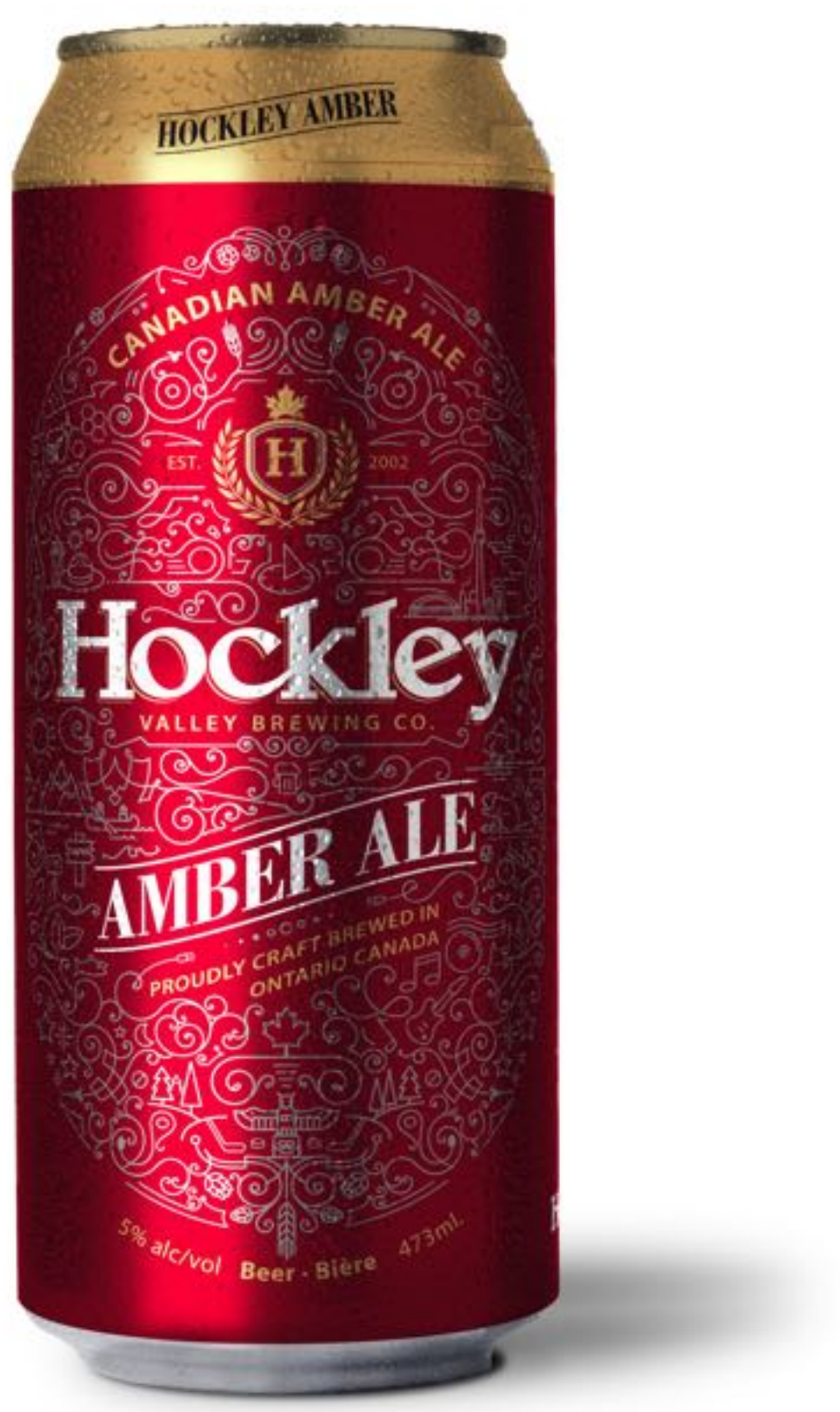
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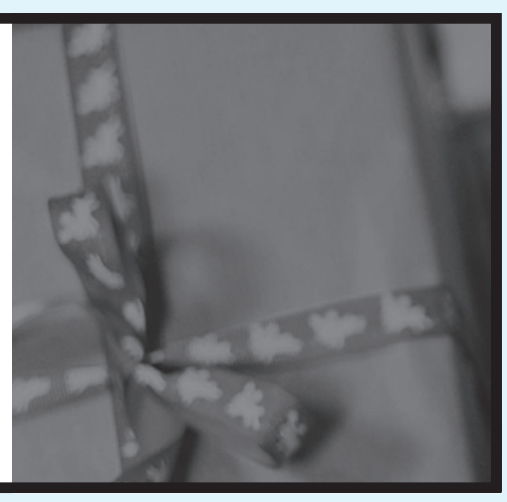
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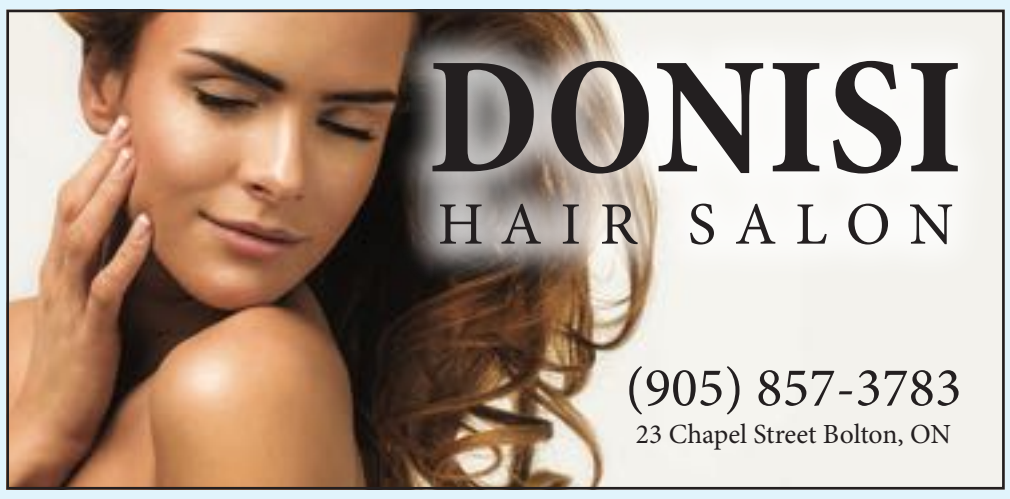


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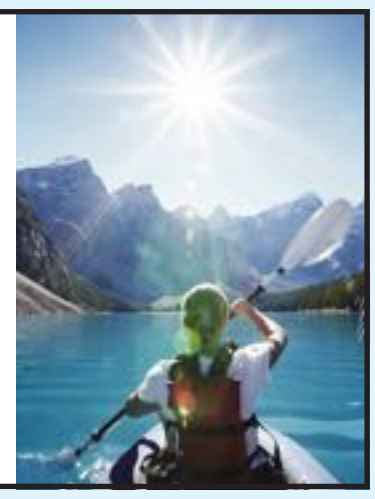
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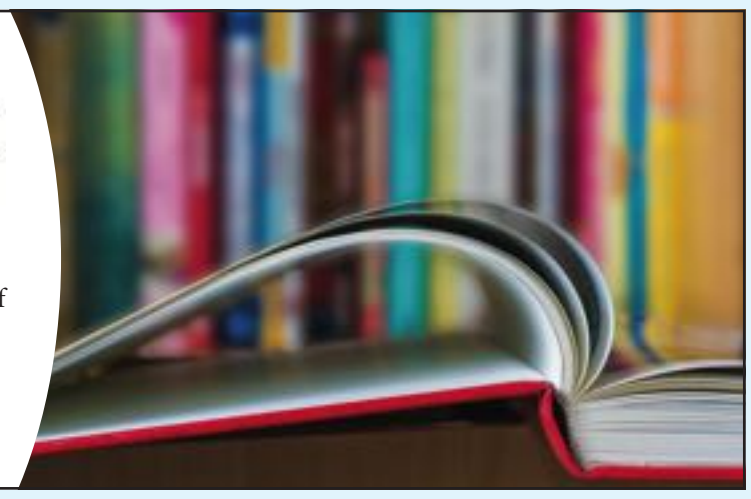


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