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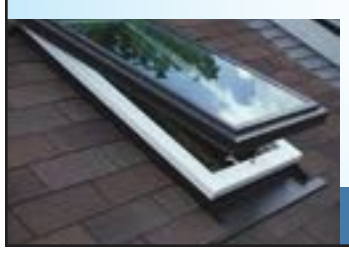
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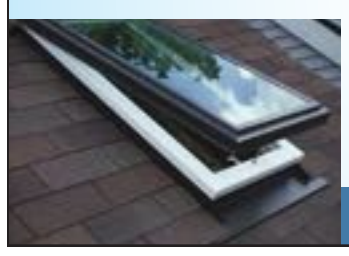
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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – This Sunday, April 18, marks the start of National Volunteer Week, and one of the many organizations that has been working hard to make sure "business as usual" doesn't seem too far away is Friends of the Caledon Public Library. Friends president Marty Harrison, pictured here at a recent "Mystery Box" sale benefiting the Library, shares the group's story on Page 13.

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Caledon, Brampton Mayors call for all of Peel to be designated COVID hotspot

BY ROB PAUL
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

On April 14, at Brampton City Hall, Mayor Patrick Brown was joined by Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Peel Region Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh to provide an update on the COVID-19 situation in Peel as well as the need for more vaccines.

With growing numbers in the Peel Region, Brown and Thompson talked about the need to designate the entire region as a hotspot to allow for more people to get vaccinated sooner.

"I've been working urgently with (Mayor Thompson) on [highlighting] the urgency of vaccinating our essential workplaces," said Brown. "I would note that there are so many commonalities and similarities between Caledon and Brampton. Our factory settings bleed into each other, you look at Amazon plants in Caledon and Brampton, some of the people who work at the factories in Caledon come from Brampton and we've been working together to advocate for Peel Region."

Thompson was adamant that Peel Region is the best in the province at getting residents vaccinated and the addition of pop-up clinics has been a big help in getting a larger demographic the vaccine. But he pleaded with the Provincial and Federal government that more vaccines must be made available to the region with the situation getting increasingly distressful.

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Students return to online learning following April Break

BY BROCK WEIR

Ontario students will return to online learning following April Break.

Premier Doug Ford and Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced Monday that schools across the Province will be closed to in-person learning effective this Monday, April 19, amid a rise of COVID-19 cases attributed to variants of concern.

The move follows measures taken by public health units in Peel Region and the City of Toronto which, in the lead-up to the April Break, took proactive measures to close their respective schools to in-person classes.

"No one wants our kids in school more than I do, that's where they belong, but with COVID-19 spreading like wildfire, with these deadly variants taking hold in Ontario, we simply can't be too cautious right now. We have to be proactive and

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Infrastructure, Library receive funding for improvements, innovation

BY ROB PAUL
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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MPP SYLVIA JONES

Canada and Ontario have announced 30 investments in community and recreation projects in central Ontario—including six projects in Dufferin-Caledon – as part of the Investing in Canada plan.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was part of the virtual announcement last week for the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada plan that was hosted in the Town of Grand Valley.

Joining Jones for the joint funding announcement was London West MP Kate Young on behalf of Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Catherine McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues and MP for Simcoe North Jill Dunlop, and Grand Valley Mayor Steve Soloman.

The Government of Canada is investing over $11.3 million in these projects through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada plan. The Government of Ontario is providing more than $9 million, while municipalities are investing over $7.1 million in their respective projects.

The six projects receiving funding in Dufferin-Caledon are Caledon Public Library for space renovation and creation of innovation lab with $121,872 in Federal funding and $101,500 in Provincial funding; Mayfield Rec Complex for pool repairs, upgrades, shower change rooms, and to replace the main lobby with $203,100 in Federal funding, $169,233 in Provincial funding, and $135,417 in Municipal funding; Trailway bridges in Caledon to rehabilitate four bridges and improve safety with $240,000 in Federal funding, $199,980 in provincial funding, and $160,020 in municipal funding; Centre Dufferin Rec Complex in Shelburne for a roof replacement with $285,625 in Federal funding, $237,164 in Provincial funding, and $189,774 in Municipal funding; Mono Tennis Club for the construction of two accessible tennis courts at the Mono Centre with $206,800 in Federal funding, $172,316 in Provincial funding, and $137,884 in Municipal funding; and Grand Valley & District Community Centre to replace the arena floor and upgrade the equipment and accessible change rooms with $1,147,500 in Federal funding, $956,154 in Provincial funding, and $765,096 in Municipal funding.

"I'm pleased Dufferin-Caledon has received funding for six projects throughout the riding," said MP Kyle Seeback. "This support will be critical to mitigate the terrible impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our community and will surely help to stimulate economic activity, while improving the quality of life for all residents."

Through the Investing in Canada plan, the Federal government is investing more than $180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada's rural and northern communities. Across Ontario, the Government of Canada has invested more than $8.3 billion in over 2,865 infrastructure projects.

"This investment from both the Federal and Provincial government will benefit all residents in a number of communities across Ontario," Jones said. "The six projects in Dufferin-Caledon include many needed upgrades to our community recreation facilities.

"These improvements will continue to support our ability to remain both active and healthy. Recreational and cultural opportunities impact our daily lives, be it on the trails, in the library, swimming, or playing tennis, hockey and lacrosse. These improvements, repairs and upgrades to our community facilities and trails helps everyone to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle."

Across the Province and over the next ten years, Ontario is investing approximately $320 million, and Canada is investing approximately $407 million under the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

This stream supports the construction of new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities that improve community infrastructure (e.g., community centres, libraries), and support upgrades to recreational venues (e.g., arenas, recreational spaces) and cultural spaces (e.g., theatres, museums).

Ontario is investing over $10.2 billion under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to improve public transit; community, culture and recreation; green, and rural and northern community, and other priority infrastructure.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted, investments in the health and wellness of Ontarians are more critical than ever," said Jones. "The 2021 budget builds on record investments made in response to the global pandemic, bringing total investments to $16.3 billion to protect people's health and $23.3 billion to protect our economy—Ontario's COVID-19 action plan now totals $51 billion.

"Supporting cultural and recreational infrastructure projects—like the one's we're celebrating today—helps to protect our communities, making them stronger, healthier, and safer as we're released from the grasp of this COVID pandemic. I'm delighted that 23 communities will benefit from our joint investments with our Federal partners. We're rebuilding the economy and creating healthy and safe communities across Ontario through our Federal-Provincial partnership."





Bolton's Cy Wallace celebrates memorable 90th birthday



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BY ROBERT BELARDI

On Sunday April 4, Cyril "Cy" Wallace received far more than phone calls for his 90th birthday.

"All the kids, the grandchildren, the great-grandchildren. About eight cars passed by. We were all spread out with masks on and everything," Wallace said.

Numerous cars passed by honking their horns. Someone put a sign that took up all of the front lawn that said "Happy 90 Birthday." About 19 people from the Davis Centre where he volunteers came with a big sign with all of their names on it. A few people from the Wood Carvers community in Bolton who Wallace is also a part of attended.

"One thing after another happened all weekend. I got 119 cards with beautiful sentiments on it. Unbelievable," Wallace said.

An optimist, Wallace says he enjoys life and amidst this time that we are all currently enduring. He musters the strength to be positive on an every day basis. Wallace and his wife, Ruth, still live in Bolton. They had four children together with their eldest sadly passing away at 44. They are blessed with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A commercial artist all of his life, Wallace moved to Bolton when he was just a baby. He attended Bolton Continuation School, and after high school attended some night classes at Danforth Tech.

He received his first apprenticeship with Clem Saila Advertising. Afterwards he went to Templeton Studios apprenticing for four years, followed Odeon Theatres, as well as Vickers and Benson.

At Vickers and Benson his truly began freelancing. Ruth and Wallace were given the experience to travel Canada. Wallace sketched Calgary, Vancouver, Winnipeg and two series of Toronto.

He worked at so many agencies. He met all kinds of great people in his life. He went on to spend nine-and-a-half-years there. He even won the prestigious OBIE award presented by the Art Directors of Toronto along the way in 1957 for his contribution as a mechanical artist in commercial advertising.

"I went to a lot of freelance places. But one thing I never did, a lot of people to extend their pays they bargained with people. I somehow couldn't do that. If people came after me I didn't use it for a pay rise I went because they wanted me," Wallace emphasized.

In his life's journey following his work, Wallace came back to work locally. He was supposed to receive a very good deal working in Toronto, however with the deal falling through, owner of the Caledon Citizen John Archibald saved him.

Then the Enterprise came calling a year later. He took that job until he turned 65 years old and retired.

Another memorable moment came when he was asked to sketch the centennial flag of Bolton. He moved here when there were only 600 people living in the town.

One resident wanted to design a hooked rug because her husband worked at the old mill in town. One was placed at the ball park in the centre of town (which is now missing) and the other is in Wallace's living room. The Mill was featured on the rug.

Recently, Wallace retired from the Laurel Hill Cemetery board. He was volunteering at the Davis Centre up until the pandemic began, speaking with elderly at the nursing home. He laughed when he said all of this keeps him young. He's been told plenty of times he doesn't look his age.

Now at home, Wallace loves to garden and is preparing for the Summer season. He is cleaning up the backyard in preparation. He keeps a workbook of his journey. He took note of his story and keeps each page in a duo-tang.

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If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

There will be an online court hearing on **June 23, 2021** to decide whether the proposed settlement of the lawsuit should be approved. The hearing will take place virtually.

Compensation to Class Members is not yet available. If the court approves the settlement and you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can then make a claim for compensation.

To obtain further information, please visit https://cpriclassaction.ca or contact Epiq at 1-866-640-9989, or by email at info@cpriclassaction.ca.

The lawyers acting for the class are Koskie Minsky LLP. You may also contact Koskie Minsky LLP at 1-844-819-8523 or by email at cpriclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

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CANNABIS OPERATION DISCOVERED FOLLOWING FIRE CALL

On April 8, Caledon Fire Services attended a commercial building on Marconi Court in Bolton regarding a roof fire.

While conducting their duties, an indoor cannabis operation was discovered at the location.

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police Caledon Detachment Community Street Crime Unit conducted an investigation and determined that there was no license for the operation located in one of the units. As a result of the investigation, a search warrant was executed at the location with the assistance of the Ontario Fire Marshalls office and Electrical Safety Authority.

Over $1.2 million of cannabis product was seized in addition to approximately $16,000 in operational equipment.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding the investigation is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2000 upon an arrest.

PERSON IN CRISIS

In the last week, uniformed members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of a person in crisis in the Town of Caledon.

Information was received that the person was in a forested area and required immediate medical attention. Numerous OPP support units including Emergency Response Team, Canine Unit and OPP Aviation were called to assist.

The location of the person was established with the assistance of the OPP Negotiator and Aviation. Uniformed members were able to assist with the rescue and getting the person medical assistance required.

The OPP is committed to providing support to the individuals in crisis. If you, or a loved one, is going through a mental health crisis, we can help - call 24.7 Crisis Support Peel Dufferin at 905-278-9036 or 1-888-811-2222 (Caledon).

EARLY MORNING CAR BREAK-INS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to several reported incidents of theft from motor vehicles that occurred over the weekend in Bolton.

Several vehicles parked in residential driveways on Riverwood Terrace, Waterburry Street, Lawren Harris Crescent and Strawberry Hill Court had been entered and rummaged through by unknown suspects during early morning hours on Saturday, April 10.

Most of the vehicles were left unlocked overnight. The following items were stolen from the vehicles: cheques, a cell phone, cash, gift cards, a wallet, documents, keys, etc.

A garage was also entered on Lawren Harris Crescent, but nothing was reported stolen at the time.

Suspect description: four males - three on foot, one driver remained in the vehicle.

Suspect vehicle: a dark coloured Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV).

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

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Caledon OPP reminds residents to:

- Always lock vehicles and remove valuables from plain view;
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- Store car keys in a secure location in your home, and
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POLICE LOOKING TO IDENTIFY "SUSPICIOUS MALE"

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspicious person who was observed inside a local business in Alliston, New Tecumseth.

"On Friday, April 9, at approximately 4:00 p.m., police received a complaint from a concerned citizen regarding a suspicious person inside a local business on Dunham Drive in Alliston," say Police. "The male appeared to be watching females in the area, and departed from the store on foot back to a grey Mazda which was parked in front of the business.

"The suspect was captured on video surveillance and can be described as Caucasian, average height, thin to medium build, wearing a white shirt, black hooded jean jacket, black pants, beige shoes with white soles, wavy black hair, beard, wearing blue surgical mask.

"The male was observed operating a stolen 2007 grey Mazda 6 with Florida licence plate PIAM99, which was reported stolen on Thursday, April 8, 2021 from Peel Regional Police jurisdiction."

Police are looking to identify the male. Please do not approach the male, rather, call police and provide location and pertinent information to police.

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IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Four motorists are now facing impaired driving charges after being arrested by members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in the last week.

"On Wednesday, April 7, at approximately 5:48 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 50 and Patterson Side Road in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Officers located the vehicle in question and conducted an investigation. An Approved Screening Device demand was made on the driver, which resulted in a 'fail' reading. The driver was arrested 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, Ari Iyathuraiiyer, 41, of Caledon, stands charged with:

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

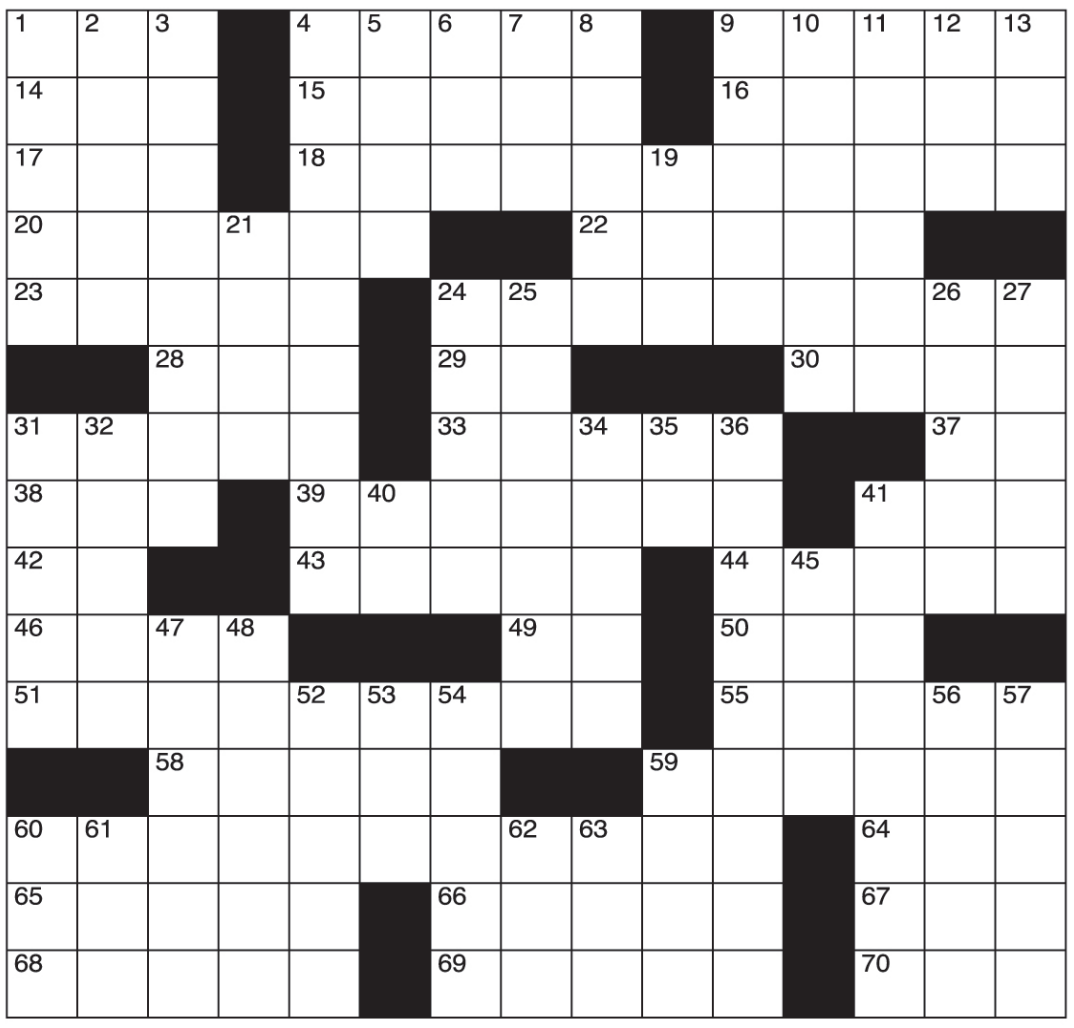
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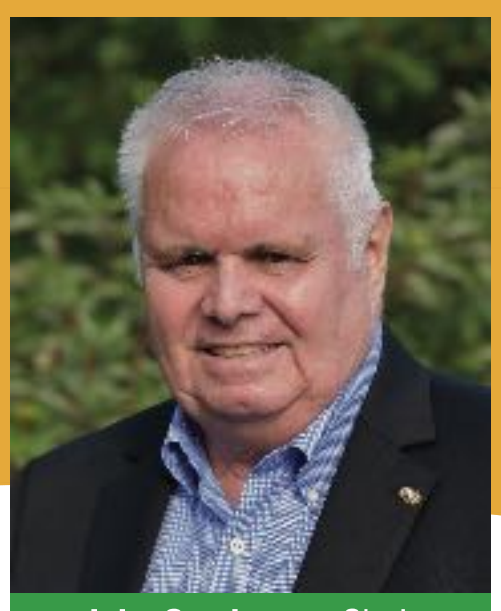
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20. Hoarded
22. Theatrically portray
23. Noah's grandson
24. Dependent
28. Peyton's little brother
29. Cools the house
30. Principle part of
31. Type of wrap
33. Peels
37. Commercial
38. Make an attempt
39. Arrange in steps
41. U. Utah athlete
42. Old English
43. Trade
44. Nostrils
46. Ticket seller
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49. Of I
50. Institute legal proceedings against
51. Takes apart
55. Doorway
58. Long int'l river
59. Trailblazing athlete Gibson
60. Former CBS News host
64. Sign language
65. Badgerlike mammal
66. Thin strips of wood
67. Brooklyn hoopster
68. Portents of good or evil
69. Footwear
70. When you think you'll arrive

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1. Batflower genus
2. Predatory seabirds
3. Fish farm
4. Arrangements
5. Go in advance of others
6. Bulgarian monetary unit
7. "__ Maria"
8. W. African ethnoreligious group
9. Wild Asian oxen genus
10. Vinegary
11. To this
12. Explosive
13. Female sibling
19. Orlando museum (abbr.)
21. Type of hoop
24. About Holy Father
25. Academic environment
26. Extremely angry
27. Surrenders
31. Swiss mountain pass
32. Sharp mountain ridge
34. Erases
35. Spielberg's alien
36. Absurd
40. Dorm worker
41. Used to make pesticides
45. The sister of your father or mother
47. A way to let know
48. Can't produce much vegetation
52. Small streams
53. Folk singer DiFranco
54. Weights
56. Start over
57. Black Sea resort city
59. Wimbledon champ
60. Corporate executive (abbr.)
61. Unskilled actor who overacts
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63. Of or relating to ears

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All Bethell Hospice programs and services are available in our community at **no charge** to all who need them. That is only possible because of people like you. Fundraising was a challenge in 2020, as in person events had to be cancelled in response to the global health crisis. At the same time, hospice operating costs increased, with the additional measures necessary to keep everyone safe. Through it all, your support was unwavering. You let us know how much Bethell Hospice is needed and valued in our community, and stepped up to make sure our care could continue. We could not be more grateful.

Your support over the past year has been inspiring. As community event organizers, you showed incredible resourcefulness to find ways to adjust when events could not be held in person. As sponsors, you graciously worked with us to find creative ways to continue your support. And as individual donors, in record numbers, you supported our **Celebration of Light & Love Virtual Tree Lighting** during the holiday season, raising over $240,000 to directly support Bethell Hospice programs and services. Every gift, whether large or small, made a real difference.

As we move into the second year of pandemic restrictions, the challenge continues. Our **Hike for Bethell Hospice** will be virtual again this year, and the need for hospice funds remains greater than ever before. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support and belief in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community. We are confident that, with your help, we can continue to weather this storm, and look forward together to brighter days ahead. Please know how grateful we are for your compassion and your generosity.







We thank you, and everyone who has been comforted by the compassion and caring of Bethell Hospice thanks you.

Please stay well, and stay safe.

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Prince Philip leaves lasting legacy at community level through Duke of Edinburgh Awards program



A long-time advocate and volunteer with the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Major Brian McCue has seen first hand the positive impact the program has had on students across the country down to the community level. **PHOTO BY BROCK WEIR**

BY BROCK WEIR

She didn't always jump at opportunities when they presented themselves, but learning how to get out of her comfort zone and do just that has set Julia Garbe on the road to her future.

Ms. Garbe, an engineering student at the University of Waterloo, is currently in a dream internship at Apple, a long way away from when she first tentatively joined the robotics team at King's Country Day School. It's a fulfilling step towards a fulfilling future, but a path she might not be on right now without the Duke of Edinburgh and the international awards program for students he founded which still bears his name.

Prince Philip, the long-serving consort of Queen Elizabeth II, died Friday at Windsor Castle just two months shy of his 100th birthday. Following his death, flags across the community and the country as a whole were lowered in his honour as leaders paid tribute to his life of service.

"A man of great service to others – first as a decorated naval officer and later as a dedicated leader in the areas of community engagement and philanthropy – the Duke always sought out the best in people and challenged them to strive for greater heights," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week.

The Duke's self-prescribed mandate of bringing out the best in people and challenging them to strive to greater heights is evidenced by the numerous local students who have come up through the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

The Awards, which challenge students to set their own goals in four key areas to "take control of their lives and their futures" was first founded in 1956 and established in Canada in 1964.

Since its inception, the Award has reached more than 1 million students spread over more than 130 countries, to carry out volunteer work, develop new skills, set personal fitness goals, and undertake an "adventurous journey."

"It is crafted in such a way that the individual students can create their own award experience," says Major Brian McCue, Commanding Officer of the 142 SAC Highland Cadet Corps of St. Andrew's College (SAC). "It provides a guideline or a framework for life experience and it is very broad but also gives a foundation that young people really value. It really gets them on track, which is awesome.

"The program encourages young people to explore the challenge themselves and to motivate themselves and develop self-confidence along the way and belief in themselves, striving to reach goals they never thought they could achieve."

Major McCue became involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards long before joining SAC as an educator through the Army Cadet program working with inner-city youth in Downtown Toronto. Through this work, he began volunteering with the Awards' Canadian office.

As news of Prince Philip's death was announced last week, memories of meeting the Awards' founder were flooding back.

"He was very casual, loved speaking with young people and award leaders as well," he remembers. "I had an opportunity on three or four occasions to attend the Gold Level award presentation with Prince Philip. He was very engaged with young people."

In 2010, Major McCue attended one such Gold Award presentation at Toronto's Royal York Hotel which was not only presided over by the Duke but attended by the Queen as well. It was a hot July day and as soon as Prince Philip stepped up to address that afternoon's group of recipients, the power went out leaving the ballroom in all but complete darkness.

"He didn't flinch," he recalls. "He just stepped forward and spoke to the young people and said, 'Luckily I have a very loud voice,' and carried on. That was his philosophy: don't just talk about it; get out and do it."

McCue is a loud voice for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards within the SAC community. More than 60 years on since its founding, he says it still resonates with students because it allows them to "craft their own journey."

"You might decide for your [volunteer service] to go to the OSPCA and help walk the dogs. The fellow next to you might be helping at the local hospital. Someone else might be doing it in a soup kitchen. Everyone's award is crafted to their own goals and what they would like to see, the same with their adventurous journey.

"One of the young people I took out was on the Bruce Trail. We stopped for a lunch break and I thought, 'Is everything okay?' He was standing by a fence and wasn't really taking part in the lunch. I wandered over to him and he said, 'Is that a cow?' He was looking at a field and this 14-year-old had never seen a cow in real life, only pictures. Sure enough, the cow wandered over and he was mystified."

Julia's journey with the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards took her to an active volunteer role at the Aurora Cultural Centre, building her skills by taking up the clarinet for the very first time, lending a hand to building a school in Ecuador, and setting out in a canoe in Algonquin Park.

"The most important thing I learned is just the habit of volunteering and always jumping at the opportunity,' she shares. "If you're given the opportunity, always say yes and you have a shot at something. You can always learn from any of the activities that you do. Learning about myself came out of developing that habit and I don't think I would have been someone who so actively volunteers and jumps at opportunities if given the chance before I started this award.

"One of the first big steps in my life that set me on this path was joining the robotics club at my school. That Is something I was always interested in but never took the chance because there weren't any girls on the team, I didn't have any friends on the team, it was all people I didn't know. When I got into the habit of volunteering through the Duke of Ed, I thought, what could possibly go wrong? Joining the robotics team completely changed my life. If fell in love with robotics, decided to go into mechatronics and engineering at the University of Waterloo and through a series of different work experiences, I have now landed myself an internship at Apple for eight months.

"I would encourage anyone to give the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards a try. It is a marathon, not a sprint. It is not a quick thing you can get, but it will open a lot of doors and build habits that will honestly change your life for the better – and also the people around you."

For more on the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards in Canada, visit dukeofed.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

0 and 12035 Dixie Road,Ward 2

Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

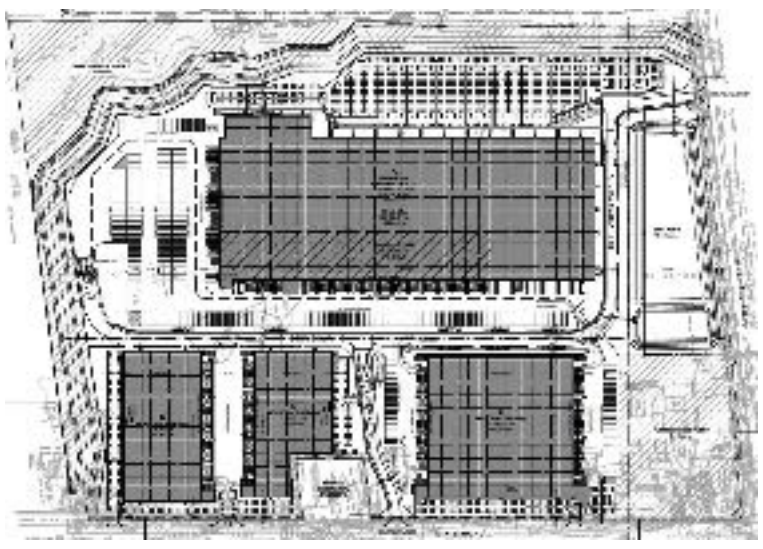
FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0005 AND RZ 2021-0007
RELATED FILE NUMBER: SPA 2021-0013

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APPLICANT:
Armstrong Planning and Project Management on behalf of Tribal Partners Canada Inc.

LOCATION:
0 and 12035 Dixie Road
Part Lots 18 and 19, Concession 4 EHS (Chinguacousy)
North-East Corner of Dixie Road and Mayfield Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:
The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the development of an e-commerce development consisting of warehousing, distribution centres and industrial uses in four industrial buildings totaling approximately 204,386.7 m2 (2,200,000 ft2). The Official Plan Amendment proposes to redesignate the lands from Prime Agricultural Area to Prestige Industrial. The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to rezone the lands from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone (EPA2) to Prestige Industrial – Exception XXX (MP-XXX) with site specific permissions and Environmental Policy Area 1 Zone (EPA1).



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LEAD PLANNER:
Stephanie McVittie
Acting Manager, Development Review Services
Planning Department

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

0 Mount Hope Road, Ward 4

Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): 21T-20002C AND RZ 2020-0005

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment applications. A Public Meeting will be held to consider these applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Due to continuing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect individuals, Town Hall will not be open to the public to attend Public Meetings until further notice. These meetings will be held electronically.

MEETING DATE: **MAY 11, 2021**
PUBLIC MEETING START TIME: **7:00 P.M.**

To listen to the Meeting (but not participate), you may call 1-833-311-4101, Meeting Access Code: 132 667 5285#.

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APPLICANT:
Castlemore Corporation

LOCATION:
0 Mount Hope Road
Part Lot 28, Concession 8 (Albion)
East Side of Mount Hope Road, South of Highway 9

PROPOSED CHANGES:
The proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision consists of 29 estate residential lots with structure envelopes, an environmental block, new roads and a new road connecting the subdivision to the east to Mount Hope Road. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to amend the zoning from Rural – Oak Moraine (A2-ORM) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone – Oak Ridge Moraine (EPA2 – ORM) to Estate Residential – Exception XX – Oak Ridges Moraine (RE-XX-ORM) to include site specific provisions for building and structure location and natural area restrictions.



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LEAD PLANNER:
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

12862 Dixie Road, Ward 2

Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

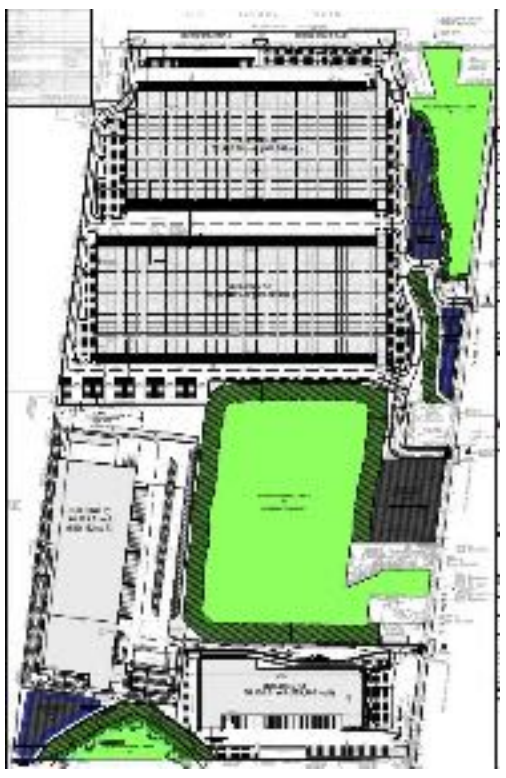
FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0004 AND RZ 2021-0006 RELATED FILE NUMBER: SPA 2021-0012

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APPLICANT:
Armstrong Planning and Project Management on behalf of Tribal Partners Canada Inc.

LOCATION:
12862 Dixie Road
Part Lots 21 and, Concession 3 EHS (Chinguacousy)
South-West Corner of Dixie Road and Old School Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:
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LEAD PLANNER:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

0 Highway 9, Ward 4

Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): 21T-08001C AND RZ 08-05

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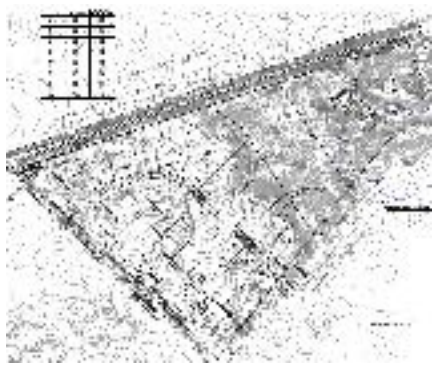
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APPLICANT:
Rob Russell Planning Consultants Inc. on behalf of 1685078 Ontario Inc.

LOCATION:
0 Highway 9
Part Lots 28 & 29, Concession 9 (Albion)
South-East Corner of Highway 9 and Mount Pleasant Road

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PROPOSED CHANGES:
To establish a plan of subdivision on the subject land consisting of 22 estate residential lots, reforestation areas, an extension of Walter Brown Drive (Street A) from the Beaverhall subdivision to Mount Pleasant Road, a block for stormwater infrastructure, and blocks associated with widening/reserves along Highway 9 and Mount Pleasant Road. The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to rezone the lands from Rural – Oak Ridges Moraine (A2-ORM) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone – Oak Ridges Moraine (EPA2-ORM) to Estate Residential – Exception XXX – Oak Ridges Moraine (RE-XXX-ORM) and Environmental Policy Area 1 – Oak Ridges Moraine – Exception XXX (EPA1-ORM-XXX) to permit site specific uses and standards to implement the proposed plan of subdivision.



LEAD PLANNER:
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Coming soon!

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APRIL

19 Planning Public Meeting
Ward 3 Caledon East Subdivision 7 p.m.

20 General Committee, 2:30 p.m.

20 Planning and Development Committee, 7 p.m.

26 Council Meeting, 2:30 p.m.

27 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

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Caledon Ward Boundary Review

Should the Town add or reduce the number of Councillors at the table?

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Brock's Banter

A life well exceptionally well-lived

BY BROCK WEIR

There was excitement in the air this particular April morning.

It was a glorious, cloud-free day with the air just crisp enough to temper the beating sun.

By the time people began to assemble on the lawns of Queen's Park, it was clear a lot of preparation had gone into what was set to unfold. But, perhaps not. Events of this kind were not exactly unique in the Greater Toronto Area, but they weren't exactly routine, either.

What they had been preparing for was steeped in tradition. Where you needed to stand, where you needed to move, what you needed to say probably followed more or less the same formula over the preceding 200 years, yet each individual role was rehearsed nonetheless and everyone was determined to ensure things went off without a hitch.

Perhaps the only wildcard of the event, a military parade held at Queen's Park on April 27, 2013, was the presence of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who at the remarkable age of 92 was set to make a 24-hour visit to the city. Here, as Colonel in Chief to one of the regiments due to demonstrate some of their military manoeuvres in front of the Ontario Legislature before they paraded down University Avenue, the Duke was set to preside over official ceremonies commemorating the bicentennial of the Battle of York.

As the clock ticked down to the appointed hour, more and more people began to find their place behind the crowd barricades. Some came out just for the pomp and circumstances such parades offer, but many more were eager simply to catch a glimpse of the guest of honour, whether in his own right, in his role as long-serving consort to our Head of State, or, in the words of one teen I interviewed, to see "William and Harry's grandpa."

Amid the excitement was a feeling this was not your average royal visit, but a potential farewell. After all, despite apparently having the stamina at his age to make a quick transatlantic hop for just a few hours, the reality was he was well into his tenth decade and the likelihood of it happening again didn't seem particularly likely.

As we waited for the royal arrival, I couldn't help but cast my mind back nearly three years earlier, standing in a very similar position – this time there out of solely my own interest rather than personal interest tempered by work responsibilities – to the last time the Duke of Edinburgh was at the legislature.

Then, on what would ultimately turn out to be their last joint engagement on Canadian soil, the Queen and Prince Philip were there to meet with the Lieutenant-Governor, Premier and cabinet of the day before unveiling a plaque outside before jetting off from Pearson bound for New York City where the Monarch was due to address the United Nations.

From my vantage point well removed from the reddish-brown façade of the Legislature I had ample time to see the couple, accompanied by the then-Governor General, Prime Minister and their respective spouses make their way slowly in our direction towards the run-of-the-mill unveiling which attracted tens of thousands.

It was clear we were collectively watching the most iconic double-act in the business doing what they did best.

Dividing the crowds between them, the Queen took one side, the Duke the other, each keeping an eye on one another as they worked the crowds, sometimes trading off when Prince Philip met up with one of the many people eager to hand his wife flowers, occasionally lifting bouquet-bearing kids over the barricades himself so they could toddle over to present their gifts. All done with a zest for each other – and for life.

This wasn't my first time seeing the "team" in action. What I witnessed that day was just as I remembered from my first time seeing them in 1997, again in 2002, and three more times in the days leading up to their departure in 2010. As it was for my mother when she saw them in New Brunswick in 1959. As it was for my dad who saw the then Princess Elizabeth and Duke in 1951 on their first trip to our shores.

This time, however, was going to be markedly different; the Duke of Edinburgh was flying solo and, whether or not the idea made him cringe, he was due to have the spotlight firmly and singularly on him.

It could be argued that during his remarkable 73 years of public service – 81 if you factor in his pre-marriage wartime service – such moments of being the centre of undivided attention were few and far between. It was, in my opinion, due time. This was evidently a sentiment shared by the Government of Canada and Rideau Hall which took the opportunity to appoint the Duke of Edinburgh the very first Extraordinary Companion of the Order of Canada.

"[He] has long embodied dignity, loyalty and service to others," read his citation. "He has known eleven Canadian Governors General and eleven Prime Ministers, and has been present at events which have shaped our nation, including the signing of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. His Royal Highness has a keen interest in the personal development of young people and, through the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, has helped to advance the community engagement and personal achievements of young Canadians. In addition, he has long held close ties with Canada's Armed Forces, which have recognized his service with the unique ranks of Honourary Admiral and General. Through his many visits to Canada, both on his own and with Her Majesty the Queen, he has shown his lasting concern for our country and for Canadians."

It was fitting that his last engagement on Canadian soil was an opportunity for Canada, in turn, to show its collective appreciation for him and, as it transpired last week, provide him a fitting send-off.

Only time will tell how The Duke of Edinburgh will be remembered in Canada, the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world, but I feel his legacy is secure. One only has to look as far as his unwavering devotion to Queen and Country, his steadfast work in and for the Armed Forces, and his tireless dedication to improving the lives of young people, some of whom are still in their early days of high school.

Now, as this remarkable chapter of history draws to a close this Saturday at St. George's Chapel, I look back with pride at the rapturous reception he received that April day in 2013 – and, yes, I very enthusiastically participated in that; and I'll also look back at the pride I felt seeing that brand new Order of Canada badge hanging around his neck – in recognition of contributions I don't think we can even begin to fully appreciate at this point in time.



Our Readers Write

Open Letter to NDP Leader Andrea Horwath

Please stop blaming Doug Ford and the Ford Government for everything that goes wrong these days.

Remember, going into this pandemic, we had no manual, no play book, no previous experience or facts to draw on, totally unchartered waters. Then we realized how hard this was on seniors as we lost a lot of our precious seniors. Now, we are not losing any. Why ? Because The Ford government made sure they all got vaccinated as fast as possible.

I am 67 and I was able to book my Pfizer vaccine shot at The William Osler Brampton Hospital April 8.

Well, I have never seen anything run so smooth in my life. It was seamless, fast and I left with a detailed report of what I got, from what batch number, from what nurse and so much more.

And when I got home it was also emailed to me. This didn't happen to run so well by chance, it was the hard work the Ford Government put into getting this system set up.

So, what are todays problems? 1) Supply, and we all know that has nothing to do with the Ford Government and 2) the very high numbers and cases in the hospitals right now...and whose fault is that?

Us, Andrea. We the people are the problem as we are not following all the procedures and recommendations all health departments keeps telling us.

We are the problem so please stop blaming Ford for everything as we need uptake in better safety practices from everyone right now and we need all political people to be on board and promote and encourage this right now.

Even the Mayors of Toronto, Brampton, Mississauga and more are encouraging everyone to play by the rules rather than point fingers. Can you please do the same?

BRIAN PERRAS
CALEDON

Spring cleaning a bit of a memory cleanse

by Mark Pavilons



It's kinda weird going through one's old personal belongings and piles of socked-away items. A recent weekend cleanup revealed my life in a nutshell.

Talk about seeing your life pass by your very eyes in a matter of minutes!

I must say, it wasn't really much of a show. I much prefer the old classic ViewMaster, where you insert the circular disk of photos of the world's natural wonders, and click each one to advance.

Recently, I've witnessed many vivid and rather peculiar dreams. One involved a large, talking one-eyed lemur who was chasing a floating outhouse down the river in our former back yard. Another involved me driving an electric scooter through a crowded high school hallway.

Apparently our brains string together random fragments from both our memories and imagination, to create dreams. Our cortex is highly active during REM sleep so it's on with the show. Researchers believe dreams are the brain's attempt to file, organize and make sense of all the chaotic information our brains process. Hence the lemur, or maybe the outhouse.

He kinda resembled Buck, the "slightly unhinged" weasel on Ice Age.

Back to my spring cleaning. I can hardly wait for my next batch of mental movies, after our afternoon of cleaning, and going through old memories.

I have been a bit of a pack rat in the past, and I do "collect" certain things. My cabinet at home and even my desk at work is littered with knick-knacks – a series of tiny airplanes, some Star Trek devices, some ancient artifacts and a few plastic figures made famous in the 1963 classic, Jason and the Argonauts. Oh, and there's a lava rock that my daughter brought back from Iceland and a few ancient Roman coins.

My cabinet and roll-top desk in my bedroom at home contain all sorts of goodies, from hand-painted aircraft, spacecraft to some spent World War II bullet casings.

My mom used to call such things "dust-catchers" and my wife refers to them as my silly toys. But I am adamant these are "valuable collectibles" and will form a large part of my kids' inheritance one day!

Plus, some are cool models from childhood TV shows and movies – the original Thunderbirds, the British sci-fi series UFO and Lost in Space. These tiny trinkets were never available in my youth, so I snatch them up today, whenever I come across one.

We cleaned out a rather large cubby hole under the basement stairs, in our ongoing effort to clean and renovate our basement. It's a work in progress.

Out came roughly a dozen boxes filled with my belongings that date back to the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s.

For some reason I kept tons of old work-related documents – agendas, reports, copies of articles I wrote 20+ years ago. I also kept dozens of issues of newspapers I worked on. And a snarky letter from one of my former bosses.

Out they went, into large, contractor trash bags.

They were followed by books, some old photos and other stuff. I tried to toss a small collection of old doodles and drawings I did in high school, but my youngest wanted to keep them. I also wanted to pitch an old photo album of mine – I dabbled in photography in my high school and college days. Again, this was intercepted by one of my offspring.

I was about to toss my high school yearbooks, but the kids wanted to flip through them to make fun of our clothing and hair styles!

Fortunately, other things were destined to never see the light the day ever again. Really, do I need a photo of myself when I graduated college? When would I ever use my old binders containing 20-year-old resumes and references? I worked on an art magazine called Arabella and out went dozens of these issues.

Some trinkets and photos of my long-gone family members headed into the great beyond, too.

Maybe the reason I wanted to toss everything had to do with this type of chore. I had the unfortunate responsibility of clearing out the belongings of several family members who passed away. Going through other people's stuff was weird, uncomfortable and even unsettling. It's one of those duties I don't wish on anyone.

When I did my uncle's apartment, I came upon some odd-looking trinkets that made me smile and laugh, but most of this ritual cleaning was depressing.

It really hit home that our lives can be boiled down to a few dozen boxes, shelves and cupboards filled with junk.

My recent exercise also led me on another "hunt." And that is to assemble the cool things I've collected over the years, dust them off, and try to find suitable places to display them properly. Of course, this task will require a lot of input from my wife.

My assortment of goodies includes framed pictures from our travels, including a hand-woven rug by indigenous people of Cartagena. I also have a collection of 12-inch LP picture discs from the 1980s.

I doubt my assortment of tiny spaceships will leave their perch, but you never know.

I always wanted a life-size suit of armor but the jury (wife) is still out on that one.

Technology today allows us to make digital memories on a daily basis. We can capture our lives in chronological order and replay such images at our leisure.

As a visual creature (I heard that men tend to be optically sensitive), I like to look at my collectibles.

They make me smile.

Thanks for the memories!

As for the rest of the stuff, RIP!

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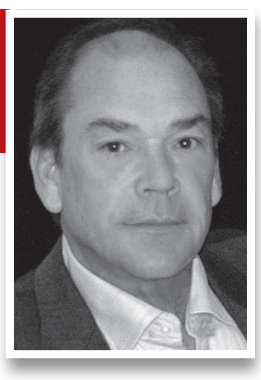
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It's a 24 hour world

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



If you're old enough to remember when a telephone was mounted on a wall and had actual bells that clanged like a fire alarm, you probably remember it was somewhat of an event when the telephone rang.

If you were in a typical family dwelling, the call would go out, "Harry, it's for you!"

There was also an unwritten rule regarding acceptable times to call someone.

If you knew your friend started work at the local factory at 6:00 a.m., you probably wouldn't call them after nine o'clock. The same went for people with small children who were already asleep.

Those telephone bells were loud.

For some reason, the people who made telephones at that time figured most of the population was hard of hearing and they had to make the bells loud enough that you could hear them half a-mile away if it was summer and your windows were open.

There was also the dreaded late-night call.

If your telephone sprang to life after 11:00 p.m., there would be an instant feeling of dread. No one called you at that hour unless it was to deliver news of the worst kind.

The digital world has changed all that.

It seems the majority of households don't even have a telephone any more. The so called "land-lines" are quickly disappearing as everyone just carries their cell phone with them at all times.

When was the last time you used a public telephone – or even have seen one, for that matter?

The transformation to the digital world has also altered the way we do business.

E-mail has especially eliminated personal boundaries that used to be in place regarding the separation of home and work life.

If your boss called you on a weekend, they had better have a pretty good reason why they were calling at 3:00 p.m. on a Saturday and interrupting your barbecue. The same went for clients or business associates.

Your time off, was your time off.

The only real exception to that was if you had an "emergency" of some sort like your pipes burst and you needed a plumber ASAP who advertised he was available for emergency calls.

The thing with e-mail is people can't dodge you if they don't want to speak to you.

If you call someone and they don't answer the phone, your message won't get through. With an e-mail you know they are going to get the message, so if you e-mail someone about that $50 they owe you, there's no excuse for them to say, "oh yeah, I forgot about that."

The "business hours" thing seems to have disappeared in a lot of ways.

I routinely get e-mails at odd hours and on weekends that are business related. I don't mind, it has just become the normal way of doing things.

Conversely, I have sent people a message at 11 o'clock on a Sunday night requesting a meeting for later in the week.

I don't expect them to answer right away, I expect them to reply when they get back to their normal operating hours. However, at least half the time, I'll get a reply within five minutes.

Yup, people are really in tune to their mobile devices and e-mail.

Those expanded hours have certainly changed the way the retail world does business.

If you remember the days before Sunday shopping, well Sundays were just, what's the word? Oh yeah, horrible.

Nothing was open. You could fire a cannon down the main street of any town and not hit a thing unless a stray cat or a seagull happened to cross your path.

While Sunday shopping may be a boon for retail businesses, the only people who probably don't like are those that are scheduled to work on the weekend.

Even with Sunday shopping, thanks to the digital world you can shop any time of day via on-line purchasing. The only drawback is you might have to wait a little long to get that exciting new toy you ordered at three in the morning.

It seems we have become a 24/7 kind of world, which is fine, because you don't have to take part if you really don't want to.

I'm just glad that telephone makers finally realized you don't have to have a fire alarm bell ringing in your home to get someone's attention.

Hostages in our own Homes

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We are all being held hostage in our own homes at this point with no negotiator on the way to help arrange for our release. There's no Stockholm Syndrome anymore, if there ever was, and schools are once again being shuttered. There is vaccine confusion, lack of delivery, skyrocketing case counts, promises galore but follow through on those promises - not so much. We have seniors who are not being allowed outside their building to enjoy the open-roof, perfectly safe courtyard, vaccine hesitancy amongst those actually eligible to receive it, and the list goes on. We're not to gather, not to shop, not to do anything and even if we could go somewhere, where would we go? It's a hostage crisis that even CNN is covering on American news networks and there's no end in sight. We're essentially being held hostage in our own homes.

At the beginning of this pandemic, with the exception of a few naysayers, most of us understood the danger of COVID-19 and supported efforts to keep us all safe. We trusted our government officials who appeared daily with important updates on how they would support Canadians. Because we knew little about the ramifications of contracting COVID-19, we believed what we were told. Stockholm Syndrome might be a strong comparator but we agreed, willingly, to "Stay Home and Stay Safe."

Now however, after more than a full year, with numbers escalating while we watch with the continued mismanagement of everything from school closures, to not closing big box retailers, to vaccine delivery failures, with increasing anger, we're tired.

Every decision made for the sake of the economy has undermined our health and everything done to protect our health has clearly not been enough – or at very least, was not done SOON enough.

Trust is eroding and rightfully so. When announcements are made about an upcoming announcement at which the government will make an announcement, we're tuning out – not in.

When Stephen Lecce announces schools are safe and sends a letter home to parents that they will NOT be closed and the VERY NEXT DAY announces schools will be closed – this has all just become a tragic comedy of epic proportions.

During the Monday, April 12 news conference, we finally, and happily, detected a certain "tone" in the various questions being asked about the sudden change in direction on school closures. Too bad Lecce just looked like a deer in the headlights when it came to answers.

No wonder no one trusts the government anymore. Numbers are skyrocketing even though personal services are clearly not contributing to the problem, nor are small retailers and restaurants. So, where are people now contracting COVID-19 and the variants of concern if we are all being held hostage in our own homes? It couldn't possibly be at school could it? Or in large workplaces or the big box stores the finally (partially) closed?

To address this latest crisis head-on, we're now being told that hotspots will get extra care and attention. Vaccines are "getting into arms" faster than ever before and age limits have been lowered. Pop-up vaccine clinics will be open any day now. It seems someone forgot to tell the Region of Peel vaccine booking system, however, and it's been a running game of cat and mouse attempting to book appointments.

I'm in a hot spot, of eligible age and members of my household meet certain other eligibility criteria yet despite repeated attempts by all five of us, only three have been able to secure an actual appointment. Meanwhile, some people I know have easily jumped in line while we wait for a specific medical form that last week was "required" and this week apparently is not! Talk about the left hand having no clue what the right hand is doing!

How did all of this happen? How is it that what was clearly plain for all to see; such as fast, efficient vaccination efforts in hotspots, at places of business, and so many other measures we could discuss (closing the airport last year for a few weeks comes to mind) were not implemented sooner? This isn't armchair quarterbacking or 20/20 hindsight. We've had over a year to figure this out and our medical doctors and science table advisors have been telling us all along this would happen. We watched it happen in other countries. Did we learn nothing?

I honestly think Ticketmaster could have done a better job of organizing the online registration process for vaccine rollout and either UPS or Amazon a better job at getting the vaccines actually delivered on time. Meantime, here we sit, hostages in our own homes, waiting….for what exactly? Another announcement about an announcement being announced soon? Stay tuned. I think not.



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Headwaters launches $3.5 million fundraising campaign

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is launching a $3.5 million fundraising campaign called "Investing in a Clearer Picture" that will bring state of the art diagnostic imaging technology to the hospital.

The diagnostic imaging department at Headwaters is struggling with aging equipment that's at its end of life, due to exponential growth in patient volumes and tremendous wear and tear on the machines over the last decade. On average, Headwaters carries out 91,000 diagnostic imaging tests and delivers 900 babies per year.

"We know the diagnostic imaging touches just about every single patient that comes into the hospital, whether it's a kid with a broken arm or cancer treatments," said Danielle Gibb, Director of Leadership and Planned Giving at Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF).

While health care is free in Canada, hospitals have to fundraise to cover the purchase of new equipment, so Headwaters is looking to the community for monetary donations. During the last six months, the hospital has reached out to its donors and quietly raised over $1.1 million to jump start the campaign.

For the months of April and May, all donations will be matched dollar for dollar to a maximum of $200,000, by an anonymous first-time supporter of Headwaters and will go towards purchasing two new ultra sound machines.

"We are thrilled to have a first-time supporter challenge the community with a matching gift to support our urgent campaign needs. The Headwaters community has been very supportive during the unprecedented challenges presented to us by COVID-19, and we hope they continue and support the equipment needed to diagnose and ensure excellent care close to home," said Dora Boylen-Pabst, CEO of HHCF.

A total of four ultrasound machines will be purchased through the campaign, along with a new mammography machine with tomosynthesis (3D breast screening device), a bone density machine, a new and fully outfitted X-ray room and a C-Arm for the hospital's surgical suite to display high-definition video.

Gibb noted that new diagnostic imaging equipment has evolved greatly since the original machines were purchased 10 years ago. The new equipment provides better imaging quality, faster imaging times, and emits less radiation.

"I am living proof that having proper technology can improve our quality of life. Because my cancer was detected within the early stages, I was able to have my chemotherapy treatment at Headwaters," said Jamie Willcott, Headwaters' patient and cancer survivor.

To make a donation, visit: www.hhcfoundation.com/ and select the "Donate Now" button at the top right-hand side of the webpage. Individuals looking to make a donation can also call Headwaters Health Care Foundation at 519-941-2702 (ext.2303).

Gibb said she encourages people to create their own personal fundraiser for Headwaters on social media and challenge their friends and family to donate.

"Every dollar helps," she stressed. "A lot of people think their $5 doesn't matter, but if 100 people give $5, what is the impact of that?"





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Students return to online learning after April Break, province decides following Peel's decision to close

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when it comes to keeping our kids safe, I will never take unnecessary risk," said Premier Ford. "We're moving school online only after the April Break. We will keep a constant eye on the data on case numbers, hospital capacity and ICU admissions, to determine when we can get kids back in classrooms. I want nothing more than to be able to open the schools up again as soon as possible, but we all need to work together right now to get the community spread under control. That is how we get the schools open."

The Province, he added, will continue to ensure childcare options are in place as the shift back to remote learning will be "very, very hard on working families."

"This was not an easy decision, but it was the right decision. Child care for non-school-age children will remain open but before and after school programs will be closed. We will also provide free emergency child care for school aged children of healthcare and frontline workers, and we're working on a robust child care plan for many workers who may not work from home.

"We will continue to prioritize the vaccination of education workers who support students with special education needs right across our Province and all education workers in select hotspot areas. Moving students to remote learning will allow more time to deliver these vaccines and we're making tremendous progress every single day."

On his part, Minister Lecce said the Provincial government recognizes "the critical importance" of in-person learning, citing its integral relationship to mental health, wellbeing and long-term success.

"That is why throughout this pandemic we have worked hard to keep schools safe and to keep them open," he said. "We have been successful in this regard and prior to the April break, more than 99 per cent of students and staff did not have an active case of COVID-19. Medical experts, including our Province's Chief Medical Officer of Health have been clear that with appropriate measures in place, our schools are safe and in-school transmission of COVID-19 has remained low. This is in large part due to the extensive measures we have put in place to protect kids and despite these efforts we recognize the threat posted by rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, increasing hospitalizations and the pressure our health care system is experiencing as a result. This trend will leave us in an impossible situation if we don't act immediately.

> I want nothing more than to be able to open the schools up again as soon as possible, but we all need to work together right now to get the community spread under control

"School boards will be directed to provide continued in-person support for students with special education needs who cannot learn remotely. Once elementary students have moved to remote learning, child care for non-school age children will remain open and free emergency child care for the school age children of health care and frontline workers will be provided. Our government will continue to listen to the advice of public health experts and we will update parents once a safe return to in-person learning is recommended."

Premier Ford also continued to insist that transmission rates within schools remain low, but rising cases of community transmission could be a game-changer in the classroom.

"The situation is changing quickly and we need to respond," said Premier Ford. Right now, I am extremely concerned about the new variants: the South African variant, the UK Variant spreading in India, and the Brazilian variant that is spreading rampantly in BC right now. Here at home, we have taken decisive action to get the spread in our communities down. With a stay-at-home order announced last week. We need some time for the actions we have taken so far to start having the affect we need. Our best defence right now is staying home, limiting mobility, and staying the course when it comes to health and science., but the next few weeks will be critical. Right now, we need to do everything possible to get ahead of these variants and unfortunately that means looking at our schools. I know this is not what many of you want to hear.

"The problem is not in our schools; it is in our community and bringing our kids in to a congregate setting in school after a week off in the community is a risk that I won't take because we know that the more COVID spreads in our communities, the more likely it is to get into the schools and that will create massive problems for all of us down the road."





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Rosa spreads "Love Local" message across and beyond Caledon

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Every strong community is built on local businesses, but for local businesses to thrive they need residents who embrace them.

With more and more big box stores and chains taking local customers away from small businesses, keeping it local has never been more important.

Few have put in more work at ensuring local businesses in the Caledon area receive the support they need than Ward 5 Area Councillor Tony Rosa, a leader in the Love Local campaign.

Rosa has been at the forefront of the charge in Caledon on the importance of shopping and eating local and he's been using social media to spread the word on all the businesses the Town has to offer.

One of his most effective promotions of Caledon's business sector has been the Love Local Caledon videos he posts on social media platforms. The videos follow Rosa to various businesses in Caledon where he shows off the products while speaking to their owner.

While his main focus has been on the Village of Bolton—where he resides—he's hoping to ramp up the promotion and bring awareness to other regions of Caledon.

With the COVID-19 pandemic only putting an exclamation point on why people in Caledon need to support each other, Rosa has been working hard to ensure residents know about all the great places to shop and eat in the area.

"My first motivation was that I was always concerned about protecting the longevity of Caledon businesses," said Rosa. "Even before the pandemic I worried about whether or not they could sustain themselves in our community. I had heard from a lot of business owners that were concerned we would need more population to support local businesses. I was always worried about the sustainability of local businesses in our community.

"When the pandemic hit, obviously I got even more worried, so I felt it was important to at least profile businesses to inform people—especially during the stay-at-home order—that there were local options, and that people didn't need to leave the community to find what they needed. We are really a bedroom community and I know a lot of people work outside of Caledon, especially in my area, Bolton. People do have to leave the community for work, and I know when you work outside the community you sometimes shop where you work."



Councillor Roma is pictured visiting local businesses, spreading the Love Local message.
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One key piece to getting people to stay local when they shop is making sure they know what Caledon has to offer and there's no better way to spread awareness then to show them exactly what businesses have.

"One of the things that really struck me initially when I first started was how many people were actually commenting about how they didn't know some of these businesses existed in our community," he said. "That was a real eye-opening experience, if people don't know that something is here then they won't access it because they're unaware. My first experience with that was Forster's Book Garden—if you think of the name, you think it's clearly a bookstore, but when you visit them there's so many other options, people weren't aware they sold toys, puzzles, specialty foods, and so many other options. It's been really rewarding educating the residents that they don't need to leave the community and things are available at their doorstep. I've been getting a lot of positive feedback from the business owners as well as from the residents. I think the best way we can support local businesses is by bringing awareness to the community."

Whether it's a local retailer, food service operator, or an independent business, Rosa wants to promote them to let the people of Caledon know just how many hidden gems are in the area.

"I've done a series of promotional videos that I call business spotlight videos," he said. "I introduce the business to the community and tell them where it's located and then we go into the business and get the business owners to introduce themselves and their products and services to the community. The other thing that's been very important is showing how to access the product—especially if it's curbside—just kind of giving that profile to people. I've shared those videos on local online platforms and social media and the more they're shared the more people will access them.

"On any given video, we're getting between 5,000 and 6,000 hits, so this platform has really worked. Also, through the Town, I put a motion through to declare every Tuesday 'Love Local Tuesdays' —Tuesdays seem to be a slower day for retailers and small businesses. I kind of piggybacked off of the Black Friday and Cyber Monday by introducing Love Local Tuesdays, following that weekend and then every Tuesday I profile a different business. It's funny, now I get stopped when I'm out in the community and people tell me they've see my videos. I'm trying to do my part to keep these businesses sustained, if we can get them through this pandemic then we can get them through anything."

The positive feedback Rosa has received from business owners and residents only motivates him to try and do more for the community through the Eat Local and Shop Local initiative and he hopes it's influencing people to keep their focus local.

"People have been very kind," he said. "I've received a lot of emails, messages, and letters of people saying thank you. To be honest, my whole goal here is to serve the business community and really protect them because when we get to the other end of this, we still need these businesses at our doorstep. I really appreciate the feedback I've gotten from the community, but this can't just be myself doing this. It's got to be the residents really stopping and thinking about what options they have locally.

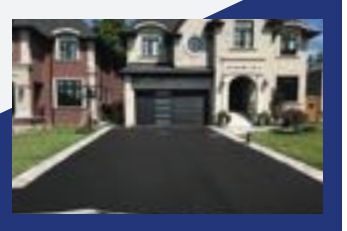
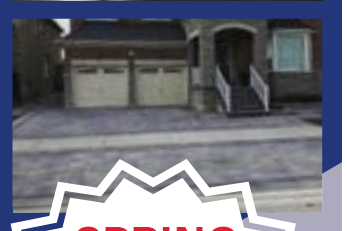
"I recently turned 50 in December and I did a challenge where we were in lockdown and I said I was going to get takeout for my family to celebrate. I did a challenge to the community asking them to join me in my 50th birthday celebration by going and ordering takeout. I can't tell you how many messages I got from people about them going out and buying takeout that night. Sometimes all you've got to do is get creative and think outside the box. When I saw the reaction to that, I thought this will work and that helped me keep going with this."

Although the pandemic is weighing on people, Rosa is hoping to keep the momentum going with localizing shopping and eating by continuing to promote businesses as much as he can for the remainder of the year as people get through these tough times.

"I actually did an amendment to the motion I had passed with Caledon Council (regarding the Love Local campaign) which was to do this for all of 2021. Originally the focus was to go from November to Family Day. When we saw the second and third wave, I knew this needed to continue and I lobbied and made an amendment to the motion and it was unanimously supported by council to extend the campaign for the municipality for all of 2021. Now there will be banners and advertisements continuing to promote it. The way we keep it going was by getting the backing from the rest of Council and my next idea is to expand our business profiles into other communities across Caledon.

"I'm going to be working with the other area Councillors to do more business spotlights outside of Bolton and move into other villages and hamlets to showcase more businesses throughout Caledon and not only concentrate on my particular ward. We want to branch out and work with the other Councillors to bring awareness to the entire municipality."

For more information on the work Rosa is doing for the Love Local campaign and to watch his videos showcasing Caledon businesses, visit his Facebook page (facebook.com/Tony-Rosa-Ward-5-Bolton-Area-Councillor-194134681250521/?ref=page_internal).

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National Volunteer Week Spotlight: **Friends of the Caledon Public Library**

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It's National Volunteer Week from April 18 to 24 and one of the most important volunteer groups in Caledon are the Friends of Caledon Public Library.

They're the support system for all the great and diverse programs offered by the library and they've never been more important than during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Friends are a registered non-for-profit volunteer organization that supports that supports programs and services of CPL through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteering. They coordinate large book sales, support writing contests, and help the Library purchase a variety of materials, including books, musical instruments, furniture for reading areas, book club sets, and much more.

The Friends have been around since 1993 are made up of President Marty Harrison, executive member Helen Young, Jacky Bennett, Victoria Edwards, Carol and Wayne Martin, Kat Todd, Jessica Skup, Jules Maule-Ffinch, Denise Durnford, and Diane Delaney.

Harrison is serving her third term as president and has been a member of the Friends for over 20 years.

"Our mission is to support the library in any way that we can in the community and to fundraise," said Harrison. "That's our focus and anything we do goes directly to the library. We're always out there encouraging people to join as formal members, but always reaching out to people to join as volunteers also. Everyone is from the area and part of it is their own passion for the library to support the community and give back. We've done all kinds of things; we've always done used book sales because the library always has books they're weaning out and people donate books and people love to browse and shop. People are extremely generous about donating books, those were usually three-day events but since COVID started we haven't been able to do any of our public sales."

The pandemic hasn't stopped them, only inspired them to think outside the box to raise money. One of the big hits has been their Mystery Box Sales where they sell unopened boxes of books (that were quarantined).

Funds from the Mystery Box Sales have helped support the Flash Fiction Writing Contest, Adult Poetry month in 2020 and 2021, the Summer Photography Contest, the Elizabeth Scavetta Teen Short Story Writing Contest, the Book to Photo Contest, and the Teen Fan Art Contest during the pandemic.

"When COVID came, we were getting ready for the April Caledon Home and Lifestyle show and had a number of boxes ready for sales," Harrison said. "So, we had a lot of books boxed up and ready to go and we had all these boxes when COVID came. Somewhere along the line during our executive meeting we were wondering how we could be involved during COVID and an online sale seemed like a good idea. Everyone was going online when COVID first started so we tried advertising some boxes of books and it evolved to an online sale of adult and children's book boxes and we had a great response. So, people would order and pay for their boxes and with masks and gloves we would give them the box at the Albion branch, and they'd take them home. We raised money for the library that way and also gave some people some access to something different because they're stuck at home. We just had our biggest sale ever before we had to go back (into the stay-at-home order)."

As the Friends try to constantly evolve and appeal to people of all ages, they're opening up the Mystery Box Sale to other forms of entertainment like video games.

"We're going try that (video games) next," said Harrison. "People donate them when they get the current games, but people are still playing these other ones. In the last sale we started doing DVD's and that worked so now we're going to try these games and see what happens. It's a way to raise money and something for people to do!"

Knowing that the library would need their support through the tough times of the pandemic, Harrison wanted to make sure they could be there for the community and it's been a huge reason as to why Caledon Public Library has so many people taking advantage of their online offerings.

"It's really important to us to be able to [fulfil] our mission," Harrison said. "We're members of the community and we know how we need people to reach out so we want to be able to reach out in the way we can so that everyone is benefiting."

"They've been really key," adds Caledon Public Library Manager of Communications and Community Development Mary Maw. "Since COVID hit, they've sponsored seven contests and those contests have allowed us to really engage in the community. It gives people in isolation an outlet for their creativity and they're so excited that we're able to support all of the creative arts in the community. The Friends advocate on our behalf, too. They're out there and they share the message of the library and the message of these contests. It's been instrumental in keeping the community engaged because I think there's been a lot of virtual fatigue. The contests are really giving the isolated residents the opportunity to do something and making something and then they get to share it with the community. With every contest we do, we then host a virtual award ceremony so residents can get recognition that way too and connect with likeminded people in the community."

Part of the reason Harrison and the Friends remain so involved and work so hard is because they know that a library can be a hub in the community that fosters lasting relationships and sparks creativity

"Libraries now are so much more than the books," said Harrison. "The contests and all the programming that gets people into the library for other reasons, really shows how much more the library is. We really work with them (Caledon Public Library) as a team."

"I always say they're a strong and mighty group," Maw said. "The secret to the group is that they all have different strengths. They're not a big group, but boy oh boy, the small group we have are so dedicated, passionate, and hard working—they're amazing."

The upcoming video game sale won't be in the same mystery box format, but the library will list the video games by title and platform and the sale will be the same way online as it has been with the books. Once a game is purchased, contactless pickup will then be arranged at one of the branches to ensure health and safety protocols are followed—more information came be found at caledon.library.on.ca.





Investing in transit would solve more problems than 413, says Green Party leader

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As opposition to Highway 413 continues to grow, Ontario Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner has been trumpeting the concerns that come with the Ford government moving forward with the proposed project.

In a recent statement, Schreiner pointed out that the issues go beyond the impact the highway will have on the environment and food production,.

"Greens have been calling for the cancellation of Highway 413 since it was first reintroduced by Ford because it threatens our food security and greenspace," said Schreiner.

Schreiner is one of the leading voices in the fight against Highway 413 and spoke with the Caledon Citizen about why there is a better way of dealing with the truck traffic issues.

"So many people have said how can it possibly make sense to build a highway that's going to pave over 2,000 acres of farmland, 400 acres of the Green Belt, threaten wetlands and watersheds to only save commuters 30 seconds?" he said. It makes no sense."

Knowing that there is a legitimate concern with truck traffic that will need to be dealt with, Schreiner points to some alternative options that won't have the same detrimental impacts on the area and are proven solutions to addressing the problem.

"We need to improve transportation in the region," he said. "Building a GO Station and extending GO to Bolton would make a lot of sense. Recognizing that there is a lot of truck traffic in the region and using some of that money to negotiate and arrange with the 407 to provide a truck lane—because the 407 is under-utilized. Investing in better regional transit, period, study after study has shown that investing in transit addresses gridlock and investing in more highways just leads to more gridlock.



Mike Schreiner is leader of the Green Party of Ontario.
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"Investing in a highway is not going to solve the transportation issues in the Region; investing in transit will. Additionally, we have a repair backlog in our schools that the money could go to. We've seen a huge humanitarian crisis in our long-term care homes, and we need to invest in better care for elders. There's a whole host of things that I think are of higher priority investments for us rather than spending it on a highway that's not needed and will create a significant amount of environmental destruction and threaten our food and farming economy."

With COVID-19 leaving a lasting effect on the economy, it seems irresponsible in Schreiner's eyes to spend billions on a highway when it could be invested in sectors of greater importance.

"Given the challenging fiscal situation the province is in right now, there's a lot of people wondering why we would spend $6 to $10 billion on a highway that's only going to save commuters 30 seconds," he said. "That money could be better spent on other priorities."

One of the bigger concerns that comes with the highway is the snowball effect it will have with more sprawling residential and commercial development which can ultimately lead to tougher conditions and bigger costs as a result of climate change.

"This to me seems like 1950s development," he said. "Which isn't what people want in 2021, nor is it finically or environmentally sustainable. The infrastructure costs of servicing sprawl are huge and we're starting to really experience that—especially now that some of the infrastructure built in the 1950s is needing to be replaced. It's so expensive to service sprawl. The second issue is the pressure it starts putting on the need to build infrastructure to protect us from flooding.

"We know that the scientists and the insurance actuaries are saying that the costs associated with flooding are likely going to triple over the next decade because of extreme weather events from the climate crisis. If you continue to pave over the earth's ability to absorb that excess water, it's only going to make the flooding risk worse. Right now, the average cost to fix a flooded basement is $43,000 and that presents a significant financial risk to people. Generally, most insurance estimates have the public insurance loss three times the amount of the private insurance loss—that poses a really significant financial risk to both municipal and provincial budgets."

On the positive side, Schreiner has seen opposition to the highway grow over the last year but notes that it needs to continue until the 413 is cancelled by the Ford government.

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Caledon, Brampton Mayors call for all of Peel to be designated COVID hotspot



Mayor Allan Thompson takes questions at Wednesday morning's press conference with Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown and Dr. Lawrence Loh. **PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON**

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"Dr. Loh has been asking that the province make all of Peel a hotspot community. I know we're going by postal codes, but the way we bleed into each other's neighbourhood, it just doesn't work," he said. "Peel needs to be a hotspot, period, end of story. We need a better coordination of communication, when the province makes bold statements about opening eligibility, they need to deliver and have the vaccines that come with it.

"We need our employment areas to all be vaccinated, but to do that we need the vaccines. We're pleading not just with the Province, but as well as with the Federal government. We are a hotspot area, we need the vaccines, and we will get it done—just like what we've been doing, putting needles into arms. We are asking the province to please give us vaccines so we can get our employment sectors—like the Amazons, the Canadian Tires, and everywhere else—we can get the needles in the arms and also get our community vaccinated as well. Getting needles into arms keeps our families safe, keeps our schools safe, and keeps our communities safe—especially when we're a hotspot."

Dr. Loh opened his statement by providing an update on the third wave of COVID-19 in Peel with Caledon at a 12.9 per cent positivity with 305 cases per 100,000. He warned that the numbers are as bad as they've been, and residents need to do everything they can to stay home and safe.

"These are the highest numbers we have seen since the pandemic began in the spring of 2020," said Loh. "Area hospitals are bracing for disaster; all surgeries and paediatric admissions have been cancelled. There are now callouts for healthcare providers—I myself received one of them—to support the significant demands for care that are occurring in the hospital and in ICU and in non-traditional places such as repurposed outpatient clinics. While our over 60-plus population still represents the majority that is facing severity and mortality, we are also increasingly seeing patients that are younger, sicker, and staying longer.

"Over the first two waves, we know that adherence to measures warded off the disaster and tragedy we've seen elsewhere in the world, but make no mistake, this wave is different. Our current situation is incredibly dire. We must decisively act to save lives and to allow our vaccine coverage to succeed and grow. As other places have done, we must close, vaccinate, and exit. Once again, I urge all of our residents to please stay home as much as you are able, connect virtually, and limit contact with those you do not live with. If you must meet for an essential reason, always mask, distance, and keep it outdoors. If you are sick, do not meet; get tested, and self-isolate unless you need medical attention."

Knowing that asking residents to stay home can be tough given their careers, Loh noted employers must do their part in making it as easy as possible on employees as the situation gets worse.

"I also call on our employers, while we work to figure out this vaccination priority that's been identified, please support our essential workforce at this time," Loh said. "Your workers cannot limit their contacts without your help. Ensure that you have a COVID-19 safety plan in your workplace, ensure that the precautions are being followed, consider reducing the work volume and capacity to limit risks, and if you do so, provide paid leave to your workers and also ensure you're providing paid leave to your workers if they fall sick or require time off for testing or to get vaccinated."

According to Loh, there will be more information coming on the plan for pop-up clinics and the expansion of mobile offerings of the vaccine in the coming days, but for now, he asks people who are eligible must take advantage of it.

"Finally, I call on all our residents to get vaccinated when your time comes. In accordance with provincial direction, hospital and community vaccination clinics in Peel can be booked online for all residents age 60 and over—born in 1951 or earlier—or those 50 and older—born between 1951 and 1961—if they live in a provincially-defined hotspot. Please note, it is the province who defines these hotspots by postal code, however, with 25 of 33 neighbourhoods and 85 per cent of our population in Peel defined as such, it is Peel Public Health's view that all of Peel should be designated as a hotspot for simplicity and consistency in prioritization.

"Our mobile program, which has been in effect since January, also continues and has delivered 10,000 doses as of this date to apartments and other senior settings, shelters, and the homebound in our community. We are excited that with recent announcements we are now able to expand our mobile offerings into other venues such as community centres and workplaces as pop-ups for all comers 18-plus. The changes in the provincial priorities may delay our original projections to move to vaccinating those 45 and older by the end of the week. However, we are now vaccinating nearly 100,000 residents a week across all our channels with a record 12,500 doses in one day. We can avert disaster if we stick to the game plan to stay home, stay apart, stay safe, and when your turn comes to get your shot, close, vaccinate, and exit."

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Caledon Tennis Club up and running early

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Time to jump up out of your seats and into the sunshine, Caledon.

Not only is golf back, but the Caledon Tennis Club wants you to know they are up and running much earlier than anticipated.

"It was nice that the Town came to us and said we want you to open early," said Terry Lawrence, President of Caledon Tennis Club.

"We normally would be opening May 1. They were hoping we could get open early and they gave us the inspection last Tuesday and we officially opened last Wednesday (April 6)."

The Town of Caledon also provided a grant to the club to offset lost revenues from last season which Lawrence is very grateful for.

"That was amazing. Unexpected. Never had that before. It was a great thing that the Town did for us."

As of now, members have taken to the court. Lawrence says both doubles and singles games can be played under the provisions set by the Ontario Tennis Association. Members cannot shake hands or share rackets as well.

For those new members who wish to join, the original registration date on April 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. remains as scheduled.

Patrons can attend on this day one at a time, masked and distanced to register for this summer. This will be set up outdoors.

Moving forward into this summer Lawrence hopes he sees a repeat of what he saw last year.

"Last year we had way more juniors than we've ever had. A lot of them played hockey and other sports and they wanted to get out. I think we're lucky that way," Lawrence said.

"I think right now because nothing else is going on. They're not sure when they can play lacrosse and soccer and those kinds of sports. They'll probably want to come out."

For this season, Lawrence says the club has cancelled inter-tournaments and inter-county tournaments once again.

He did not knock out the opportunity for the OTA to host tournaments at the club this year, given it is safe to do so.

"We held a couple last year. Three at the end of the summer. It will be based on what the OTA guidelines are," Lawrence said.

"If we do have a tournament, they send somebody out to inspect and walk through the person that is running the tournament and have them sign a document [noting] here's all the things you have to do. Then they will actually do spot checks when the tournaments are ready."

As of now, nothing is set in stone but Lawrence says that will be determined as the season goes along.

Caledon Tennis Club is strictly a membership organization. It's not a bad investment to get out and make sure you're exercising and why not soak in some Vitamin D on top of that.

"I have a good feeling for this year. I think we're going to have a lot of people that joined from last year because of COVID. I think we're going to have a lot of people that weren't sure about coming back."

For more, visit caledontennisclub.com.

That's it for Junior A hockey: League calls it quits for season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Ontario Junior Hockey League has formally announced the cancellation of the 2020/21 season.

It's not like the League had a real season to begin with.

Only six OJHL clubs have played in 58 exhibition games this season. Regional Public Health Unit regulations made it next to impossible to get any real games going around the province.

In August 2020, the OJHL developed a comprehensive "Return to the Rink" procedural plan with strict protocols which were presented and approved by the OHF for Junior hockey to be used in each of the leagues under the OHA.

These protocols have been followed for all of the exhibition play within the association that have taken place this season with the safety of all those who were able to participate taken very seriously.

Although a significant amount of diligent planning, preparation and consultation with relevant medical professionals has taken place to date, the current Stay at Home order, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, has resulted in additional operational challenges for the league to undertake a successful season for all of its teams. That includes some municipalities moving to remove ice in their facilities with the announcement of the recent Provincial COVID-19 restrictions.

"Week after week, the OJHL has adjusted the League plan with the goal of getting any type of possible season in for our players," said OJHL Commissioner Marty Savoy. "With Ontario currently in a 28-day stay-at-home order and the end of the Hockey Canada season fast approaching, the League's Board of Governors have made the very difficult decision to officially conclude the 2020/21 OJHL season and turn our attention and planning for the upcoming 2021/22 season. While this past year has been difficult for everyone, our immediate focus is to lean in to our 2021/22 planning with a continued focus on health and safety, along with exciting operation enhancements we have been working towards for our League, which we will have details on soon."

While the season is being concluded, the league also announced that once the current "Stay at Home" orders are lifted, teams which are permitted to play and able to do so within their respective Regional Health Unit, will be allowed to conduct exhibition play together with the continued approval process the league has implemented along with its strict COVID-19 operating protocols.

"The OJHL has studied every possible scenario to get our players back on the ice and unfortunately with the current state of the pandemic and provincial guidelines, we are unable to conduct the 2020/21 season," stated OJHL Chairman Marc Mercier. "As a Governor of a team within the League, I realize the disappointment and impact this decision has on our players. The League will continue to look at other possible programming for our teams and players, however the official 2020/21 season has been concluded and all of our attention has been set upon a safe and exciting upcoming season."

Sport Aurora bringing forward All Sport One Day program

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Proponents of sport in the community are gearing up full days of activities for everyone aged six and up this year.

Sport Aurora has revealed their All Sport One Day program which will feature numerous sports in a full-day session.

"We'll have sports like tennis, soccer, badminton, martial arts, baseball. There's a wide variety of multi-sports. Three sports in the morning and three sports in the afternoon," said Executive Director Laurie Mueller.

"There's beach volleyball. There's archery. There's a wide variety of sports the kids will be exposed to. We just want them to come out and enjoy a sport maybe they've never done before. This is just a way of getting the kids back and engaged in some sort of recreational activity."

As launched on their website, there will be no need to purchase any equipment. There is no obligation to register for a long program. There is an option to play a half day or a full day.

Residents can register their child for a full day session or a half-day session and can register multiple children at a time.

Registration will begin May 12. It is $10 per three-hour session. If you are in need of financial assistance for this, you may apply through the All Kids Can Play program.

"The dates are June 12, August 14 and October 9," Mueller said.

November 13 is another day being discussed. However, it is not confirmed just yet.

Coaches and trainers from all local sports organizations in partnership with Sport Aurora will be attending these four days to help train and teach everyone who is participating in these events.

But, as for everyone involved, the hope is to extend beyond Aurora and invite anyone who wishes to participate.

"I wouldn't turn anyone away. This is to engage all children. This program has never happened before and Aurora is driving it. We welcome everybody," Mueller said.

For more information on these events, you may contact Ryan Gardner at rygards@hotmail.com.

Anyone from anywhere is welcome.

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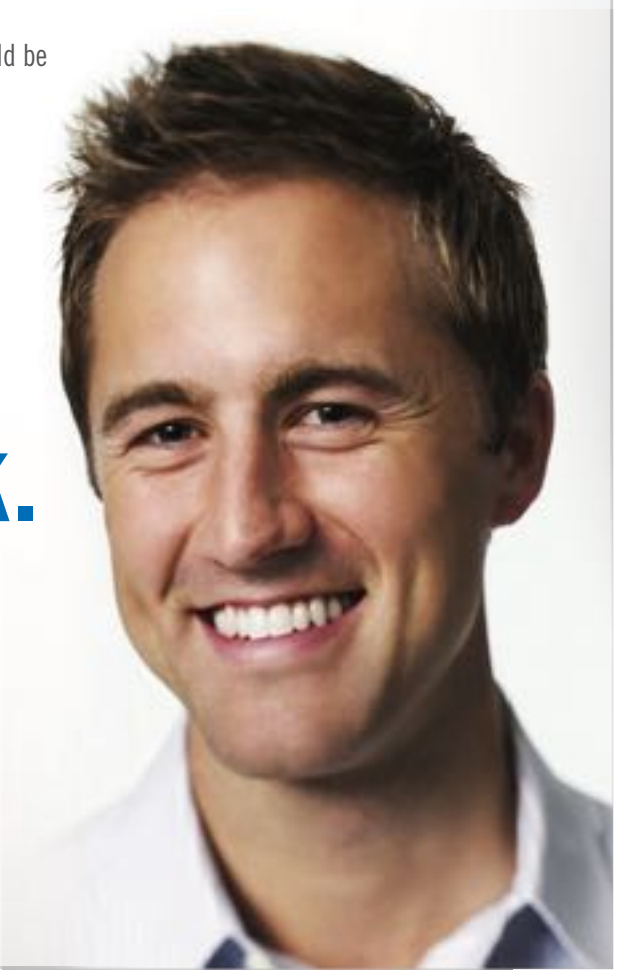
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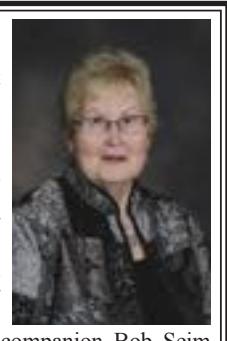
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All claims against the estate of Annette Philomina Maria Giger, late, of the Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel, who died on or about the 4th day of July, 2019, must be filed with the personal representative on or before the 29th day of April, 2021, thereafter the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated at the Town of Orangeville, this 31st day of March, 2021.

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OBITUARIES



LANKTREE, Marjorie Annus (nee Faint)
Passed away peacefully at Wellington Terrace on April 12, 2021, in her 80th year.
Loving mother of JoAnn (Tim Larson) and Lana (Shawn McGuire). Grandmother of Taylor (Brice), Ava, Janelle (Matt), Lily, Merritt and Wyatt. Great grandmother of Quinn. Predeceased by husband Fred (2002), and companion Bob Seim (2019).
Marjorie spent most of her life in Dufferin County. She married Fred in 1963 and together they settled on a farm outside Laurel, in Amaranth. Here, they raised their two daughters, and welcomed their grandchildren. Following Fred's passing, Marjorie lived in Orangeville and Hanover, before finally moving to Wellington Terrace LTC in Fergus due to declining health.
Marjorie graduated from the Guelph School of Nursing in 1963 and went on to proudly work as a registered nurse at Dufferin Area Hospital, Hillside Nursing Home, Avalon Care Centre and the VON
Her love of genealogy took her on many travels through the archives of Dufferin County and beyond. She also spent her time keeping in touch with old classmates, enjoying "tea by the sea", puttering in her gardens, and watching her grandkids grow. Marjorie was an avid member of the Orangeville Red Hat Society and volunteered at Theatre Orangeville.
Marjorie met her second love, Bob, later in life. Together, they enjoyed spending time on his pontoon boat in Hanover, get togethers with friends, The Grey/Bruce Singers, as well as many road trips. Marjorie will be remembered dearly as a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend and relative.
Our family will be forever greatful to all the staff at Wellington Terrace for their exceptional and compassionate care.
As per Marjorie's wishes, there will be no service, just a quiet family internment next to Fred in Greenwood Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

WALTON, MARGARET ELLEN CATHERINE

Passed away peacefully at Simcoe Manor, Beeton on Sunday, April 11, 2021, Margaret Walton (nee Wood), life long resident of Palgrave, at the age of 95 years, beloved wife of the late Morley Walton. Dear mother of Karen and Garry Gostlin, Lois Barton and Jerry Linfield, Brenda and Norman Varrall, Gwen and Robert Montroy. Loving grandmother of Gregory & Kyle Gostlin (deceased), Andrea Barton, Scott, Shawn, Mark and Meaghan Varrall, Colin and Amanda Montroy. She is survived by eight great grandchildren. Dear sister of Art Wood (deceased), Dorothy Varey (deceased), Eileen Robertson and Fred Wood.

The family is grateful to all the dedicated caregivers at Simcoe Manor Nottawasaga Unit for their care, compassion and support over the years. A private family service will be held at Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer Society of Canada (alzheimer.ca/en).

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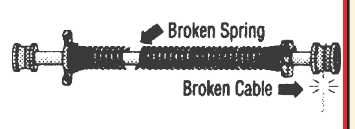
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IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

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"On Thursday, April 8, at approximately 6:26 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a three-vehicle collision in the area of Mayfield Road and Bramalea Road. Information was received that one of the vehicles fled the scene of the collision.

"The responding officers located the suspect vehicle on Highway 410. As part of the police investigation, the driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an 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, Abdelnour Guidoum, 35 of Gloucester, stands charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

"On Friday, April 9, at 7:45 p.m., officers responded to a theft in progress call for service at a business located on McEwan Drive in Bolton. The suspect fled the scene prior to the officer's arrival, however, was located and stopped in his vehicle nearby.

During the investigation, it was determined that the driver was under the influence of a drug. The driver was arrested and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment for further testing and was found to be impaired by drugs by a Drug Recognition Evaluating officer.

As a result, Bhardwaj ESAU, 56, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Theft Under $5000, and
- Operation while impaired - drugs.

The charges have not been proven.

"On Saturday, April 10, 2021, at approximately 11:55 p.m., while on patrol along Highway 10, officers located a vehicle parked hazardously just south of Old School Road. The officers spoke with the driver and as part of the police investigation asked the driver to provide a sample of his breath, which resulted in a 'fail' reading. The driver was then arrested 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, Outar Ally, 28, of Toronto, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

All three accused parties are expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 24, 2021, to answer to the charges.

More important priorities than highway: Green leader

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"Last summer when the government announced that they were essentially going to fast track the environmental assessment process for Highway 413, I started doing news conferences in Peel Region," he said. "Just to start raising awareness that the Peel plain is prime agricultural land and paving over it for the highway and the sprawl that will likely result from the highway is a direct threat to our food security and the food and farming economy—which employs over 800,000 people and contributes $50 billion to our GDP—and it increases the risks that are associated with flooding. At that time, there were few people who were talking about it and I felt a bit like a lone voice speaking out against the highway, but we just kept plugging away.

"Now you have a number of municipal councils who have come out against it, regional councillors have come out against it, councils that previously supported it are now against it or at least calling for a federal environmental assessment. I remember one of the local mayors saying to me last summer, 'Hey Mike I agree with you, this highway doesn't make sense, but there's no way you're going to stop this.' Now to see how much the public opposition has grown and to see the Liberal and NDP jumping on the bandwagon and being opposed to the highway, just shows me that if something doesn't make sense and you come out strongly against it then you can build momentum in the opposition against it."

For those wanting to help stop the 413, Schreiner says they need to continue writing to their local and provincial politicians.

"I tell people to keep writing the Premier's office, keep writing your local MPPs, and I used to tell people to write their municipal councillors, but most of them have come out and opposed it now," he said. "It's really about putting pressure on the Ford government to shelve this highway because it makes no sense and there's more important priorities to invest in."

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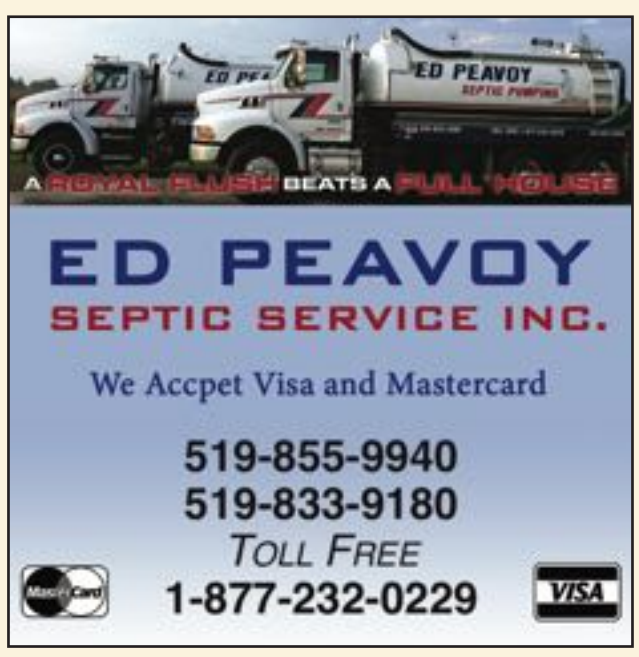


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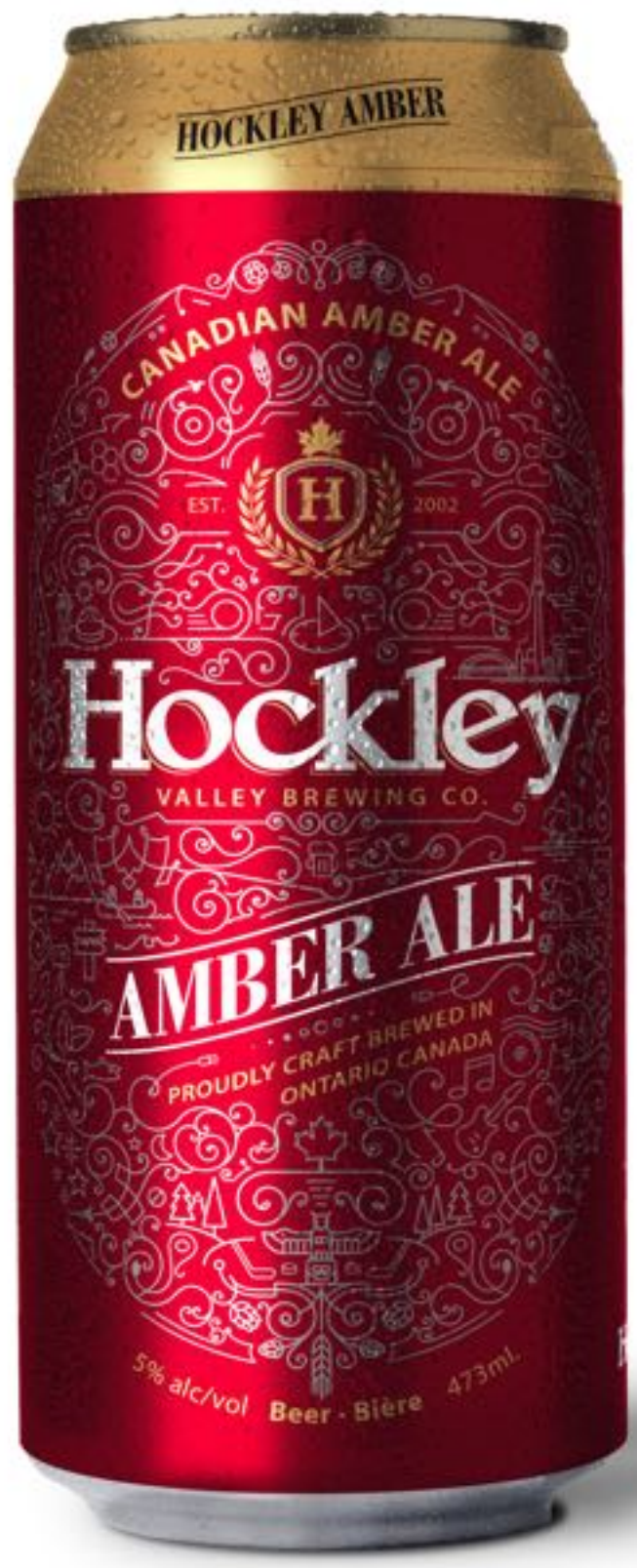
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