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PRIDE IN CALEDON – June is Pride Month and the Town of Caledon has joined in the spirit of the occasion. On Monday, Mayor Allan Thompson, right, was joined by Dmytro Basmat, Executive Director of Youth Activists Inc., left, and Caledon Pride founder Julia Bertola to raise the Pride flag.
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Peel surpasses 1 million vaccine doses administered as positivity rate continues to decrease in Caledon

BY ROB PAUL

On May 25, the Region of Peel achieved the milestone of administering 1 million doses of vaccine on the heels of the province-wide stay-at-home order ending on June 2.

These efforts have resulted in the continued vaccination of eligible priority groups, including youth who are 12 years of age or older who live, work, or attend school in Peel.

Peel continues to work towards achieving a 75 per cent goal of first dose vaccinations within the community. Continued initiatives, such as mobile clinics, targeted pop-ups, and centralized vaccination centres will move Peel closer to the goals of reaching the most vulnerable who have not received their first dose and preparing for second doses.

"There has never been a greater time to recognize the dedication of our community," said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health. "Thank you to every individual who has been vaccinated or helped a family member, a colleague or friend to connect to vaccination. I'm so proud of the commitment in support of our community. At the same time, I am thankful to the teams and community members who continue to commit themselves to this tireless effort. This milestone is also a reminder that we must continue to do our part by remaining vigilant and working together to keep each other healthy and safe.

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Trailblazing Caledon author inspired by law career

BY ROB PAUL

When most people retire, they look for easygoing hobbies while spending time with their family.

Well, Suzanne Hillier isn't like most people.

The former divorce lawyer, who was known in Brampton as "the Barracuda," now resides in Caledon and at 89 years old, has a new novel coming out on June 6.

The novel is being published by feminist-focused Canadian publisher Inanna and is titled My Best Friend Was Angela Bennett.

It's a story of love, friendship, and survival set in Newfoundland during World War II and has been praised as a harrowing journey, engaging, and unforgettable while looking at how friendships endure through the most difficult of times.

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LDD moth infestations are a growing concern with the third year of population boom

BY ROB PAUL

LDD moth infestations have been an issue in the Caledon region, impacting tree health. The non-native moth species can cause defoliation of trees in Ontario and, though the infestations can occur in cycles, it won't necessarily happen every year.

The damage an LDD moth can do depends on the infestation but can range from light to nearly complete defoliation or loss of leaves—in some situations the tree can die. Entering the third year of a population boom for the moths, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is forecasting that they expect severe defoliation

The issues with infestations in Caledon are something the Town takes very seriously, and Mayor Allan Thompson says they're continually looking into how to deal with the problem and are completing egg mass scarring and ground sprays in priority areas.

"We asked staff to investigate other avenues to control the spread of LDD moths, and further educate residents about how to handle the infestation on their property," said Thompson. "LDD moth infestations are cyclical. We will continue to monitor and work to minimize their impact in future."

LDD moths were imported to Boston from Europe decades ago for silk production purposes, but escaped and have been an issue in Ontario for 60 years with their mass reproduction and negative impact on trees.

Though Credit Valley Conservation isn't actively managing the issues with LDD moths due to their focus being on other more invasive species damaging the ecosystems, they are currently developing an Integrated Pest Management framework based on their latest reach which will include a LDD moth monitoring program for their properties. They're also working with their partners to increase collaboration and formalization of watershed initiatives.

"We're working with our municipal partners and providing ecology and invasive species expertise on a broader watershed-wide approach to the LDD moth outbreak," said a CVC spokesperson. "We've developed an invasive species strategy and are taking actions on invasive species in CVC parks. As we wrap up our work on addressing the devastating impacts of the invasive emerald ash borer, we are shifting our focus to LDD moths and other priorities.

"In order to pinpoint our efforts and ensure effective and efficient use of available resources, we're creating an integrated pest management framework. First, we need to monitor LDD (and other invasive species) on CVC properties to determine the areas where the impacts are greatest and the best strategies to address them. This planning is important. LDD outbreaks have been ongoing in Ontario since the early eighties and happen every 7 to 10 years. During outbreaks, the scale of the outbreak changes year-to-year based on local weather conditions, such as a warm spring. It is suspected that fewer extremely cold winter days due to climate change can result in greater LDD moth populations in the spring. Planning and monitoring allow us to adapt and be cost-effective in the fight against the many invasive species on our properties including LDD moths."

The caterpillars emerge from their eggs in mid-to-late May and will spend approximately 40 days eating all the leaves and needles they can consume. Adult moths emerge from cocoons in June to July and focus solely on breeding and egg laying and will lay between 100 and 1,000 eggs.

"Healthy trees can typically survive three to five years of heavy moth feeding. A healthy tree will usually be able to regrow their leaves later in the season," said a CVC spokesperson. "However, if the trees are stressed due to drought, disease, fungi or other insects, this loss of leaves can deplete the tree's energy reserves and eventually result in death. Unfortunately, conifer trees can die after only one year of very heavy feeding."

The major concern with LDD moths is an infestation, which though not every year, can leave a lasting impact.

"These outbreaks occur every five to 10 years and usually last between two and four seasons," said the spokesperson. "Outbreaks generally collapse due to the combined effects of natural controls: a fungus, a virus, and parasitic wasps and flies. The effectiveness of these natural enemies is dependent on weather conditions and the size of LDD moth populations."

CVC says there are several methods to help a tree affected by the LDD moth and recommends trying a combination of them.

"You won't get rid of all the caterpillars, but you can reduce the amount of damage they cause," said the spokesperson. "If there are a few trees on your property that you're concerned about you can concentrate your efforts on them."

Year-round they recommend keeping your trees healthy through watering and adding mulch to the soil because having a tree at its healthiest can help prevent LDD moth damage.

In August through early May, focus on scraping eggs off the trees and then fill a container with soapy water and let them sit for two days to kill the eggs before putting them in the garbage—scraping egg masses onto the ground will not kill them.

In May through July, wrap the trunk of trees to catch and dispose of caterpillars or try hand picking caterpillars off the tree and putting them in soapy water.

An alternate option is to spray the biopesticide Btk (bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki) to kill moths in the caterpillar stage. Spraying leaves will lead to the caterpillars eat the bacteria off them and ultimately killing them.

Although Btk products are publicly available, CVC recommends they are only applied by a registered pesticide applicator and that pesticide need to be used with caution.

Once July comes around, set out pheromone traps that can be uses to attract and trap adult male LDD moths to stop them from mating to help reduce egg mass loading.

CVC says the hairs on LDD moth caterpillars and in egg masses can cause irritation and allergic reactions in some people and recommend the use of gloves and protective wear whenever there's potential for contact.

For further information and management techniques from CVC, email invasivespecies@cvc.ca or visit invasivespeciescentre.ca/invasive-species/meet-the-species/invasive-insects/gypsy-moth/.

If Caledon residents see LDD moths on Town property, they're asked to contact Service Caledon at 905.584.2272 x. 7750 or email info@caledon.ca and it will be investigated by the Town arborist. If property owners see LDD moths on their private property, they are asked to consult a tree care professional to determine the best way to manage their property.

Town offering free programs for Recreation and Park Month

BY ROB PAUL

The Province has slowly begun its re-opening with the stay-at-home order expiring June 2, just in time for Recreation and Park Month. Caledon is known for its outdoor resources like its hiking trails and bike paths, but additional amenities such as splash pads, tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts, and skateparks are open.

The Town is encouraging residents to take advantage of the weather and outdoor facilities this June while underscoring the importance following the current public health guidelines.

After nearly 15 months of dealing with the impact of the pandemic, Mayor Allan Thompson knows people are itching to get to refresh their mental and physical health through recreation and is excited to see residents enjoying all Caledon has to offer.

"The Town of Caledon celebrates Recreation Month because our residents want opportunities to live an active lifestyle, enjoy a high quality of life and engage in their communities," said Thompson. "This year, more than ever, it was critical for us to adapt to citizen needs by offering non-traditional services so residents could still participate in activities supporting their physical and mental wellbeing during pandemic restrictions."

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Mayor calls for residents' questions to be answered after Feds deny review of Erin project

BY ROB PAUL

Jonathan Wilkinson, Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, made his decision on May 26 to deny a federal review of the wastewater treatment plant project in Erin.

The controversial plant has been a hot topic in recent weeks due to the potential impact it will have on the West Credit River.

The project would provide wastewater servicing to the Village of Erin and Hillsburgh. As proposed, treated effluent would be discharged to the West Credit River at Winston Churchill Boulevard, upstream of the community of Belfountain.

In a statement from the federal government, Wilkinson reached his decision that the designation of the project was unwarranted because the potential adverse effects within federal jurisdiction would be limited through project design and the application of standard mitigation measures; the regulatory processes that currently apply to, or have been undertaken for, the project and any related consultations provide a framework to address the potential adverse aforementioned effects, public concerns raised in relation to those effects, and potential impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and the project must comply with relevant provisions of the above listed Acts as well as the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations pursuant to the Fisheries Act, the Species at Risk Act, the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, Ontario›s Endangered Species Act and the Conservation Authorities Act.

Having heard residents' concerns about the potential impact the wastewater plant will have on the West Credit River, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson is hoping for more transparency as the project moves forward.

"As Mayor, I am looking to get answers to the questions raised by many residents of Caledon and I will continue to look to Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Province of Ontario to address those concerns," said Thompson.

The Coalition for the West Credit River says they are disappointed that Wilkinson decided not to designate the Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant as a project under the federal Impact Assessment Act. The group has been at the forefront of protesting the advancement of the project.

"The Coalition is not deterred by the Minister's Decision," said Judy Mabee, Chair of the Coalition and President of the Belfountain Community Organization. "We will continue on with our work to protect this highly-valued coldwater brook trout population in the West Credit River. We are more than willing to work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and other federal and provincial regulators, including the Town of Erin and its consultants, to advocate for a wastewater plant that sets a new best-in-class industry standard for the protection of sensitive coldwater receiving streams. We will leave no stone unturned in our effort to protect brook trout and the unique coldwater habitat of the West Credit River."

The Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant, they argue, will pose a significant threat to brook trout with the daily discharge of 7.2 million liters of warm sewage effluent into West Credit River coldwater habitat. The release of this sewage effluent will create an oxygen depleted and toxic plume that will extend several hundred meters downstream into brook trout spawning, rearing and nursery habitat.

The Coalition stated that brook trout are the "canary in the coal mine," and the West Credit River has one of the few remaining self-sustaining native brook trout populations in Southern Ontario—brook trout are a highly sensitive species requiring cold and pristine waters.

"If you're looking at the river from a brook trout perspective, the water in the West Credit River is very low right now because of a dry spring," said Mabee. "It's not a big river and so when you look at water temperatures warming from the weather and effluent going into the river that is not regulated for temperature, you have combined aspects of temperature increase which will lead to a change in the pH of the water which will increase toxicity level for ammonia and decrease the amount of available oxygen for fish to breath. With the effluent being emitted at Winston Churchill, at the County border, there will be a flow of effluent running downstream and it will have a substantial impact on the river and its habitats."

Mabee says the Coalition was surprised by Wilkinson's decision because they believed they had enough proof and reason for a federal review, but the fight isn't over, and they'll continue to make an effort to ensure the West Credit River doesn't suffer.

"We knew this was going to be a big challenge putting it forward to the federal government for review," Mabee said. "But we worked very hard on our briefing. Our team went through all the documentation with respect to the environmental study report and within our group we have engineers and biologists and put together the issues list we identified feeling very confident with the information that was going forward. The federal impact assessment was our very best chance of making real change to the project.

«The focus of our group is to ensure the West Credit River brook trout are protected and that there's meaningful consultation with respect to the study and to find a way to discharge the effluent somewhere else or designate a facility that discharges effluent that matches stream temperature and meets the CCME (Canadian Environmental Quality) guidelines. Do I know at this particular point exactly where we are going? My answer is, not right at this moment, our team will be meeting very soon, and we all have been reviewing the documents that were included as part of the Impact Assessment Agency review to see where things lie with the recommendations. Going forward we need to find a way to collaborate somehow with Mayor Alls in Erin."

The Coalition for the West Credit River represents the following organizations: the Belfountain Community Organization, Izaak Walton Fly Fishing Club, Ontario Rivers Alliance, Ontario Streams, Trout Unlimited Canada - Greg Clark Chapter and the West Credit River Watch.

"The Coalition would like to thank all those people, organizations and municipalities for supporting the Coalition's Designation Request by signing our petitions, writing letters to decision makers, calling the Ministers' offices, their MPs and MPPs to speak up for Brook Trout, Redside Dace, reintroduced Atlantic Salmon, and a healthy West Credit River ecosystem," said Mabee. "The Cut the Crap, Keep the Credit petition has garnered over 22,000 signatures—so thank you everyone for your strong support. We are still wading through all the federal Impact Assessment documentation, but stay tuned, because we have more work to do."

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"Once on scene, the officers learned that an employee was assaulted by an irate customer after they were served an incorrect order," say Police. "The victim sustained minor injuries as a result of the assault."

As a result of the police investigation, on May 25, Mark Gatti, 26, of Caledon, was charged with the offence of:

- Assault with a weapon.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 5, 2021.

The charges have not been proven.

CROPS DAMAGED BY ATV RIDERS

In the last month, an incident has been reported to the Caledon OPP, where an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riders have damaged young crops growing in a local field.

The ATV riders had trespassed onto a privately-owned field causing damage to the young crops that is estimated at approximately $10,000.

"While an open field may seem like a great place to harmlessly operate an ATV or Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) it is also a great place for our farmers to raise crops and support their families," say Police. "Caledon OPP is reminding ATV and ORV owners that there are no public trails owned or maintained by the Town of Caledon that permit motorized vehicles. They must ride on their own properties unless they have prior permission from a land owner to be on their property.

"Remember to be considerate, follow the rules and operate your ATV or ORV ONLY on lands that you own or where you have permission. ATVs and ORVs also may not be ridden on any public roadways within the Town of Caledon.

"Farms and livestock are part of the rural experience and should be enjoyed as part of the scenery, but remember - a farm is someone's home and should be considered private property. Failing this warning, riders could be charged with trespassing under the Trespass to Property Act, or the Off-Road Vehicles Act or the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act. If any damages occur the person responsible may be charged criminally with Mischief. Anyone who does not stop for a police officer when directed to do so can expect to be charged with the criminal offence of Flight under Section 249.1(1) of the Criminal Code."

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DRUG IMPAIRED CHARGES

On Thursday, May 27, at approximately 2:41 p.m., uniformed officers from the Caledon OPP responded to a reported motor vehicle collision in the area of Mayfield Road and McLaughlin Road in the Town of Caledon.

Information was received that a black sedan rear ended another car. There were no injuries reported at the time.

As a result of the police investigation, the driver of the black sedan was placed under arrest for Impaired Operation by Drug, and transported to a police facility for further tests to be conducted by a Drug Recognition Evaluator.

As a result of those tests, Liam Perry, 47, of Rockwood, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired – drug

The driver received a 90-day driver's license suspension and a 7-day vehicle impound.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 12, 2021 to answer to the charge.

The charges have not been proven.

"There is no good excuse for driving while impaired, and being a passenger with an impaired driver is also risky," say Police.

You have options:

- Make sure you have a designated driver
- Call a friend or loved one to pick you up
- Call a cab or a ridesharing service.
- Stay over

BIKE MONTH

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reminds bicycle and vehicle drivers to respect all road users by making safety a top priority, especially as we see an increase in cyclists on our roadways.

There have been 34 total collisions, including two fatalities, involving a motor vehicle and cyclist this year to date.

"June is Bike Month, an opportunity to highlight safety messaging and remind all drivers of the laws related to cycling under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA)," say Police. "Our roads are for the enjoyment and transportation of everyone, including cyclists. Under the HTA, a bicycle is a vehicle and cyclists are expected to follow the rules of the road.

We would like to remind the public of some safety tips:

Vehicle drivers:

- Maintain at minimum a one metre distance when passing a cyclist
- Watch for passing cyclists when opening door into traffic
- Slow down when overtaking a cyclist on a road

Cyclists

- Check for vehicles and cyclists with the right-of-way before entering the intersection
- Keep your place in the line of traffic when approaching an intersection
- Ride in a single file and to the right side of the road to help vehicles make a safe pass
- Stop at stop signs when approaching an intersection and yield the right-of-way to traffic

CONCERNED RESIDENT HELPS GET IMPAIRED DRIVER OFF THE ROAD

The Nottawasaga OPP has charged a 37-year-old with impaired driving resulting from a traffic complaint.

On Sunday, May 30, at approximately 2:53 a.m., an officer patrolled the area of Victoria Street West, in Alliston and located the suspected impaired driver.

As a result of the investigation, 37-year-old Ryan McPeake, of no fixed address, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Flight from peace officer
- Mischief - destroys or damages property

The accused was released on a promise to appear and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on June 17, 2021.

The charges have not been proven.

Police are reminding the public, if you suspect an impaired driver, call 9-1-1 immediately.

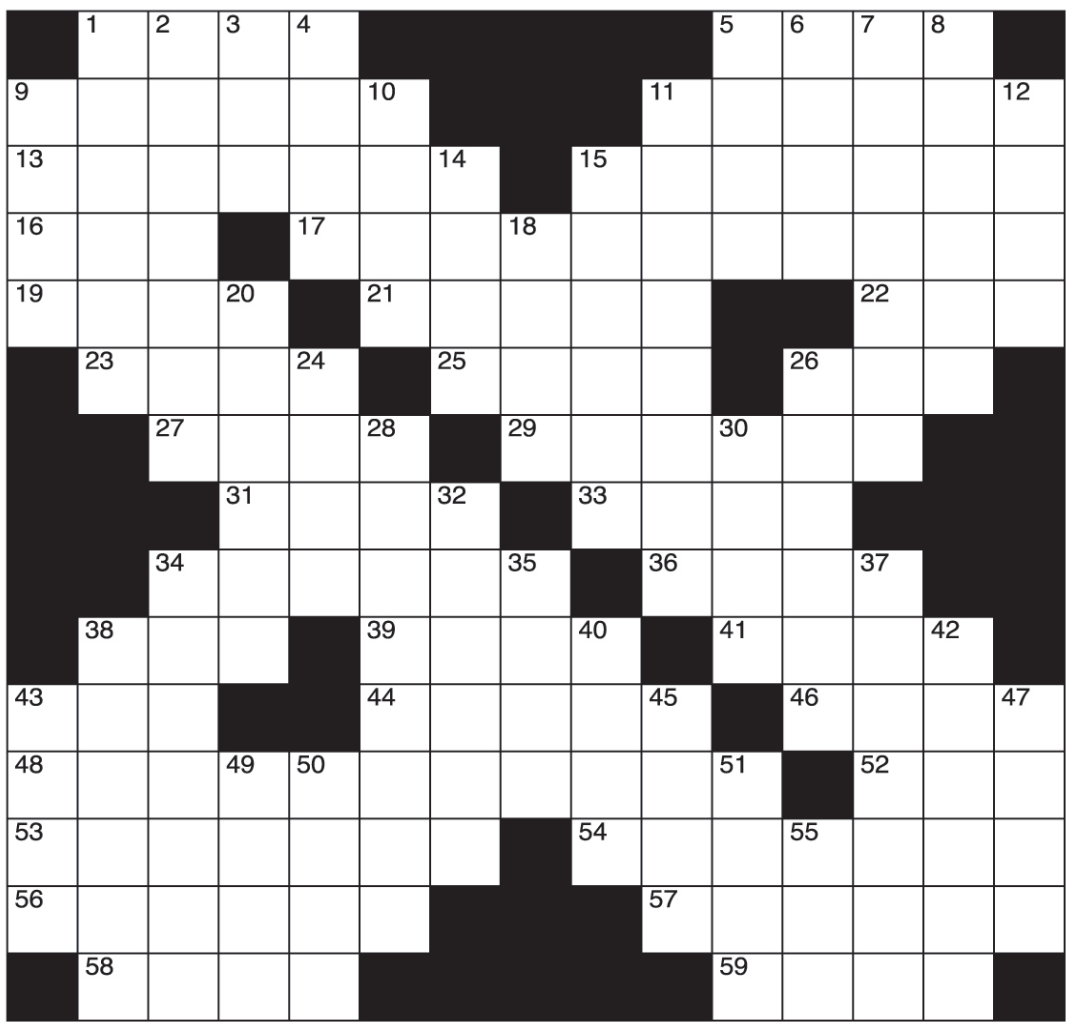

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19. Blue dye
21. Small terrier with short legs
22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
23. Northern pike genus
25. Expression of annoyance
26. Female deer
27. Casella and Kellerman are two
29. Actor's lines to audience
31. Days (Spanish)
33. Close a person's eyes
34 Cloaked
36. Comedic actor Rogen
38. It's all around us
39. Neutralizes alkalis
41. Native people of New Mexico
43. No seats available
44. Famed "Air Music" composer
46. Fit of irritation
48. Psychic phenomena
52. Knicks' first-rounder Toppin
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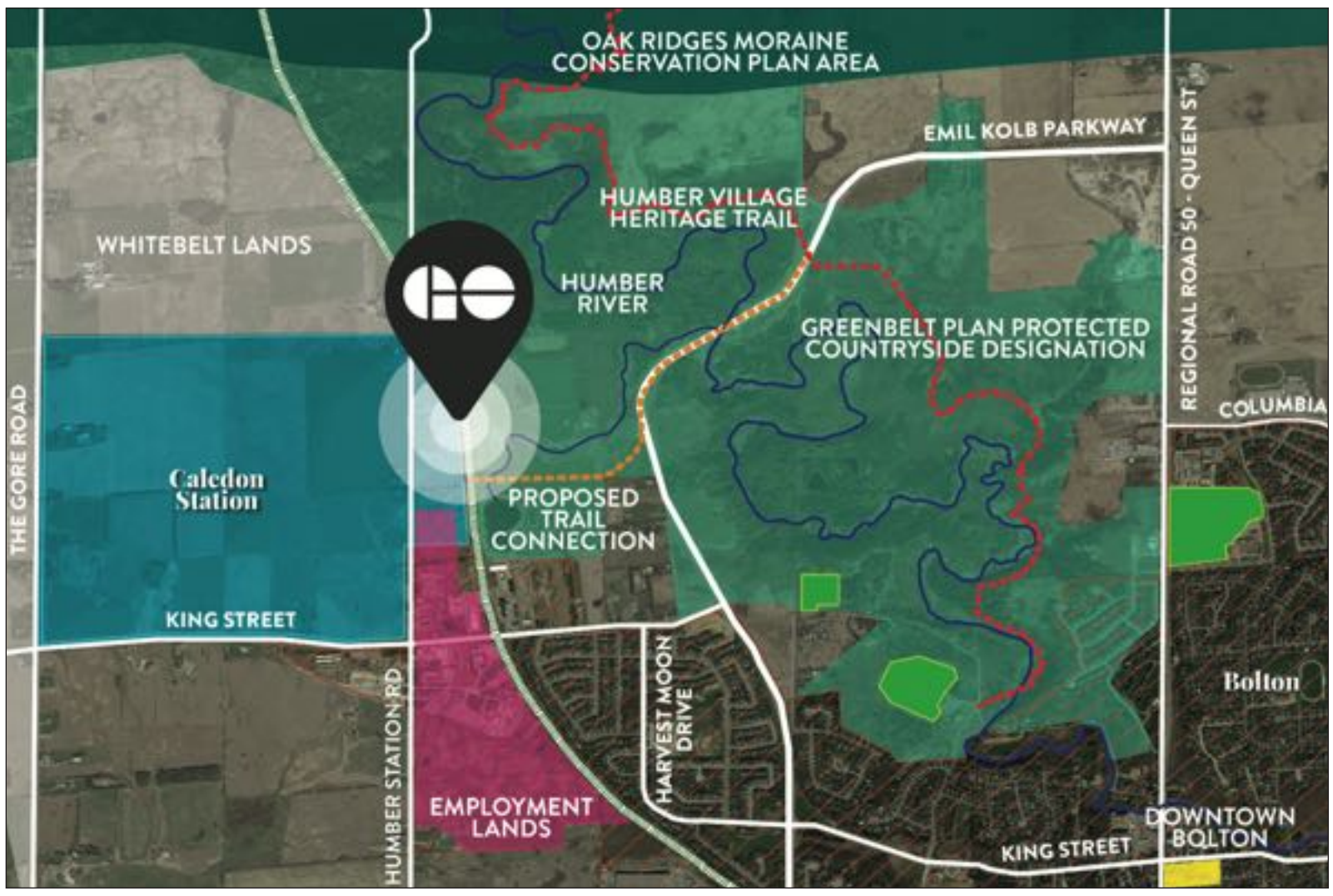
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2. A Christian sacrament
3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
4. Turn away
5. Impersonal
6. Shortly
7. Indigenous Alaskans
8. Subtle difference of meaning
9. Sicilian city
10. Put in harmony
11. Administrative divisions
12. As happily
14. Horse mackerel
15. Muddy or boggy ground
18. Monetary unit of Italy
20. Construction site machine
24. 22
26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
28. Earnings
30. Insect repellent
32. Runner-up
34. Musician
35. Serious or urgent
37. Esteemed one
38. Where rockers play
40. Work furniture
42. Greek prophetesses
43. Quantitative fact
45. Missing soldiers
47. Minute
49. This (Spanish)
50. Maintain possession of
51. Assault with a knife
55. Holiday text message greeting

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

Council looks at potential of transit-oriented Caledon Station

BY ROB PAUL



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As the Town of Caledon continues to grow and develop, the increasing demand for diverse development options are becoming evident.

With plans to expand and develop in Caledon as part of the Future Caledon Official Plan, Council met with Glen Schnarr, President of Glenn Schnarr and Associates, Aaron Wisson of Argo Development Corporation, and LRK Principal Planner Jim Constantine regarding the Macville Lands at Caledon Station.

The process began in 2012 and has since led to the approval of the Macville Lands to build a community centred around a new GO Station—which was announced earlier in 2021.

"As a consultant I've worked in the Town of Caledon on many interesting projects over the 35 years we've been in business and none has been more exciting than this one," said Schnarr. "We're here because of the time and effort invested with Council and the community to bring housing, infrastructure, employment, and transit to the Town of Caledon through the Macville Lands at Caledon Station."

Caledon Station would total approximately 450 acres of land and would be located north of King Street, east of the Gore Road, and west of the CPR rail tracks—it would be surrounded by Whitebelt lands to the north and west and employment lands to the southeast. The priority with developing Caledon Station is to make it the most transit accessible area in the Town.

"The future Caledon GO Station will be located within the community of Caledon Station along the CPR tracks, just east of Humber Road—a very unique opportunity," Schnarr said. "This is an incredible opportunity to establish Caledon's first transit-oriented community as a result of its close proximity to the planned Caledon GO Station.

"Caledon Station will provide a broad mix of residential buildings and housing options that will integrate with public transit and the future transit hub. It will provide a connected and well-designed pedestrian and cycling network and it will also connect to Bolton's downtown and to Caledon's nearby trails and conservation areas. The complete community represents really the only opportunity for Caledon to leverage and expedite the delivery of the planned GO Station. We're thrilled to be advancing the plans for Caledon Station to finally recognize Caledon Council's vision and to meet growth plan conformity targets set by the province and as directed by the Region."

Caledon Station won't only be the hub for transit in the area, but it will have additional focuses on providing outdoor green space, local business opportunities, and residences that are specific to the needs of Caledon's community.

"Caledon Station is a new community defined by nature and designed for neighbourhood," said Constantine. "It's a master plan with a mix of uses, connecting residents with extensive parks, trails, and cycle friendly pathways. It's all anchored by a dynamic hub with shops, restaurants, and workplaces nestled around the new Caledon GO Station. It's a place with a station that will become a destination. Caledon Station will be distinctive in the Region, rooted in and respectful of the rich history of this incredible community of communities. We've listened to the land—which connects nine major trail systems and five conservation areas—and celebrated the landscape that surrounds and makes Caledon a great place."

The key piece to the development of Caledon Station is the GO Station to allow for residents to easily travel and commute from the Town southwest to Toronto, which will potentially lead to more growth in the community and increase tourism.

"The Caledon GO Station will be the last stop on the Union to Kleinburg line," Constantine said. "This is a complete multimodal transit hub—buses, bicycles, and autonomous vehicles will intersect. It will connect the Region's workforce attracting talent and helping recruit new businesses to Caledon, strengthening the Region's workforce and business space. It connects Caledon to the GTA, downtown Toronto, Pearson Airport, and the world.

"This transit hub is uniquely positioned to bring people to the great green backyard that makes Caledon's unique in the GTA. Hike and bike to the Badlands, cross-country ski, fish in the Humber, golf, head over and visit Cambium Farms. Taking the rails to the trails provides a new way to visit Caledon and access all that Mother Nature has to offer, but without the traffic and negative impacts experienced today. The station hub will act as a base camp for tourism, providing a place for services, refreshments, and accommodations for day trippers arriving by train, as well as local residents. The GO Station will be a link to the GTA that brings people to work here, live here, and start a business here. Transit will help achieve the critical mass necessary to support businesses and generate economic prosperity."

Something that has been prioritized is taking away the need for vehicles and putting an emphasis on walking, biking, and hiking in Caledon Station, on top of providing travellers with the option to use the train.

"This is a pedestrian, bicycle, transit rider-centred community design with connections to two schools, a library, and parks throughout," said Constantine. "As we emerge from the pandemic, there will be an increased demand by people for high walk score and high bike score communities that are walkable, clearly lit, and have clearly identified biking facilities. There are 13 parks and 28 acres of green space, ponds and trails that will be a hallmark of Caledon Station. There will be parks in proximity to every home and an active public realm that interconnects neighbourhoods."

There will be a multimodal loop that connects each neighbourhood to the GO Station and will link five neighbourhood parks. There will be multiple parks within Caledon Station that will offer different options for residents—a multi facility community park, central park, west gateway park, and the five neighbourhood parks.

"The multi facility community park for active recreation and all ages will have all-season activities from pickle ball in the summer to ice skating in the winter," Constantine said. "Central Park is located in the heart of the community, its connected along a green spine to the GO Station and will be a place for community gatherings and social activities. The more intimate green spaces (neighbourhood parks) provide places to meet neighbours and play areas for young children and are all a short stroll from home. West gateway acts as an arrival point coming in from the Gore Road and provides a special setting for community history by hosting a relocated and restored heritage building. This building can serve as a unique amenities space for local programming—community health and wellness workshops, fitness classes, life-long learning courses. We look forward to working with stakeholders to program amenities and infrastructure, including two schools and a library."

As Canada continues to work towards net-zero emissions by 2050, the plans for Caledon Station have made keeping it green a focal point with a "smart city" implementation.

"Reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions is one of the key elements of our future readiness strategies," said Constantine. "The community will provide high-performance internet, free Wi-Fi hotspots, and charging stations for smartphones, laptops, and electric vehicles. Our smart municipal infrastructure means this community runs better. We're committed to supporting the Region's environmental targets related to wildlife habitat, community diversity, and water management. The innovative transit hub will diminish car reliance."

With Caledon's growing population needing more cost-effective housing options, the plan is for Caledon Station to offer diverse residential settings connected by walkable streets and surrounded by green space.

"Each of the four neighbourhoods will range from single family detached homes to townhomes for empty nesters seeking to downsize," said Constantine. "These neighbourhoods surround the east-west spine called 'the Avenue' and wrap to Central Park with mid-rise condominiums that invoke the character of a grand boulevard. 'The Hub' (directly to the west of the GO Station) nestles buildings around the GO Station, some with shops and restaurants on the ground floor with entrepreneurial energy flowing from the adjacent innovative employment district (south of the GO Station). The plan places first-time homeowners and single professionals in this area close to transit, dining, entertainment, and jobs."

There's still much more to come in hashing out the details of developing Caledon Station, including working with Peel for funding of water and sewer and staying connect with Metrolinx and the Province for extending the GO Station railway.

"They've indicated for many years their intention to do that (extend to Caledon)," said Schnarr. "The only variable is the timeframe for that extension. The Province of Ontario has endorsed the whole idea, so the way we look at is that it's not a question of whether, it's a question of when? With a properly planned development that is transit supported, the when should become sooner than later."

Having received the proposal from the consultants, Caledon's Acting Chief Planning Officer Ed Sajecki said there are some tweaks he will look at with them to address more specific needs in the Town such as senior housing opportunities and looking into geothermal energy options.

The next steps in the process of working toward starting the development of Caledon Station will be with a community engagement program that will run from June through August, a Caledon Station residents' meeting on June 10, the submission of the draft plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment this summer, a Town of Caledon statutory public meeting in September, and more discussions with the Region of Peel and the Caledon Town Council.

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Multi-decade career in law and cancer diagnosis led Caledon's Hillier into the world of writing



Author Suzanne Hillier

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Born and raised in Newfoundland, her father was the Attorney General of the Province for 22 years and she draws on some of her own life experiences in her writing.

After writing her first novella in the 1960s—it was published by Esquire—she only reignited her passion for writing 12 years ago, and her pro-feminist style in her new novel was influenced by her own journey.

After the sudden death of her husband, she became a lawyer in her late 30s and was one of just five women in a class of 150 people at the University of Toronto while raising her children.

She's lived a life of perseverance, only diving into the world of writing after beating a cancer diagnosis post-retirement.

The story revolves around two best friends heading into their last year of a high school in Newfoundland in 1942. The titular character, Angela, falls in love with a soldier who loses his life in the war and, as a result, she marries a neighbourhood businessman and sexual sadist that subjects Angela to abuse.

Given the history of women's rights, Hillier wanted to revisit a time where it was nearly impossible to get out of abusive relationships to show the growth in Canada since the 1940s, even citing her aunt's experiences of living with their family growing up after getting away from an abusive husband.

Alternatively, the other character, Dorothy, sets out on a journey to becoming the first woman on the island to become a lawyer and offers hope for those suffering from domestic abuse.

"It's based in Newfoundland in the 1940s because I'm a Newfie and I was there, I remember World War II," she said. "The novel is about friendships and relationships, and it follows this poor heroine after she loses her only true love and it unfortunately leads to her marrying the boy next door. It's about getting out of a marriage—which in Newfoundland was all but impossible, they didn't even have divorce until 1968. It's a woman's journey into hell and out. Then it follows the story of the first Newfie lady lawyer and that branches into another situation."

It's not hard to see where the idea for the character of Dorothy came from with Hillier having spent years running Hillier and Hillier in Brampton—which still operates to this day.

"This is a feminist book," she said. "I was one of the first woman lawyers in Ontario and it was tough building up a law practice in Brampton. A lot of this book is kind of inspired by things that have happened in my life. Angela brought her letters from her dead lover with her on her honeymoon, and that's actually something that happened to the woman who lived next door to me, and her husband found them.

"A lot of the things in the book—the deaths of the servicemen, the way we all felt about England, and the way we felt about joining Confederation—was real. I even have my dad in it, I dedicated the book to my dad. A lot of things in it were inspired by actual happenings. The sexual sadist is a conglomeration of all the bad husbands my clients had, he's not just one real person—he's the only character not inspired by a real person."

Hillier's dive into the world of law was unconventional and it was never her first love; she always wanted to tell people's stories and after decades as a lawyer she's finally found that opportunity.

She travelled to Europe and went to the Caribbean, but never wanted to settle down and relax in her retirement, that's hoe she found her way back to her love of writing.

"I practiced law for 32 years and people are born loving the law, but that wasn't me," she said. "I didn't love the law; I loved my clients. I was very involved with my clients, and they made me appreciate it because when you're getting a divorce you really want someone to love you and be supportive.

"I found that I always wanted to write, but my husband died at 44 and I had three teenagers and I was teaching high school and we needed money. I thought I would do better financially in law, and it was more of a practical decision, but I did it because I really like people and enjoy helping them. After 32 years of burning myself out, I got a Leukemia diagnosis and thought, 'Oh my god, I'm going to die, and I haven't written any of my books.' That's when I started to write and after 12 years, I'm still here. I've now written about eight books, and some of them aren't bad!"

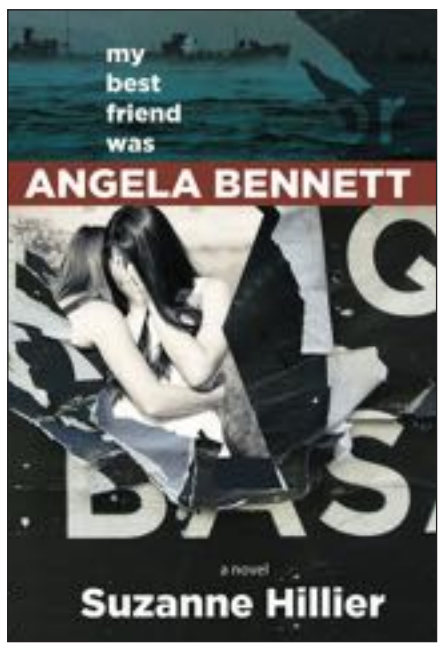
Hillier's writing has been applauded by fellow Canadian authors for her ability as a storyteller and wittiness, while keeping a strong feminist focus.

"An unflinching, often searing, account of two women's lives and enduring friendship in Smallwood-era Newfoundland," said Ed Riche, author of Rare Birds.

"With searing clarity and poignant insight, Suzanne Hillier takes readers deep into one woman's personal hell," said Angie Abdou, author of the Canada Reads finalist, the Bone Cage. "My Best Friend Was Angela Bennett is a transformational exploration of abuse,

sadism, shame, entrapment, and injustice. This tragic account of why one woman stays sheds

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Keep it in the family – Foodland owners pass store down to son



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Kurt and Donni Geiser have been the friendly faces of Caledon East Foodland for 14 years, but as of May 30, they have handed down to their son, Matthew.

For years, the Geiser family has displayed what a Caledon business is all about: a sense of community and belonging. Donni and Matthew will proceed to run the Caledon East location while Kurt moves to the Schomberg Foodland.

Kurt and Donni met in the grocery business at Miracle Food Mart in Brampton in 1984, both working in the industry for over 35 years. They ran their IGA in Brampton from 1997 to 2007 and assumed ownership of the Caledon East Foodland in 2007.

The best thing about a small-town environment, they say, is the friendly, smiling faces of customers.

"When [people] come in, it's nice because we always say hello, have meaningful interactions with them and ultimately, build lasting relationships," says Donni.

As Kurt leaves, he reflects on all his years in Caledon East.

"I'll miss everything about it – the staff who have been with me since the beginning, newer staff I've grown to love and, of course, the customers who have made this job feel less like a job."

For Matthew, the grocery industry is all he's ever known, having worked with his parents since high school and working at the Caledon East location since 2009.

As he takes over ownership of the store, he has chosen to prioritize "the assurance of quality products, improved friendly and helpful customer service standards, and the expansion of product selection for a one-stop shop."

He says he's most looking forward to not only maintaining his team, but building upon his foundation to solidify a strong employee base which is at the core of a successful store. The Caledon East employees are like "one big family; we joke around – we may argue sometimes, but we always come together for the good of the store," Matthew says.

COVID-19 didn't hit grocery stores as hard as other small, local business but Foodland still experienced its ups and downs since the pandemic began.

"Through the good and bad, the employees came together to put in that extra work and the customers continued to be respectful and supportive of the store," explains Matthew. The additional time that everyone put into the store only brought the team closer together, exemplifying the strong bonds this store fosters.

Matthew wants to thank the community for their continuous support of the store and patience and understanding of additional protocols through these difficult times.

For the Geisers, their business is so much more than simple transactions. It's about building trust in the community, supporting those who need it, and always greeting people with a smile and a helping hand.

Peel surpasses 1 million vaccine doses administered as positivity rate continues to decrease in Caledon

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As part of that, I encourage anyone who is eligible to get vaccinated so we can come out on the other side of this pandemic."

The Region has now surpassed 1 million doses with 1,127,026 being administered—134,191 between May 24 and May 31—with 46,638 individuals who have completed their vaccinations.

59.9 per cent of all residents in the Region have received at least one dose with 71.1 per cent of the population over 18 having received one dose—3.1 per cent of the total population have completed vaccination.

Dr. Loh said it's encouraging to see the increasing vaccination rates in the community but reiterates that residents must understand the importance of the second dose with the first protecting against severity and mortality and the second to lessen the risk of passing the disease onto others.

"We surpassed 1 million doses; it's amazing to think that at the beginning of this year we hadn't delivered more than a handful of doses to our long-term care and highest risk healthcare workers in hospitals," said Dr. Loh. "From there, we've now built this program that has been made possible through our continued partnership with the Ministry of Health and thanks to everyone in the community. Ultimately this is our collective effort, so thank you to everyone who has gotten their first dose. As more people get their first dose in the community, we will move onto second doses."

As of June 1, there have been 109,443 cases of COVID-19 in Peel Region with 765 deaths—an increase of 1,424 cases and nine more deaths since last week. In total, 4,384 cases have been from Caledon with 18 deaths—63 more cases, but zero deaths since last week.

On Friday, May 28, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson held a virtual town hall session with Dr. Loh and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones to address where things are at in the Region and Town with the pandemic.

"This has been a long journey, we've been at this now for about 15 months," said Mayor Thompson. "As long as we can get our community vaccinated, we can start to open it up. Our small businesses have been through a real tough one here and I really believe they can only open once and we want to make sure we get it right. I sure hope the province doesn't go with a regional approach so we can all open together and have fairness for our small businesses. I encourage everybody to get out and support them as soon as we can open up in a safe manner, but to do that we've got to get needles in the arms and get the vaccinations done. I encourage everybody to please get their vaccinations."

With over 8 million people over the age of 18 in the province now vaccinated, Jones was ecstatic with the vaccination efforts in Ontario and in Peel.

"It's wonderful that Peel has attained the 70 per cent number," said Jones. "I'm going to say that there are public health units across Ontario that are still in the low 50s and the reason that disparity is happening is because we made a very conscious decision based on advice from health experts that if we put the vaccines into the communities and areas that were experiencing the highest rates of positivities, that we would do more to limit the transmission. Kudos to the Region of Peel for achieving that 70 per cent, but it's important to understand that parts of Ontario are still in the low 50s and that the equalization still has to occur. The vast majority of the vaccine supply went to Toronto, Peel, and to a lesser extent York—that was done strategically, and it has worked."

Dr. Loh was pleased to announce in the last week that Caledon's test positivity rate sits at 7.9 per cent and the COVID-19 incidence rate is at 118.5 per 100,000—both numbers being down from the previous week—and the reproductive number in Caledon is at 0.83, which he says mirrors what the entire Region is seeing.

"It's been a long and unprecedented human health emergency in our community, but we are starting to finally see some glimmers of light thanks to the provincial increased allocation to hotspots," said Dr. Loh. "The 70 to 75 per cent mark has been where international comparisons have started to see changes in patterns of severity and mortality. I think this really gives Caledon and the Region of Peel a significant level of protection that will stand us in good stead, especially as our third wave continues to resolve. The third wave does continue to resolve here due to the very strong disease control measures that have been put into place. There's been a significant decline in cases and test positivity. What happens with this human health disaster is it's a cascade, cases in larger numbers a certain portion of those individuals may require hospitalization and a certain portion of those individuals may require ICU stays. The less cases we have, the less proportions we have in hospitalizations and mortalities."

As the case numbers in Caledon and the Region decrease, the pressure that has been put on the healthcare system has been lessened.

"Our hospitals are starting to see their situations stabilize," he said. "While they are still seeing admissions steadily, we are seeing the total admissions and ICU stays starting to decrease reflecting the lagging nature of hospitalizations as an indicator for our pandemic progress."

Dr. Loh said their provincial partners are looking closely at how and where they will start rolling out second doses and he looks forward to being able to share more on the second dose strategy in Peel when the information comes available.

To book a vaccination in the Region of Peel visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/bookappointment.

In-class learning won't resume until September: Province

BY BROCK WEIR

Ontario students won't finish off the 2020-2021 academic year in classrooms.

The Province announced Wednesday that remote learning will continue Ontario-wide for the remainder of the school year.

In making their decision, the Government cited the prevalence of the B.1.617.2 COVID-19 variant to keep schools shuttered for a few more months, and efforts to "support a safer summer and return to in-person learning in September."

"At a time when our top priority is putting the third wave behind us so that we can safely enter Step One of our Roadmap to Reopen, we can't risk increased cases and potential downstream impacts on hospitals and ICUs," said Premier Doug Ford in a statement. "Making this tough decision now will allow kids to safely enjoy camps and outdoor activities this summer, and a safe return to school in September."

Data presented by the Province indicated that if schools re-opened now, Ontario could see an increase of "six to 11 per cent" in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases and going forward with a re-opening would "threaten Ontarians' hard-fought progress in beating the third wave and could delay the safe return to many summer activities for kids, including day and overnight camps, sports leagues and public pools."

"While this decision was not made lightly, it has been done with one aim: protect the summer for families and deliver a stable and safe September for students," said Minister of Education Stephen Lecce. "We are looking forward and taking action by getting all education workers and students vaccinated with both doses ahead of September, while investing an additional $2 billion to ensure students and staff are safe."

To this end, the Province underscored the availability of the Pfizer vaccine to Ontarians 12 years of age and older, encouraging families who have not yet received a shot to attend a clinic "as quickly as possible."

It wasn't all bad news, however, for students hoping for a return to the classroom.

The Government announced it will allow school boards to invite graduating classes to small outdoor celebrations to celebrate their achievements.

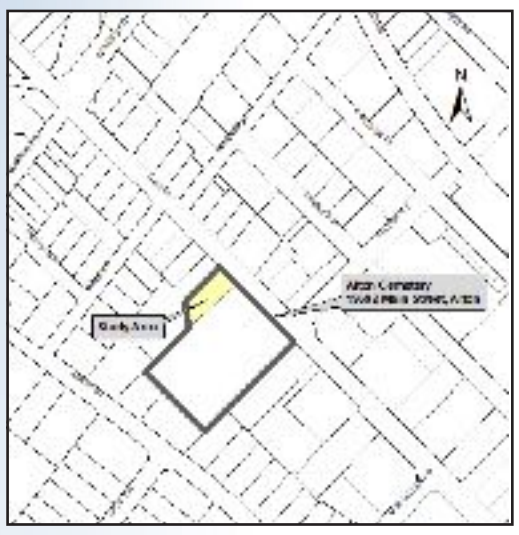
"Students have worked incredibly hard throughout the pandemic, with important milestones like graduation ceremonies impacted," they said. "Ontario students deserve this positive conclusion to their academic journey, safely. The government will allow school boards to invite graduating students in elementary schools (by class) and secondary schools (by homeroom/quadmestered class) to return to school in June for a short, outdoor celebration where physical distancing is possible."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Alton Cemetery Study



The Town of Caledon is planning to replace the timber retaining wall at the Alton Cemetery located at 19692 Main Street, Alton.
The retaining wall is located at the north east boundary of the property and near cemetery plots.

In consultation with the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO), further information is needed, to be collected through a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment (S3AA) to determine the actual location of the burial plots, as well as any unmarked plots that may exist.

The information will be used to better understand if any of the burial plots will be impacted as result of the project. The Town has identified 17 cemetery plots contained within the study area. However there may be additional unmarked burial spots.

This work is needed prior to the replacement of the retaining wall. Further notices will be issued which is dependent on the findings of this study.

Learn more: **caledon.ca/AltonCemetery.**

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Celebrate Recreation Month with Virtual Programs

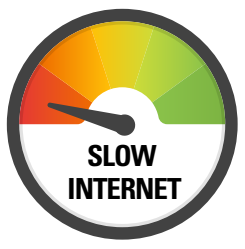


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COVID-19 Internet Grant Program



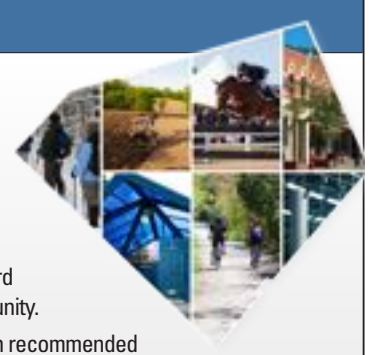
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a $200 one-time grant is available to reimburse residents for the cost of hardware required to increase internet service during the pandemic, in underserviced areas of Caledon.

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

If you do not have access to the internet, please call Service Caledon 905.584.2272 x.7750 to see if you are eligible.



June is Pride Month



The Ward Boundary Review is wrapping up!

Over the past several months the Town has been reviewing its ward structure to ensure that it serves and reflects the changing community.

At the June 14, 2021 General Committee Meeting a final report with recommended ward options will be presented to members of Council for consideration.

Contact us for more information at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or agenda@caledon.ca.

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Brock's Banter

A nation built on shifting sand

BY BROCK WEIR

This past week was, for some, if I can borrow a phrase from former U.S. Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Al Gore, one of inconvenient truths.

As expected, the United States Senate, thanks to the usual suspects, moved to block an independent and bi-partisan commission into what lead up to the January 6 riots in Washington D.C.

Most of us plainly know what led up to the outright assault on a bastion of worldwide democracy. After all, we saw it unfold in front of our very eyes. But to take politics out of the equation and lay bare a backgrounder would, of course, put truth out there in black and white and certain quarters simply can't allow that to happen.

But, closer to home, a horrible punch in the gut.

The very same week, reports out of Kamloops, BC, confirmed the discovery of the bodies of at least 215 children, some as young as three, unmarked and forgotten in the grounds of a former residential school in the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

"This past weekend, with the help of a ground penetrating radar specialist, the stark truth of the preliminary findings came to light – the confirmation of the remains of 215 children who were students at the Kamloops Indian Residential School," said the office of Chief Roseanne Casimir in a statement.

Said Casimir: "We had a knowing in our community that we were able to verify. To our knowledge, the missing children were undocumented deaths. Some were as young as three years old. We sought a way to confirm that knowing out of deepest respect and love for those lost children and their families, understanding that Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc is the final resting place of these children.

"Given the size of the school with up to 500 students registered and attending at any one time, we understand that this confirmed loss affects the First Nations communities across British Columbia and beyond. We wish to ensure that our community members, as well as all home communities for the children who attended are duly informed. This is the beginning, but given the nature of this news, we felt it important to share immediately. At this time, we have more questions than answers."

The reaction to this horrifying announcement was swift, striking a chord with Canadians of all backgrounds from coast to coast.

"To honour the 215 children whose lives were taken at the former Kamloops residential school and all Indigenous children who never made it home, the survivors, and their families, I have asked that the Peace Tower flag and flags on all Federal buildings be flown at half-mast," announced Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on May 30, with leaders from all levels of government, including mayors from across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, announcing their intentions to follow suit.

But what comes after the flags are hoisted once again?

What actions will be spurred in memory of the 215+ children in this instance and so many more who have been brought back into the public's consciousness after being consciously and methodically erased?

"This is the beginning," said Casimir, and there is no doubt about that.

The discovery announced last week only underscores what I suspect most of us have known all along: that we – the "we" being Canada writ large – are only at the tip of an unimaginable and bloody iceberg in knowing the full catalogue of horrors associated with the residential school system, not to mention the sheer number of children whose lives were irrevocably harmed.

Perhaps it will give Canadians concerned about the removal of Sir John A. Macdonald from our nation's $10 banknote a moment to pause and consider our first Prime Minister's legacy in a larger context, beyond just the great strides he helped facilitate on our road to nationhood.

The same goes for those bemoaning the fact that celebrating the legacy of Egerton Ryerson, a prominent architect of the Residential School system, might not be considered as appropriate as it once seemed at the Toronto university that now bears his name.

Maybe, just maybe, it will spur our nation to collectively sit up and recognize truths – inconvenient or otherwise – that bely our fabled reputation as another bastion of freedom, justice and equality, and challenge some of the convenient not-quite-truths that were spoon-fed to us in public school as part of another nation-building exercise.

"Our history in Canada is horrifying and until we acknowledge that and recognize the truth, we will continue upholding systems built on a foundation of racism, violence and harm without question," said the grassroots On Canada Project on Saturday. "That residential school only closed in 1978. The last residential school closed in 1996. This isn't some distant history that we are talking about. And Indigenous people continue to be oppressed in this country, the effects are very much felt in present day. We should be collectively grieving this atrocity as a country."

It certainly isn't some distant history. Some of those who lived under the yoke of this horror are still with us to share their stories. Some of those who were privy to the true extent of what was going on behind those walls are still living with the reality of their own truth in not stepping in to do something – if at all.

The architects of the residential school system might be long gone, but their actions, and the wounds they caused, are still living, breathing, present, in ways that continue to be revealed.

The most adamant against having a eyes-wide-open re-appraisal of our nation-builders and the systems they created still insist that looking back with the knowledge we have today is somehow an attack on our history and our achievements as a country.

They fail – and deliberately so, in my opinion – to recognize and acknowledge that history is a constantly evolving field and each new piece of information is a catalyst for reassessment.

For those individuals, the most uncomfortable truth of all might be the realization that we have placed many of our heroes on pedestals built on sand with very select blocks. One block not fitting the image can cause the whole thing to come crashing down.

I'm not in this camp. If you are, your idea of what makes up Canada – whether as a nation of individuals or a nation of nations – might be built on as tentative ground as those pedestals.

We're stronger than that.

We are strong enough for some serious and difficult introspection and we will come out stronger on the other side.

It's not new, but it's an issue that keeps getting shoved to the backburner. We didn't need 215 more reasons to give the issue the attention it deserves, but now that we have them, how will we address it?



Consumers want greater digital accessibility

by Mark Pavilons



The pandemic has taught us many things.

We've grown up, out of necessity, to the point where we're now much more digital savvy. And our appetite for more seems insatiable.

That's a good thing. The more we become well versed in all things digital, the better off our society will be. At least that's the hope.

The demand for digitally accessing government services is higher than ever, and it's here to stay. A survey commissioned by ServiceNow reveals if given the choice, at least two-thirds of Canadians prefer to access services digitally, across federal (69%), provincial (70%) and municipal services (65%).

Roughly 74% say the pandemic has made them more open to accessing government services digitally.

Delivering great experiences matter, as more than half of Canadians say positive experiences with public services improve their overall perceptions of government (61%) and increase the likelihood they will have future interactions with government agencies (56%).

However, access to public services is a challenge for nearly half (46%) of Canadians who rely on someone else to help them navigate government systems. Among those who rely on someone else to handle public service processes for them, 3 in 10 (28%) need help because the process is too complicated, while another 2 in 10 (18%) say they do not know how to do it or where to go.

The pandemic has definitely put a major crimp in our document renewal plans.

In the past, we were always given plenty of warning when our driver's licences, health cards and the like were about to expire. We were given options way ahead of time.

Alas, this year my renewal dates came and went, without notice.

I was driving with an expired licence for quite some time before I realized it.

I quickly renewed online when I discovered it.

A few weeks later, after a visit to a specialist, they told my health card was expired. Off to the Service Ontario website to remedy the situation. However, you can only renew your licence and your health card at the same time.

I had to dash off to the nearest Service Ontario outlet, fill out the form, and get my photo snapped. No charge.

From what I have heard the pandemic has also given many motorists leeway in renewing their stickers. While not advised, thousands are still running with out-of-date stickers on their rear plates. I find this arbitrary tax on drivers completely unnecessary.

"Drive on, people," he said, inciting revolt.

I do a fair bit of navigating online and there are times when I access government services. Locally, it's quite simple to find out when to put our large items, curbside, or to get an overnight parking pass. Some sites are better than others.

While I'm happy to get answers to all my questions through automated websites, I really don't like conversing with bots.

It's not only their lack of stunning vocabulary and witty repartee, but I find them increasingly annoying.

They almost seem unwilling to escalate your request, if you don't like the options they present. It is still sometimes impossible to speak to an actual customer service human.

I am similarly dismayed at our financial institutions.

In these technologically advanced times of lightning-fast Internet, and massive computer networks, there's no reason a simple money transfer or response from "head office" should take 3 to 5 business days. It should take nano-seconds!

I also have little use for filing complaints with Canada Post. An item, with tracking number XYZ, has been delivered! No, it hasn't. Yes, it has, our records say so! But I don't have it!

Off to their website, typing and retyping the tracking number, only to be directed to a form for an inquiry.

While out appetite is indeed bigger for digital services, these and others can leave a bad taste in our collective mouths.

"People want simple, easy experiences just like they have in their consumer lives," said Marc LeCuyer of ServiceNow.

Simplicity and accessibility are key to adoption of public services.

Here, here!

The study further revealed that 62% of Canadians faced challenges with public services before the process even started, as they had trouble making contact with the correct government department to address their needs. This is a result of outdated and complex systems; not being able to get through phone lines (52%), unable to locate correct information (25%), and getting bounced around to different departments (24%).

The "bouncing" around of inquiries takes place all over, and with every level of hierarchy.

In my line of work, I have to try to connect with the right level of government and right ministry, to respond to my questions. In recent months, I've been bounced around so often, it's almost comical.

It seems the "solution" lies in better, more consistent software programs. If every department, every ministry, every level of government used the same systems, navigating them would eventually become child's play.

Does any politician actually send out hand-signed letters anymore? Well, yes. A few inquiries to Caledon MP Kyle Seeback resulted in actual letters AND emails addressing my concerns. Kudos to him!

Hopefully, when the smog of the pandemic clears, we won't forget all of our new-found digital skills.

Maybe the systems will become better, as time goes on.

Let the fingers do the typing and let's hit the digital highway together!

Our Readers Write

Generational trauma requires a response rooted in generational accountability: Pflag

For a second year in a row, we begin Pride Month with yet another reminder of the very real and historical impacts colonialism has on marginalized peoples across the country with the discovery of the remains of 215 children on the grounds of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. Positions from some community members that it is time to move on do not respect and recognize the generational impact policies like the residential school system have had and continue to have on Indigenous people.

Generational trauma requires generational accountability if we are going to work together to close the gaps of inequity which impact all marginalized groups. We stand in solidarity with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and everyone impacted by the discovery, with the families of the found and for those still waiting for answers.

Through Allyship, we can all embark on a journey to look within ourselves and discover what we can do in our day to day lives to understand and support marginalized communities. Five years ago this month, Black Lives Matter Toronto used their position of power as the honoured group in the 2016 Toronto Pride March to pause the parade and protest on behalf of queer communities of colour. It was only

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Perspective

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TALK CALEDON



A few days ago, we awoke to the truth of the magnitude and horror that was the residential school system.

If you did not already know and understand the importance of the Truth and Reconciliation Act, one certainly hopes you have a better understanding of its purpose now. To know, not only that this system was in place, but that as recently as the 1990s, children were still being stripped from their parents' arms and sent hundreds of miles away to "boarding school."

There, they were further stripped of their dignity, their heritage, their language and their culture. That as a result of this so many CHILDREN died is simply incomprehensible to me. The discovery of a mass, unmarked grave holding 215 CHILDREN is a stark and horrifying reminder of all Canada has done wrong as a nation.

While we lament the mental health of our young ones during this pandemic, unable to see their friends, socialize and go to school, I ask you to put that in perspective and consider instead the enormity of the fact that Indigenous children were stolen from their parents, suffered, died and were disposed of like so much garbage, in unmarked graves.

Should there be a National Day of Mourning? You betcha. Sadly, I feel that this discovery, a grave containing the remains of CHILDREN (yes, I will keep putting that in bold type – we are talking about CHILDREN as young as three years old) is only the first of many that may be found.

We have a responsibility to mourn their loss and to mourn the collective loss of generations of Indigenous heritage, culture and language.

Those that feel intergenerational trauma doesn't exist need only to reflect on the cumulative impact of approximately 150 years of children being forcibly removed from their families.

According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, that's seven generations of Indigenous people impacted by the actions of our forefathers and the INACTION of our current political leaders. Those of us who are immigrants to this country, I invite you to think about how hard you try in your own homes to maintain some sense of your cultural heritage, language and traditions. Indigenous families have been robbed of that opportunity – for at least seven generations.

To the people who think it's time to move on, "get over it" and look forward to the future, I urge you to pause and reflect on the fact that many First Nations communities still don't have access to clean water. WATER! This, from a country that has clean water in such abundance it can potentially send it south to our American neighbours but cannot find a way to provide this basic human right to our own Indigenous communities.

Those of you that think the Indigenous, First Nations and Metis are not still discriminated against should review my article (or any of the abundance written at the time) expressing outrage at the death of Joyce Echaquan who suffered and died alone IN A HOSPITAL, while being verbally abused, taunted and ignored by at least two nursing staff. This just happened. In September - of 2020.

After the tragedy of Sandy Hook, in the US, many of us both north and south of the border paused and grieved. After the Humboldt tragedy in Saskatchewan, we paused and grieved. This most recent discovery demands that we pause and grieve.

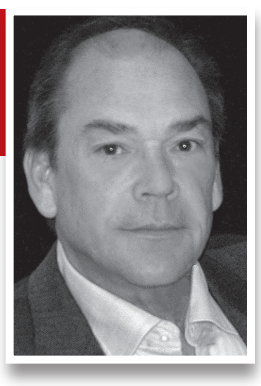
We have a moral responsibility to acknowledge this dark stain on our country and a moral responsibility to call for action – not words, ACTION.

It's time Canadian history is taught in schools in its entirety, the full and sometimes ugly truth of it. It's time for clean water. It's time for real and meaningful political action and it's time for truth AND for reconciliation.

We can start by lowering the flags for 215 hours because it is the right thing to do but so is mourning the loss of 215 CHILDREN. There must be a National Day of Mourning because we have a lot to mourn and we should be doing so, collectively, as a nation.

Working from home?

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



About a year ago I predicted there would be a baby boom early in 2021, thanks to the fact that so many people had to stay home because of the pandemic.

After all, a single blackout in the 60s in New York resulted in a baby boom nine months later – although that apparently never really happened. How that story started is a mystery, because records show that nine months later the amount of real births was pretty much average.

So, I guess my prediction was wrong. A check on birth rates in Canada and worldwide reveal that it is remaining pretty steady all over the place.

Apparently boredom and isolation does nothing to encourage people to have children.

However, with so many people working from home these days, the whole work/personal dynamic certainly has changed. There has got to be ramifications from that change – both good and bad.

We've all probably had jobs that we really liked and others that made you want to bee-line directly to the door when the clock hit quitting time.

I've had jobs where socialization and working with people was almost as important as the job itself.

I had one job were my co-workers were also my friends. We would meet up occasionally at each other's homes for social engagements, and once a month we would meet up after work and go out for dinner at a casino or a racetrack and just have a fun night out.

I've also had other jobs where half the employees were criminals and the boss would come out and threaten to fire us every day. I was less motivated at those work places.

Of course, not everyone can work from home or remotely.

If you're a plumber you can't fix someone's pipes on-line. If you work at a paving company, you still have to bring the asphalt to the job site and get the job done.

For many people, I would imagine mostly those that can use a computer to complete their work, working remotely is a real benefit.

I read an interesting story about a guy who travels North America in his van as a kind of working tourist. He was some kind of programmer and does all his work remotely. He hasn't been to the office in years.

There was a recent survey asking people about the benefits as well as negative aspects of working remotely.

At the top of the list for benefits, and not surprisingly, was the fact that that the daily commute and associated costs are eliminated.

People also cited greater flexibility in working hours, and improved work/life balance, a greater ability to focus and concentrate on the work, and improved levels of productivity.

A large majority of those surveyed indicated that working from home has not impacted their production or level of work in a negative fashion.

The survey also asked for the negative side of working remotely.

Social isolation and loneliness was at the top of the list. Sometimes having someone to go for a coffee with and discuss the details of last night's hockey game is a big deal.

Other negatives include diminished collaboration, communication and innovation, reduced opportunities for networking, and feelings of lack of fairness and equity.

There's a lot of truth in the "out of sight, out of mind" aspect of working remotely. Your contribution may not be recognized quite as much as when you're actually there and engaging with people, discussing ideas, and presenting your work.

There can be a real loss of employee engagement and corporate culture.

While working at home does have a lot of benefits, it seems that when this whole pandemic situation is behind us, many companies will be re-examining their corporate culture and the way they do business.

There is now a lot of talk about a "hybrid" type of arrangement where employees can work at home some days, but then must make the effort to show up at the office for a couple of days each week.

That seems to be a reasonable compromise that will give employees the convenience of getting their work done without spending time on the road every morning while giving the employer the opportunity to remain engaged with employees and create a cohesive working environment.

The workplace has changed - it's a sign of the times.

Vince's Tottenham wins best small format grocery store in Canada





BY BROCK WEIR

Tottenham's popular Vince's Market is no longer simply a grocery store – it's an example for the country.

The local store, which also has markets in Newmarket and Uxbridge, as well as their home base in the East Gwillimbury community of Sharon, was named Best Small Format Grocery Store in all of Canada by the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers. (CFIG)

"This underscores the hard work that has gone into our Tottenham location, from the opening in 2017 to the hard days and nights building our customer base and exceeding their expectations," said Vince's partner Giancarlo Trimarchi. "The award is for our Tottenham team, and their loyalty and passion, day-in and day-out. I am truly thankful for their contributions to our business."

Vince's Tottenham was chosen from a field of more than 500 stores, which were categorized by specialty stores, small-format, medium-format, and large-format, and winners were announced by region: Western Canada, Central Canada, Ontario, and Eastern Canada.

The Tottenham store first took top honours as the Best Small-Format grocery store in the Province before rising to the top and scoring top honours with a gold medal for the best across the country.

The CFIG's Independent Grocer of the Year Award (IGYA) is a celebrated recognition program that highlights grocery retail excellence among independents. Entrants are evaluated on customer service, staff and department management, store layout, merchandising, creativity, cleanliness, and community involvement.

Community involvement is something Vince's takes pride in across all of their locations.

Through their Community Product Initiative, which donates a portion of the sales of select items to community organizations this year, Vince's has supported numerous local organizations, with their 2021 initiative benefiting the mental health department at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

The Community Product Initiative was launched in 2018 and has raised nearly $60,000 for nine organizations and causes.

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Former Villanova student Gordon off to Macclesfield F.C.

BY ROBERT BELARDI



Celeste Gordon (far right) pictured here with Michelle Obama and Celeste's mother Shernett Martin during the former First Lady's book tour event back in 2017.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

When Celeste Gordon was just five years old, her father would kick around the soccer ball with her. Her interest was soon evident. She loved the moves and the tricks. The competition is what drove her into the game. But what she had developed along the way was an immense amount of talent and proficiency on the field.

"I was the leading scorer on my teams when I was eight. I scored 50 goals in the entire season. I grew to love it so much," Gordon said.

The 17-year-old Vaughan native and former Villanova student officially committed to Macclesfield F.C in Cheshire, England on Victoria Day. She will be attending the University of Central Lancashire.

When she began in Vaughan's system, eventually moving over to the Woodbridge Strikers rep program, Gordon had everything coaches wanted in a forward. She had an innate ability to not only just find the goal, but she was well adept in finding open gaps between defences on the pitch.

The indefatigable forward, knew exactly how to play the position and watching and idolizing the country's top players had a part to play in that.

"I idolized Canada's women's national team when they won in 2012 Olympic Games. Neymar was my favourite player growing up, as well as Christine Sinclair. I looked up to these people, I watched them every day to learn new tricks and develop my game."

At the age of 13, Gordon went into Provincial level of soccer in the province on the cusp of also attending Villanova for high school.

Following a short term at Villanova and competing in their soccer program at the school, the young Gordon made the move to Everest Academy in Grade 10.

She worked with future NCAA athletes in the program and, with fellow students, would train to become stronger both physically and mentally.

The principal of Everest Academy, and father of New Jersey Devils P.K Subban, Karl Subban was an excellent mentor for Gordon in her experience at the school, according to her mother Shernett.

Gordon was also chosen in 2017 as one of the few girls in York Region to have the opportunity to meet Michelle Obama at the Economic Club.

Gordon was one of 12 girls in the GTA who showed great interest in uplifting Black girls in the world. She reached out to the organizers and received 11 tickets to attend Obama's book tour event at the time.

It was at Everest that Gordon joined North Mississauga's U-21 in League 1 women's program in 2019. Over the course of the rest of her high school career, Gordon would play high-level soccer while also maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

Pre-COVID-19, she was also asked to try out for the Jamaican national women's team.

"Playing for a national team has always been my dream. My coach in Mississauga recommended to get my paperwork started and see where it takes me. We chose Jamaica because that's my heritage. Both of my parents are born there," Gordon said.

Unfortunately, she couldn't pursue the opportunity. COVID-19 shut down the world and Gordon never had the chance to join Jamaica.

"I really want to get to the national level. Whether that is Canada or Jamaica. I feel that when I do go to England, more opportunities will come and I will be able to pursue that. I've been playing competitively since I was nine years old."

Gordon chuckled when asked if she had to choose to represent Canada or Jamaica in the future. If it came down to that, she speculates she would choose Canada in that situation.

Up until now, having received 12 scholarship opportunities worth over $200,000, deciding to join Macclesfield F.C didn't come easy. She made her choice over Bluefield State College in Virginia and Florida Memorial University.

"Soccer is really big in the U.K. Being around that environment will really motivate me. They also have really great coaches there, some that coach with Manchester United. I feel like with their knowledge my game will improve," Gordon said.

"The campus is beautiful. The women's program is just starting up and with me being a freshman I can add a lot to the team. They have strong academic programs as well."

Gordon is expected to report to Macclesfield in the Fall.

She would like to thank her parents, her coaches, her classmates and her teammates for amplifying her experience and motivating her to be a better person every day.

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Local player resurging Team Canada in IIHF Worlds

BY ROBERT BELARDI

When Team Canada entered the IIHF World Championships with a roster filled with names such as Adam Henrique, Maxime Comtois and Darcy Kuemper, you wouldn't have been at fault for not expecting much. Let alone with the NHL Playoffs currently underway with a whole lot of this group, with Gerard Gallant at the helm.

But on the first day of the tournament Canadians felt the tremor beneath their feet.

The country shook when Team Canada fell to the host nation Latvia for the first time in history 2-0. Subsequent to this loss, Canada fell 5-1 to the USA and then 3-1 to Germany.

When the fourth game came against Norway, Canada needed to change its batteries – and cue the energizer from Bolton, ON: Andrew Mangiapane.

The 25-year-old Calgary Flames forward scored 22 seconds into the game leading Canada to a 4-2 victory.

Since Mangiapane has come into the fold, our nation's hockey club has been rejuvenated, and during a time where Canada has faced elimination.

With Mangiapane on the ice, Canada also went on to defeat Kazakhstan 4-2 and smashed Italy 7-1 to bring the record to 3-3.

Winnipeg Jets 10th overall pick in the 2020 NHL Entry Draft Cole Perfetti, and even San Jose Sharks defenceman and King City native Mario Ferraro, have also stepped up their game with Mangiapane in the lineup.

Both have been seeing power play time and have continued to make an impact in the tournament.

On Tuesday, Canada's bout against Finland will have already determined if the team makes it past the preliminary stage in the tournament. The hope for Canada is if they can knock off a Finnish side that had entered this game undefeated (5-0).

Canada also entered their game against Finland tied for fourth place in the group with nine points with Germany and one point behind Kazakhstan.

In Mangiapane's debut with Canada he has recorded seven points (4 G, 3 A) in three games played.

Also, in his debut with Team Canada, Mario Ferraro has posted one assist in the tournament.

Both players, just came off unsuccessful seasons with their NHL clubs. Both the Flames and the Sharks missed out on the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Hopefully they can help propel Canada into the knockout stage of the tournament and experience a somewhat playoff-like atmosphere of their own.

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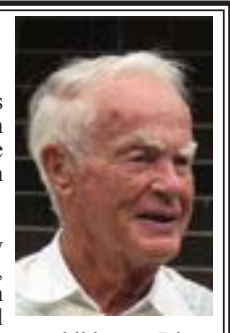
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OBITUARIES

IRVINE, Kenneth Edward
1924-2021



It is with profound sadness that the family of Kenneth (Ken) Edward Irvine announces his death on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the age of 97.
He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Marg Irvine (Hodgson) in December 2020. Ken will be greatly missed by his seven children – Diane (Phil) Davis, Ron Irvine, Linda (Dan Benor) Irvine, Caroline (Doug) Somers, Doug Irvine, Nancy (Dave) Campbell and Janet (Sheldon) Toner, his nineteen grandchildren – Heather Davis, Alison Davis, Marcy Davis, Neil Irvine, Michelle Irvine, Emily Irvine, Paul Irvine, Alex Irvine, Rachel Berry, Jenna Sapiano, Andrew Sapiano, Mathew Sapiano, Caitlin Wright, Michael Somers, Scott Campbell, Erin Campbell, Meghan Loach, Sebastian Toner, Ben Toner and his seven great grandchildren – Violet and Arthur Berry, Isla and Owen Sapiano, Claire and Jane Bekolay, and Morgan Wylie.
Ken grew up in Grand Valley, Ontario and obtained his B.Sc. and Masters of Engineering from the University of Toronto in 1946 and 1947. He had a long and successful career at DuPont Canada. He was very proud of the contributions he made to DuPont, with his favourite achievement being the introduction of plastic milk bags for use in Canada. He enjoyed moving to Montreal when he started with Dupont as a young professional and built a very strong network of adventurous friends with whom he enjoyed many outdoor activities. Ken was very active and loved to ski, sail and bike into his 90s. He loved to travel and experience new cultures. He was very proud of the accomplishments of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and was blessed to have many family celebrations.
A family service will be held virtually. A joint memorial service for Marg and Ken will be held will be held at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 130 Clergy Street East, Kingston, Ontario in the fall.
Memorial donations may be made in Ken's name to University of Toronto Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering.
Funeral care entrusted to Kelly Funeral Home – Kanata Chapel. 580 Eagleson Road, Kanata, ON, K2M 1H4. 613-591-6580.

FRANCESCO 'FRANK' DE SARIO



Peacefully at home on Friday, May 28, 2021, Francesco 'Frank' De Sario, in his 71st year, beloved husband of Linda (nee Hollingsworth). Loving father of Angelo and his wife Stephanie De Sario, and Lina De Sario. Fondly remembered by his seven brothers and four sisters, their families and his many friends. A private family graveside service will be held at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. Extended family and friends are welcome, at their leisure, to attend Laurel Hill Cemetery, Centennial Drive, Bolton in Section 10, after Friday, June 4th. Please be respectful of COVID-19 number restrictions for gathering outside. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Humber River Hospital Kidney Care, 200 Church Street, Toronto M9N 1N8. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

SHELLEY KRALIK VELLA

It is with profound sadness that the family of Shelley Kralik Vella announce her sudden passing on May 17th, 2021. We are heartbroken that we have lost a Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt and Great Aunt far too soon.
Shelley is survived by her loving daughter Sydney Nicole Vella, former spouse Alan Vella, father Ralph Kralik (Catherine Kralik) also by her three loving sisters, Lori Brown (Murray Brown), Melanie Hewitson (Doug McGhee) and Christie Gray (Jason Siemens), as well as her nieces and nephews, Mitchell Brown (Laura Mucha), Alix Gray (Steve Shields), Josh Hewitson, MacKenzie Gray, Emma Brown, Kathleen McGhee; and her great niece and nephew, Ophelia Sage Brown and Gray William Shields, also survived by her loving aunt, Donna Christie, cousin Julie Nicoll (Andy Nicoll) and her children, Liam and Teigan.
Shelley was predeceased by her loving mother, Mary Jean Kralik.
The interment was held June 1st at Sanctuary Park, in Port Elgin, where Shelley will join her Mother in eternal rest.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date, when we are able to include the many people that Shelley touched with her unique ability to make lifetime, long lasting and brand new friendships on her journey here on earth.
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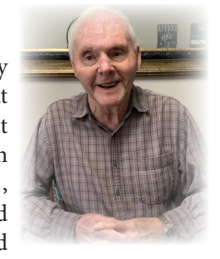
Daniel David O'Connell, known to his friends as "Dan", passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the age of 77 years. Dan will be sadly missed by his wife of 43 years, Lorraine McNally, his children Tamara (Andrew) and Tracey (Phil), and his grandchildren Owen and Liam.
A lifelong learner, Dan will be fondly remembered as an inquisitive mind, an animal lover, and a brilliant machinist. Dan's passions included robotics, computers, scuba diving, and photography. He loved mentoring students young and old to pass on his technical knowledge and experience.
A Celebration of Dan's life will be held once gathering is possible.
Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com.

McNABB, Charlotte Ann
October 17, 1937 - May 23, 2021



It is with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of our Mother, Charlotte McNabb. Beloved wife of Robert McNabb (2015). Loving and giving Mother of Alison, Charlene and John McNabb (Laurence Laberge). She will be dearly remembered by her brother Darryl McLure, sister Sandra McLure and cousin Grace Lord. Charlotte will be greatly missed by her many nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.
In 1981 until her retirement in 2000, Charlotte taught in the Business Education Department at ODSS. Her unquestionable professionalism and dedication to her job generated well-deserved respect. But it was her kind, gentle and caring manor which won her the admiration and fondness of both her students and colleagues. Upon retiring, Charlotte was an active member in the community. She volunteered at many local charities and supported the local theatre.
Our Mother was a loving, kind and thoughtful woman. May your kindness and gentle soul continue to guide us through life. We love you Mom.
Visitation will be held at the ***Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre***, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. RSVP IS REQUIRED.
Memorial donations to the Orangeville and District OSPCA would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Charlotte in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.
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TIGHE, CHARLES THOMAS



Peacefully, surrounded by his loving daughters, at Woodhall Park Retirement Village, Brampton on Friday, May 28, 2021, Charles Tighe, in his 92nd year, beloved husband for 53 years of the late Mary Frances Theresa Tovey (May 2008). Dear father of Helen Tighe and her husband David Allengame, Caledon; Susan Tighe and her husband Christopher Raymond, Waterloo and predeceased by Mary K. and Thomas. Loving grandfather of Cody, Hannah and Carol. Brother-in-law to Helen McDevitt; uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews. Charles had a long and happy life. He worked initially for Avro and then later worked 32 years for Air Canada but was always a farmer at heart. He was happiest working around his farm in Caledon with Theresa by his side. He was a devout Catholic, an active gardener, enjoyed raising chickens and loved playing a good game of euchre. After Theresa's death he lived on the farm for several years and eventually moved to Woodhall Park Retirement Home. The family would like to especially thank the nursing and PSW staff at Woodhall Park Retirement Village where he lived for the last five years for their compassionate care. Private Funeral Mass was held at St. Cornelius Roman Catholic Church, 16631 Kennedy Road (north of the Grange Sideroad) Caledon. Private interment St. Cornelius Cemetery, Caledon. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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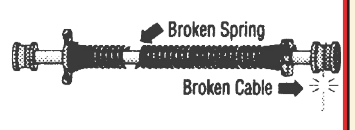
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Free programs for all ages to mark Recreation & Park Month

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In celebration of Recreation and Park Month, the Town of Caledon is offering COVID safe programming throughout June. It's a movement that promotes the benefits of recreation and parks for physical, social, and environmental health—residents can join in on celebrating recreation and wellness from their own homes with virtual programming like Zumba, cooking, baking, meditation, yoga, and more.

Caledon is also participating in the ParticipACTION Canada Community Better Challenge and will be offering free virtual fitness classes in the month of June to help residents get active while connecting with others.

Residents are encouraged to download the ParicipACTION app (www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/community-challenge) and log their activities throughout June to show Canada how fit Caledon is.

In total, between June 3 and 29, the Town will be running 17 free programs to help residents stay active for all different ages. The goal is for every resident to find a program that fits what they're looking for during Recreation and Park Month.

Caledon is a big biking community and with that in mind a virtual cycling program is being offered to those with stationary bikes. It's a low impact cardio workout for all levels to strengthen the heart, lungs, and legs, and incorporates high-energy exercises that include climbs, sprints, and flat roads.

To encourage families to stay active together, there will be two different virtual family Zumba sessions that focus on getting active together while keeping it fun and light together and is for all fitness levels with fun and easy routines—there will also be Zumba offered to just adults.

With Recreation and Parks Month coinciding with Seniors Month, there will be two different senior specific virtual Zumba classes offered to those 55 and over. These will be high energy, dance, cardio, and fitness workouts to improve strength, flexibility, and balance and are easy to follow routines that will get seniors moving and having fun.

Knowing some residents are newer to getting involved in fitness, there will be two different personal training Q&As. The clinic will give residents the opportunity to ask one of the Town's certified personal trainers about exercise tips and an overview of the benefits of working with a personal trainer.

Yoga is the perfect at home workout to help relieve stress and tension, but it's not easy to dive into it; to help residents get used to it they'll be running a yoga class for teens and a separate class for adults. Easy to follow Yoga poses to relax your mind and body. The yoga classes focus on strengthening muscles while building flexibility through movements to increase flexibility, balance, posture, and control of breathing.

A key aspect of yoga is the breathing and meditation, and as such the Town will be running two class specific to that. They focus on taking the time to help residents quiet their minds and focus on their breathing to help with relaxation.

Two of the best ways to burn fat and build muscle using bodyweight are through metabolic training and HIIT (high intensity interval training). There will be two metabolic classes and one HIIT class in June to help improve heart health with short burst of intense exercises followed by low-intensity recovery.

For residents who love to run but want to ensure their flexibility is strong to prevent injuries, there will be a stretch and strength for runner's class focused on learning about pre- and post-running stretches to stay strong and injury-free—it's for any level of runner.

The final program being run is a sit and get fit class that is low intensity, seated exercises that will help to improve flexibility, muscular strength, coordination skills, and balance.

For the schedule, more information, and to register for the recreation and wellness programs that Caledon is offering this month, visit www.caledon.ca/en/living-here/recreation-programs.aspx#Outdoor-Programs.

Our Readers Write

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five years ago where this protest was met with outrage from within and outside the queer community - particularly from individuals who did not understand the politics at play. The demands were just, yet, the responses to their protest showcase how deeply rooted racism, bigotry and implicit biases are in our culture.

Pride is about protest through visibility, through community and through learning by listening to one another. It's about honouring our history and those who paved the way for progress to continue. Progress can only be achieved when all marginalized communities and our allies band together to acknowledge our differences and fight against the systems of oppression and ignorance which impact us all. We encourage you all this Pride Month to embrace your visibility, to share your stories and to celebrate as safely as possible through the many events taking place within the region.

We challenge us all to continue our shared journey of Allyship for all marginalized communities. We particularly challenge our elected officials at all levels for a swift and intentional response to the recent tragedy unearthed in Kamloops, BC to improve the lived-experiences of our First Nations communities across the country.

Generational Trauma requires a response rooted in Generational Accountability.

TRISTAN COOLMAN
PRESIDENT, PFLAG YORK REGION

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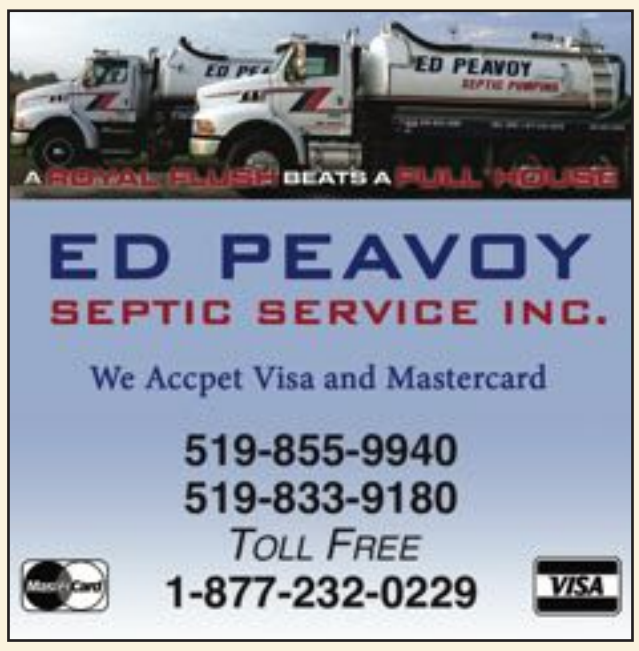


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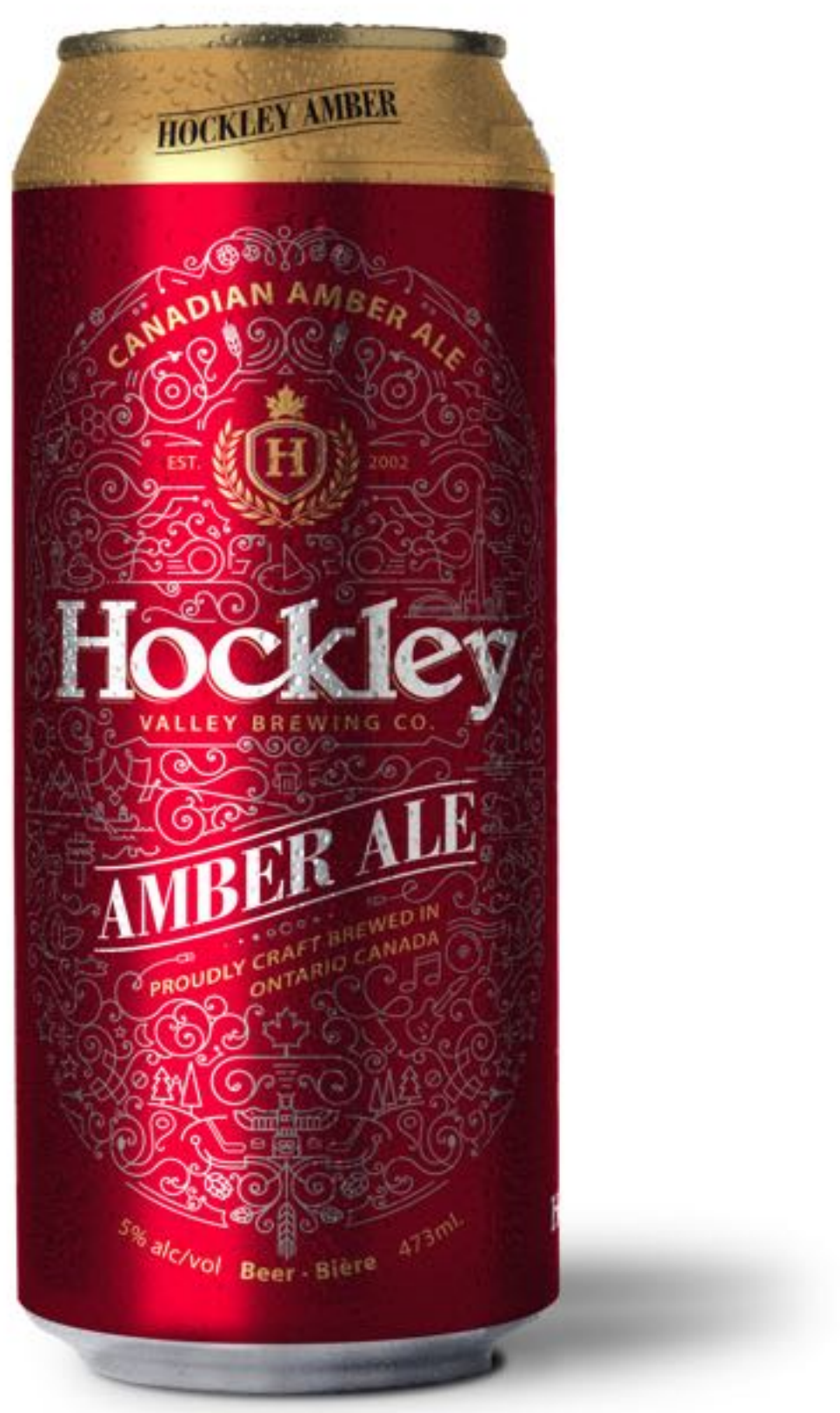
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