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A TROPICAL BOOST TO SHOP LOCAL - Event organizers Urusla Romeo (left), of the Mini Regal Market, and Melissa Spina (right), of the Prestige Market, collaborated to bring the Tropical Oasis Market to Rock Garden Farms in Caledon East. The market, they say, was intended to be a boost to local business as they continue the re-opening process in Stage 2. For more, see Page 11. **PHOTO BY ROB PAUL**

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Council sets new ward boundaries for Caledon

BY ROB PAUL

Three weeks ago, Council settled on an option for the ward boundary review, but asked consultants Dr. Robert Williams and Jack Ammendolia of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to take into account a few other factors.

Having done so, Williams and Ammendolia returned with the finalized ward boundaries, which Council ultimately passed.

The decision was to go with Final Option 1, with some changes to the original.

"Council asked us at the last meeting to go back and look at certain modifications to Final Option 1 and report back with the analysis and what some of the impacts of those modifications might be," said Ammendolia.

Final Option 1 is a six-ward option with a focus on communities of interest and, in the consultant's opinion, "a well-balanced approach."

The option provided satisfactory population parity, according to Ammendolia, with some of the wards being lesser in population to help keep the rural nature of the communities.

The concern from Council was over the potential population disparity down the road with Ward 3 in particular— the Mayfield West area — being double the optimum population by 2031.

Due to these concerns, they asked the consultants to return with alternate options to Final Option 1.

Taking into account the different concerns, Williams and Ammendolia returned with three alternatives to Final Option 1 to help offset the population disparity issues. The final decision was to go with alternate option B of Final Option 1 with an amendment to add Campbells Cross to Ward 1, which was originally part of Ward 3.

This was the alternative the consultants found had the least overall impact on potential population parity issues down the road.

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Peel enters Second Dose Coast to Coast Challenge

BY ROB PAUL

With Step Two of Ontario's reopen now more than a week in, Peel and Caledon are continuing to see total weekly cases decreasing as vaccination coverage increases.

Before entering Step Three of the reopening plan, the Province has to wait at least 21 days past June 30 to evaluate the situation, but has already surpassed vaccination targets to advance to that point.

As of July 6, the Region sits at 111,441 total COVID-19 cases—139 more cases in the last seven days, a nearly 30 case decrease from the last seven-day cycle. There have been three more COVID related deaths in Peel over the last week bringing the Region to a total of 816.

In Caledon, there's been just two more cases of COVID in the last week to bring the Town's total to 4,440 with no additional deaths.

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London attack brings focus to issues with Islamophobia throughout communities in Canada

BY ROB PAUL

Just over a month ago, a terrorist attack took place in London, ON. Four innocent people were killed and another injured when Nathaniel Veltman maliciously drove his pickup truck into the family—it was the largest mass killing in London's history.

The attack was born out of Islamophobia; the Muslim family was out for a walk on a Sunday and unprovoked, Veltman attacked them. The attack sent shockwaves through the country and Muslim communities.

Veltman has since been charged with four counts of terroristic murder and one count of terroristic attempted murder, but the damage has been done. Islamophobia is alive in Canada, a country many praise for its openness to others.

The attack has brought into focus issues with racism in the country, not just in London, but throughout. Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson says there's no place for this type of behaviour and he calls it what it is, a terrorist attack.

"The terrorist attack that horrifically took the lives of four innocent people in London was shocking and tragic," said Thompson. "I wrote to Mayor Holder to share the grief and sadness of the Caledon community and offer our support by lowering all flags at Town facilities. I think governments at every level need to continue to work and allocate resources that will help create safe and inclusive communities where this type of hate and terrorism has no place."

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Association's submitted two papers from students in the Muslim community to the Caledon Citizen. The papers focused on how devastating the London attacks were, the issues with Islamophobia in Canada, and the misunderstanding of the teachings of Islam.

"Islamophobia and these treacherous acts against Muslims have spread far out of control," wrote Mariam Naveed. "As can be seen from the deadly attack in London, Ontario. Islam condemns the act of violence and terrorism, believing that such acts will only bring about evil and immorality amongst society. Violence and terrorism are completely against the Islamic teachings. Thus, these acts should immediately come to a halt, only to save society and humankind. Through such devastating times, Muslims around the country stand as one to grieve this loss. They unite as one to implement what the world is at a loss of; love, kindness, and respect."

"London terror attack ... where do I even begin," Eashah Chaudry wrote. "An absolutely obscene and devastating act that wiped three generations within seconds, leaving behind a nine-year-old boy. A boy who's left to fight for his life alone in the hospital. An act that suddenly changed the course of this boy's life. But not only did it affect this innocent family, it also gave the world a wake-up call for the issue that continues to linger in today's society, Islamophobia. It's sickening to think that this beautiful family was killed because of the hate a supremacist had towards a faith.

"To begin, I'd like to mention that I personally have also been going out for walks with my siblings regularly and am always and aware of my surroundings, because you can never know what the other individuals' intentions are. No one should have to be thinking about such things when just going for an ordinary walk. Yet, it's frightening to imagine that a 20-year-old terrorist killed four innocent Muslims who were enjoying their evening walk, like myself. Instead of focusing on becoming a better person and changing the world for better, the 20-year-old terrorist, Nathaniel Veltman, had other ideas, which were filled with spite. He decided to purge the family because of the false narratives and views he had about the Religion of Islam."

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Association's Outreach Secretary, Eesha Abbasi, says the reason Muslims come to Canada is because of the respect and love the vast majority of people show to people of other races and religion. But she emphasizes that it doesn't mean Islamophobia isn't here.

"Canada is a country that gives freedom to all the communities, races, and religions," said Abbasi. "Canada has presented itself as a beacon of safety, but, as is everywhere, there are some bad apples that ruin it for the majority. At this difficult time, we as a Muslim community feel that it's very important as a nation we stay united and don't fall into the trap of becoming divided, which is what the terrorists and extremists desire and profit from.

"We do feel in terms of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred that it's a fact that it exists and we do feel that the government and authorities should take it seriously," she said. "We really appreciate that following the killing of an innocent family in London, the Canadians reacted with sympathy and strongly condemned anti-Muslim attacks, but we do feel there are certain measures that need to be taken."

There are Islamophobic tragedies of note that have brought attention to the issues in Canada in the past, but the problems go beyond that, says Abbasi. These are issues Muslims and other non-Caucasians deal with every day because of a hate that comes from a lack of understanding.

"There are main events happening," she said. "Like we saw in 2015 the mosque was set on fire and in 2017 the Quebec attack, and now this one. These are the main events being covered, but on a day-to-day basis if you just type it into Google, you'll see a list of racism attacks happening against Muslims, Asians, and immigrants. These are happening and these are on the verge of increasing day by day and year by year."

Educating people on Islam is something Abbasi says the Muslim community strives for, but it can't be a one-sided fight. She hopes to see the government do a better job educating Canadian citizens on Islam and the media to make more of an effort covering the positives that Muslims bring to the country.

"We do believe as a Muslim association that if the fear of Islam is on the rise then maybe as a Muslim community we must also recognize that we have failed to convey the true and peaceful teachings of Islam to the extent that is necessary," she said. "We consider it our duty to redouble our efforts to spread Islam's true teachings and to remove any misconceptions and fears that exist. But we do feel the media should also be encouraged to publicize the multitude of good being done by Muslim communities and the government should publicize and raise awareness of these issues. For example, we've done great fundraising throughout the year with food banks, blood banks, and Muslims for Remembrance Day where we raise money. The list goes on with the good work Muslims have done and we wish the media would publicize it more, so people are aware of the good things—not just the negative."

Abbasi thinks from the Muslim perspective it comes back to educating people on what Islam is because their misunderstanding of it leads to them associating it with terrorist attacks.

"As Muslims it's our responsibility as well to try and educate people and that can happen by portraying our beliefs in the best manner," she said. "Most people who fear Islam don't really know anything about Islam; it's just that they've heard terrorism attached to Islam. It's always Islam and terrorists and it's always Muslim and terrorists. Religion is always attached with extremism or terrorism, so they don't know the real Islam or real Muslim.

"There is no need to fear Islam it is not a religion of extremism or one that permits suicide attacks or indiscriminate violence," she said. "There is no need for Islamophobia because Islam's true teachings are of peace, tolerance and mutual respect. Islam's teachings are of upholding human values and protecting the honour, dignity and freedom of all people

"And that's what we Ahmadi Muslims under the guidance of our leader Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (May Allah strengthen His hand) try to portray and live by the motto, 'love for all hatred for none.'"



MULTICULTURALISM DAY MARKED IN CALEDON – In conjunction with Multiculturalism Day on Sunday, June 27, Regional Councillor Johanna Downey, right, was joined by Althea Alli, Founder, Shelburne Multicultural Event, to raise the Multiculturalism Day flag. "Multiculturalism Day is an opportunity for us to celebrate and bring together various cultures in our communities," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "I want to recognize and thank Regional Councillor Johanna Downey for championing this initiative here in Caledon." Added Councillor Downey: "I'm proud to represent Caledon on the Multicultural Award Committee. On this, the 50th anniversary of multiculturalism policy, it is more important than ever that we celebrate cultural diversity and provide recognition of cultural contributions in our community." **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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Peel enters Second Dose Coast to Coast Challenge

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The improving COVID situation can be traced to the Region's vaccination efforts.

As of July 5, 1,786,976 doses have been administered with 187,565 between June 27 and July 4.

In total, 1,170,794 total residents in Peel have at least one dose with 616,182 having completed the vaccination process—that's 153,570 people who have received their second dose in Peel since last week.

The 75 per cent threshold is on the horizon for total Peel residents who have initiated their vaccination—the region has 67 per cent of residents with one dose and 36.6 per cent with both doses.

Peel Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh has previously stated that a safe full reopen of the Region becomes realistic once that 75 per cent threshold is crossed.

The most promising number for Peel is 78.2 per cent of adults have at least one dose with 44.6 fully vaccinated.

To help motivate people to be as active as they can with getting their second dose of the vaccine, Peel Region has entered into a challenge with Calgary.

The Second Dose Coast to Coast Challenge is a part of the mission to increase second dose coverage across Canada. It encourages Canadians to get involved in the fight to get through the pandemic by getting their second dose as quickly as possible.

Dr. Loh has challenged 19 to Zero Chair—a Canadian coalition dedicated to education on COVID-19 and vaccines— Dr. Jia Hu and his team from Calgary to see who can get their residents more excited about getting back to a normal and active summer and increasing second dose coverage in their community.

"We all want to put the pandemic behind us," Hu said. "The sooner we all get our second dose, the sooner we can get back to doing what we love. A little friendly competition to get us to our vaccination goal will help us take back our summer."

As Ontario continues to open while dealing with the Delta variant, this challenge is to help everyone get back to normal and book their second dose as soon as they can for themselves and their community.

Other health units across Canada have been invited to participate by challenging another unit to a friendly competition as well.

"We're challenging health units across the country to help take back our summer by getting their second dose as soon as possible," said Loh. "We need Canadians to step up and get their second dose so we can increase broad coverage across the country and protect each other."

An all-night clinic will wrap up the challenge on July 10 and 11 at the Save Max Sports Centre in Brampton. The clinic is to help support those in the Peel community who are only available during late-night hours to get vaccinated.

Residents can book their second dose appointments at peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/ and are encouraged to share a picture of their second dose and tag @regionofpeel and use #2dosechallenge.

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STOLEN S.U.V.s

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would like to inform the local residents about targeted car thefts involving Lexus Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV).

"In the last week, officers responded to three reports of Lexus SUVs and one Toyota SUV being stolen from residential driveways in the Southfields neighbourhood in the Town of Caledon," say Police.

The first incident took place on Newhouse Boulevard sometime overnight between June 24 and June 25.

In the second occurrence, the vehicle was stolen from Gentle Fox Drive on June 29, at approximately 1:35 a.m.

The third Lexus SUV was stolen from a residential driveway on Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard sometime overnight between June 28 and June 29.

A Toyota SUV was stolen from Losino Street at approximately 12:40 a.m. on June 30.

In all four instances, the vehicles were locked and all key fobs were accounted for.

To prevent keyless car theft:

- Make sure your car keys are kept well away from doors and windows;
- Use signal blocking pouch - they can block your car key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle, as the pouch is lined with layers of metallic material;
- Turn off keyless fob wireless signal at night - refer to your car manual for instructions;
- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm - this could significantly delay or discourage the thief;
- Consider an audible car alarm - which works by using sensors placed in different points of your vehicle;
- Fit a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored and car can be followed through GPS if stolen, and most importantly;
- Park inside a garage is possible;
- Always lock your car, never leave it running and unattended, and remove all valuables from plain view.

"It is suspected that a security camera jamming device was used by the suspects," say Police. "Wireless security cameras are the easiest to jam by using a signal jammer to send a stronger signal that uses the same radio frequency as the wireless cameras, while wired cameras can be jammed by interfering with the wires and the security equipment.

"Hybrid security systems are preferred: if somebody tried to jam the signal, the camera would automatically trigger the alarm by sending the signal over the wire. And if the wire was cut, then the signal would be sent wirelessly. A cellular coverage adds another extra layer of protection."

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

On Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at approximately 10:52 p.m., uniformed officers from the Caledon OPP Detachment responded to a reported traffic complaint involving a silver car.

"The officers located the vehicle in Bolton and investigated the driver," say Police.

As a result of the police investigation the driver, Mark Law, 47, of Caledon, was arrested and charged with:

- Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 2, 2021 to answer to the charge. The charge has not been proven.

"On Saturday, June 26, at approximately 4:28 a.m., officers responded to a single vehicle collision on King Street near the Gore Road," say Police. "The vehicle in question had struck an excavator bucket and was stuck in the ditch.

"The officers arrived and investigated the incident further. A Mandatory Alcohol Screening Demand to provide a roadside breath sample was made on the driver. As a result, the driver was placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) 80 plus, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, for further breath tests to be conducted."

As a result, Dylan Dawson, 23, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (BAC) 80 plus;
- Drive motor vehicle - no licence;
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance;
- Drive motor vehicle, no currently validated permit.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 9, 2021 to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

"Later that day, on June 26, at approximately 3:47 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP Community Response Unit (CRU) were conducting a RIDE spot check in the area of Mississauga Road and Boston Mills Road. While checking for motorists' sobriety at the RIDE spot check, a Mandatory Alcohol Screening Demand to provide a roadside breath sample was made on one of the drivers. The driver was placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) 80 plus, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, for further breath tests to be conducted."

As a result, Justin McDonald, 29, of Centre Wellington Township, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (BAC) 80 plus

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 9, 2021 to answer to the charge. The charge has not been proven.

Caledon OPP would like to remind all drivers of the following:

- Don't drive impaired - plan ahead;
- If you see a RIDE program in front of you, slow down and continue forward;
- Mandatory Alcohol Screening law allows police with an approved alcohol screening device to demand a roadside breath sample from any lawfully stopped driver without having reasonable suspicion that a driver is alcohol impaired;
- Caledon OPP officers continue to conduct RIDE spot checks at any time of day.

NEW STUNT DRIVING LEGISLATION

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are notifying the public of changes to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA).

On July 1, 2021 two changes to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) took effect for racing/stunt driving [HTA Sec. 172 (1)].

The changes form part of the Moving Ontarians More Safely (MOMS) Act, which received royal assent on June 3, 2021.

The first change is an increase in the previous seven-day vehicle impoundment period to 14 days.

The second change is the introduction of a lower speed threshold for street racing offenders on municipal roads. On roads with a posted speed limit of less than 80 km/h, drivers caught traveling 40 km/h over the speed limit face racing/stunt driving charges (the previous limit was 50 km/h over the speed limit). The OPP remains committed to saving lives on roads, waterways and trails.

"The OPP supports any legislation that makes our roads safer," say Police. "The OPP remains committed to saving lives on roads, waterways and trails. Aggressive driving is dangerous and is a leading causal factor in fatal motor vehicle collisions on OPP-patrolled roads. Racing, stunt driving, speeding, following too closely, unsafe lane changes and road rage are all forms of aggressive driving that place drivers, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians at risk.

"Street racing is one of the most dangerous, aggressive driving behaviours on our roads. The OPP targets speeders, racers/stunt drivers and other aggressive drivers through robust enforcement and public education.

"The Nottawasaga OPP would like to thank the public for their ongoing support, together we can keep our roadways safe."

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Where the lease is carefully drafted, the LOC will be treated like an independent contract between the bank (that issued the LOC), and the landlord (who is the beneficiary of the LOC). Thus, if the tenant or its bankruptcy trustee disclaims the lease, the LOC would not be subject to the same kind of restrictions that attach to security deposits held by a landlord.

This was recently made clear in an Ontario Court of Appeal decision (7636156 Canada Inc. (Re), 2020 ONCA 681). The Court found that an LOC is valid security for the obligations of a tenant under a commercial lease, and the ability of the landlord to draw down on the LOC will depend on the specific wording of the lease. Specifically, if the lease and the letter of credit provide that a landlord can draw down on the letter of credit in the event of an insolvency, the landlord may do so, and the amount it can draw down under the letter of credit will not be limited by the statutory provisions of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

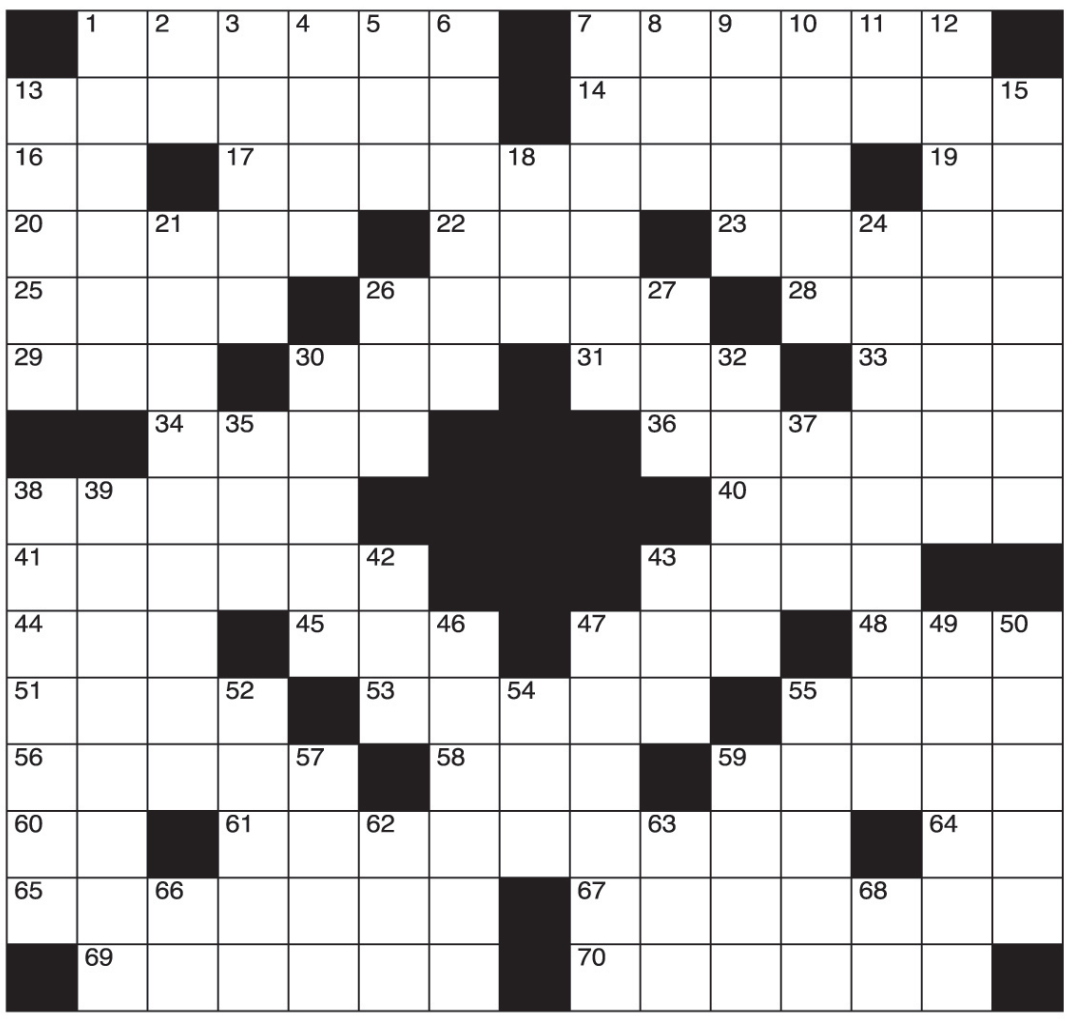
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16. Type of degree
17. Good job!
19. Seventh tone in major scale
20. Fevers
22. One's mother
23. Fertile desert spots
25. Large integers
26. Plate for Eucharist
28. Tennis matches have them
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
31. Head movement
33. Twelve
34. Renaissance musical instrument
36. Behavior showing high moral standards
38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. Notes to be sung
41. Women's garment
43. Coarsely ground corn
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to deplete
47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
51. Hindquarters
53. Franz van __, German diplomat
55. Liquid body substances
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58. A beaver might build one
59. Police officer's tool
60. Indicates who you are
61. Pinwheel
64. Exist
65. Ornamental molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Come into view

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1. Short stick used as a weapon
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5. One from Utah
6. Mariner
7. People in charge of cattle
8. Health insurance organization
9. Ornamental box
10. Forest-dwelling deer
11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
12. Atomic #71
13. Become less intense
15. Cowards
18. Body ornament (slang)
21. Applicable to all cases
24. Multiplied by 6
26. Afghanistan monetary unit
27. Calendar month
30. Cena and Lennon are two
32. Monetary unit of Serbia
35. First time on the market
37. Georgia rockers
38. Free from contamination
39. Coastal region of Canada
42. Clothing retailer
43. It rises and sets
46. Fathers
47. Stain with mud
49. Suitable for crops
50. Feels concern for
52. Orange-brown
54. Buddy
55. Late sportscaster Craig
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Library intends to focus on expanding programs and diversity over next four years

BY ROB PAUL

The Caledon Public Library (CPL) has unveiled its new strategic plan that charts the future growth of the library and services over the next four years.

CPL unveiled the plan — titled Building the Bridge to Possibilities — to Caledon Town Council at its July 6 meeting

Colleen Lipp, CEO/Chief Librarian and Janet Manning, Chair of the Caledon Public Library Board presented the plan that, according to Lipp, "confirms the Library's commitment to work with Council, community partners and residents to guide the future of library spaces and services."

"The plan is the product of community surveys and engagement of residents, staff and key stakeholders to clarify community needs and confirm municipal priorities," said Janet Manning. "Designed to be a thoughtful, proactive and achievable road map for the next four years, it will ensure our efforts to serve Caledon can change, grow and evolve in tandem with residents' needs, community priorities, enhanced technologies and shifts in public library services."

With a mission for Caledon Public Library to empower community connections, spark innovation and creativity, and energize the transfer of knowledge, it lays out four goals that will be the key priorities for CPL over the next several years: grow and innovate; respond to community needs; celebrate culture and inclusion; demonstrate its value.

"This new strategic plan is proof not only of Caledon Public Library's commitment to providing the best in library service, but of a dedicated Library Board and Staff becoming our vision to be the heart of our community – building and connecting a thriving, engaged, and informed Caledon" said Lipp. "We invite all of Caledon to join us in making that happen."

The CPL plan will direct the work of the board and staff through to the end of 2024 and was developed over the last year to ensure that the identified priorities and objectives would be accomplished over the next four years.

"Though we certainly didn't anticipate we'd be undertaking a new plan in the midst of a global pandemic, we really took the time to ensure that the plan took into account the current context as a result of COVID-19 and the anticipated long-term impact on library services, as well as the role that the library can play in supporting Caledon's recovery in the years ahead. Caledon's growth and the ongoing depth of library services in the public sector were also key contextual factors. It was very important to us that this be a true community-led plan. A great deal of work was done to engage with those who work, live, and learn in Caledon."

The vision of the plan is to be the heart of the community — building and connecting a thriving, engaged, and informed Caledon.

"It's a broad and ambitious vision that looks beyond the future of just the library," Lipp said. "It envisions a Caledon where all members of the community can benefit from CPL resources, services, and spaces. And how do we achieve that vision? Well, our mission is to empower community connections, spark innovation and creativity, and energize the transfer of knowledge."

With Caledon growing, CPL is committed to exploring new opportunities and creative solutions for expanding services and spaces. Under the grow and innovate pillar of the plan, it will be developing innovation and creativity spaces in partnership with the Town, businesses, and community partners.

It will be enhancing efforts to bridge the digital divide by investing in technologies for exploration, learning, connection, and creativity and invest in digital resources and expand the virtual branch experiences while ensuring the library has the staff capacity to meet the needs of Caledon while it grows.

"Much of the work to grow and innovate is already under way or will begin shortly," said Lipp. "This includes the renovations of the Albion-Bolton branch."

To help respond to community needs, CPL will focus on helping in Caledon's COVID-19 recovery as well as eliminating barriers to library access while engaging with community members to gain insight into their needs with an emphasis on spaces, services, and programs for teens and older adults. CPL has identified these two demographics as the most isolated during the pandemic.

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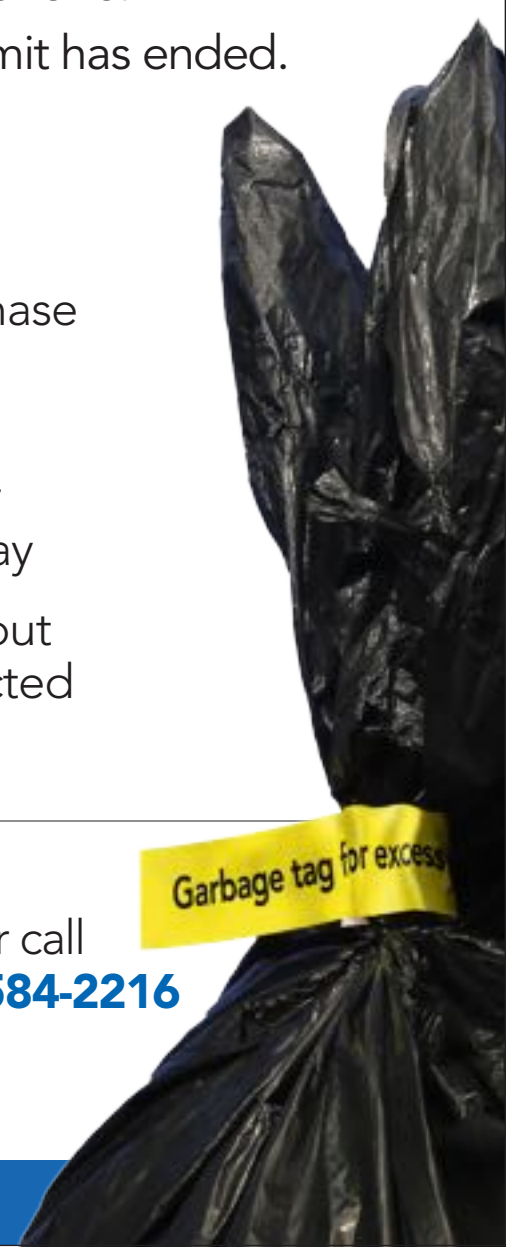
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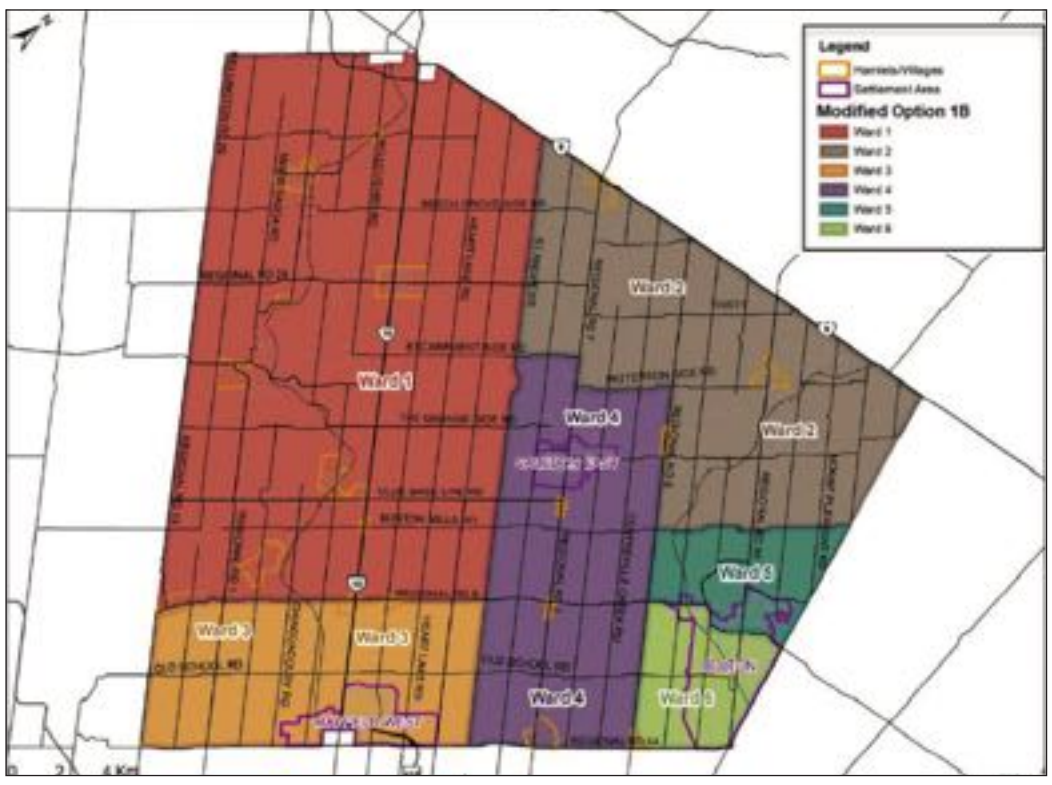
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Council sets new ward boundaries for Caledon



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This Final Option 1B moved a portion of Ward 4 into Ward 2, which in turned moved around 500 residents to Ward 2 to help with keeping solid lines in the ward boundaries. This change extends Ward 2 west from Humber Station Road to the Gore Road and will now contain the Village of Albion.

"From a population perspective, it's not a big change in terms of population parity when looking at that area," said Ammendolia. "From the consultant's perspective, it's not a huge impact from a population perspective. When we look at the area we've been asked to change when we look at it from our knowledge, there's not a big impact on the guiding principles that have framed this study."

The population within Final Option 1B—without including the shift of Campbells Cross into Ward 1—splits with 11,795 in Ward 1, 8,860 in Ward 2, 15,335 in Ward 3, 9,410 in Ward 4, 10,600 in Ward 5, and 19,450 in Ward 6.

To help with keeping the community at Campbells Cross together, the amendment was then made to move it into Ward 1 as a whole to stop it from being dissected and split in the new wards. This was a concern Councillor Johanna Downey voiced and led to the amendment.

"Moving all of that into Ward 1 would not be a significant change in terms of population," said Ammendolia. "The population parity impact wouldn't be extreme."

As part of the ward boundary changes, Council's makeup for the next election will change as well. Currently it's made up of a Mayor, four regional Councillors, and four area Councillors.

Under the new format there will be an area Councillor representing each of the six wards and two regional Councillors with one representing Wards 1, 3, and 4 and the other representing Wards 2, 5, and 6.

On November 26, 2020, Peel Regional Council adopted a resolution regarding its composition that changed the number of Brampton's representatives from 11 to nine and for Caledon from five to three.

This, along with the ward changes, is why the makeup of Council is being adjusted.

Prior to the conclusion of the special Council meeting, Mayor Allan Thompson and Councillor Nick deBoer said they're pleased with the decision on the new set ward boundaries but voiced their concerns regarding the more restrictive new Regional Council format and how it will impact decision making that effects Caledon.

"I think it's very important after we've concluded now for the residents to know we're going to have three representatives at the Regional Council where the Region of Peel is going to make the planning decisions for Caledon," said deBoer. "We're going to have an unprecedented amount of growth where it's going to be Brampton and Mississauga in the current situation making essentially the decision where we're going to have three representatives. We really need the residents of Caledon to contact Minister Jones' office and voice their concerns with the fact that we're not going to have the level of participation and the level of control that we should be allowed knowing that this is the way this is moving forward. As far as representation and how Caledon is going to grow, we've always had the position that Caledon plans Caledon. We're certainly moving in a direction that's contrary to the way history has always been."

"This is why the planning needs to be done at the lower level, not decided at the Region," said Thompson. "The Region still ratifies everything, but both Brampton and Mississauga do all their localized planning and it just gets approved at the Region, where here in Caledon decisions go to the Region and we've lost control of it. We need to basically ask them to give us the localized planning we need to be done at the lower level, so Caledon still plans Caledon. This is definitely something we need to ask for—I know Brampton would like a little more parity at the local level—Mississauga has the triple majority, and this is going to make it a little more difficult."

The next steps for the final approval of the new ward boundaries is from the necessary by-laws to be brought forward at an upcoming Council meeting.

Town investing in more resources to deal with LDD moth infestation

BY ROB PAUL

As the LDD moth continues to be an environmental issue in Caledon and across Ontario, the Town of Caledon has received numerous complaints during the outbreak in the spring.

Having the ongoing issue with LDD moths, Council tasked staff with developing recommendations to deal with the issue.

Council passed a motion to approve the recommendations to provide resources towards the infestation.

Two amendments were made to the original motion by the Council to include an interactive map for monitoring pest management — to be created the Town's ping street app — and that the 2022 budget include a plan for the potential need of aerial spraying on public property for highly affected areas through a cost sharing program.

Currently there are no Town staff resources dedicated to the research and planning for proactive invasive species management.

Caledon follows Integrated Pest Management (IPM) best practices and works with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC), but additional resources are needed to deal with the issue for the remainder of 2021 and 2022.

These moths lay eggs in masses which hatch into caterpillars in the early spring and feed on foliage for six to eight weeks. In late June they then cocoon for about two weeks and morph into moths—these are an invasive insect and can harshly damage trees.

The recommended LDD control method is using the CVC's strategies of egg mass scraping, burlapping, pheromone trapping, tree banding, or pesticides.

To date the Town of Caledon investigates LDD issues on a complaint basis and received 79 complaints on Town property in 2020 with all locations being egg scraped. The complaints have increased since, with 205 as of June 23, 2021.

Of the complaints, 52 of the 205 are on the Caledon Trailway, rural roadside or within a Town woodlot with 153 being urban street or park trees. Of the 153 urban investigations 113 were found to have low to no level of LDD infestation, 22 of a moderate level and 18 as severe infestations.

Due to the increased issue, more staffing and equipment resources will be utilized in the effort. It will cost $283,198 annually to deal with the problem as well.

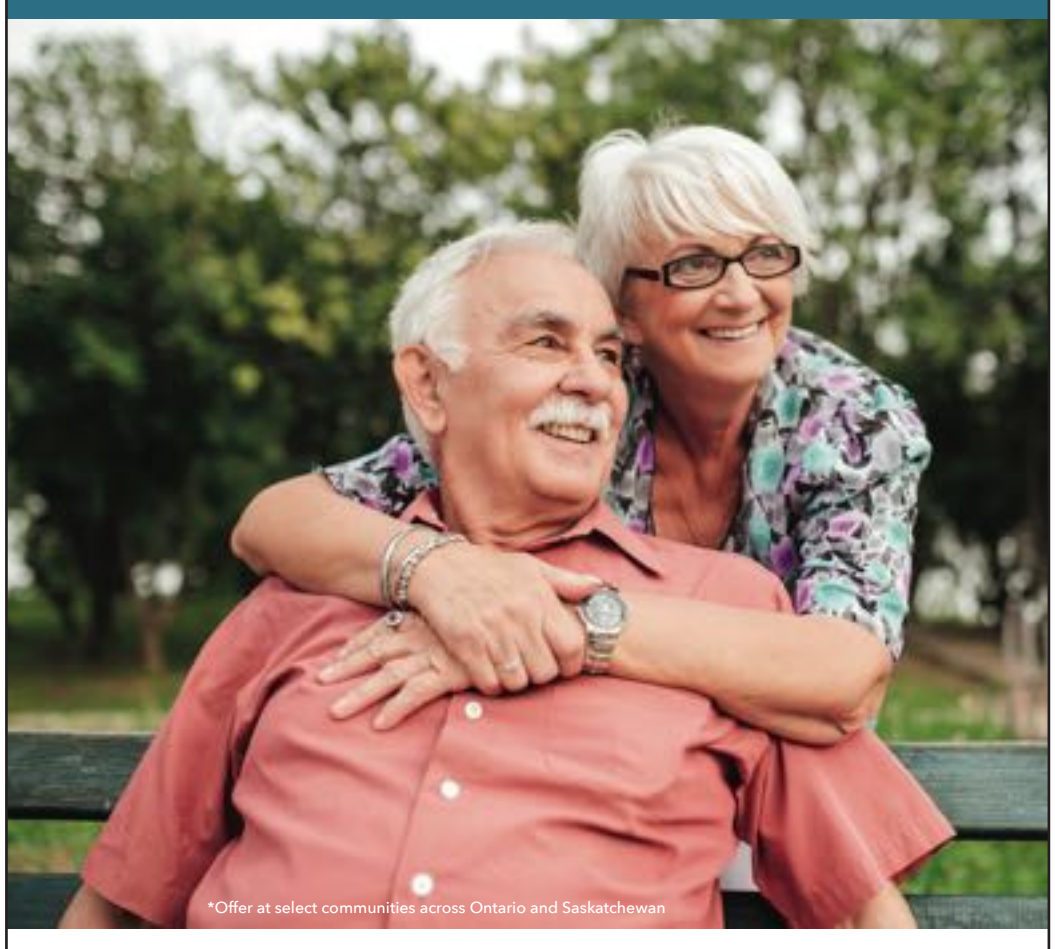
The resources being put towards the IPM program, is employing an IPM coordinator, covering three park staff to work on the problem, as well as a forestry co-op student and investing in specific training and learning methods to deal with the problem. Investment in equipment will be part of the process too with a specific vehicle and spray unit.

Though the amendment to the motion will allow for consideration of aerial spraying if needed, the motion will include a $100,000 investment into a contracted ground spray service for 2022.

The Town of Caledon Communications team will implement a communications plan designed to educate Caledon residents about LDD moth prevention methods to reduce the impact of the moths on private property in the 2021/2022 season.

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PDSB sets $1.979 billion budget for 2021-2022 school year

BY ROB PAUL

The Peel District School Board (PDSB) approved its 2021-2022 budget at the June 29, Special Meeting of the Board.

The budget for the school year will be $1.979 billion—the estimated revenue for the PDSB in 2021-2022 is $1.984 billion

This school year budget is unique in that it's both feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic while in the context of assuming things return to some facet of normal by the fall as Ontario's vaccination coverage continues to increase.

The budget also prioritizes inclusion and commitment to all students given recent events across North America.

"This budget supports and centres student learning and well-being in the next phases of the pandemic recovery, it continues the ongoing implementation of the Ministerial Directives, it continues the modernization of operations, and it reflects the Peel District School Board's commitment to student achievement, anti-Black-, African- and Afro-Caribbean-racism, anti-Islamophobia, anti-oppression, equity, and well-being initiatives for staff, students, families and community," said Supervisor Bruce Rodrigues.

To help with achieving COVID recovery and inclusion goals: PDSB will be adding 26 inclusion coaches; 26 child and youth workers; 75 long-term teaching assistants to support students with special needs; adding resource teachers to assist First Nations, Metis and Inuit students; funding to support Black Student Success Strategy professional learning.

There will be $4,856,895 going towards indigenous education, anti-racism, anti-oppression, and community partnership support services (a $1,330,400 increase from the 20-21 budget). This will support the PDSB goal of achieving better inclusivity.

Due to the pandemic, the PDSB has experienced enrolment decreases which has resulted in funding impacts that will be mitigated through temporary grants provided by the Ministry of Education.

"This year, the Peel District School Board prioritized the maintenance of services delivered by our frontline staff and supporting our most underserved students in order to maximize the impact of these funds despite budgetary constraints," said Director of Education Colleen Russell-Rawlins.

To deal with some of the fallout from the pandemic and the potential increased enrolment as the area grows, $1,500,206 will be put towards planning and accommodation support services. This will be invested in enrolment projections, capacity and space calculations, new school and addition designs, major renovations, and child-care spaces.

The pandemic put the need for increased support services into perspective with the pivot to remote learning and, as a result, the PDSB budget will see an over $3 million increase in student learning support services in the new budget—$39,909,850 will go towards this. This investment will support everything from in-classroom learning to extra-curricular activities to athletics to technology.

More than anything, the pandemic put a spotlight on the need for psychological support both in and out of the classroom and that's why the PDSB has $6,909,529 going towards social and emotional learning and well-being — nearly $2 million more than last year.

This will allow for more psychological services, social work services, mental health support, and other services.

A major chunk of the budget will be going towards facilities and environmental support services. The $146,627,373 invested there will help towards achieving green energy initiatives, renewable energy initiatives, energy efficiency and conservation programs, and environmental compliance and eco schools.

The budget in its entirety can be found at peelschools.org/about/reports-plans/budget-financial-statements/Documents/Budget%20Book%202021-22%20Estimates%20FINAL.pdf.

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF

Area specific development charges by-law

The Town of Caledon has put into effect its renewal of the Area-Specific Development Charges By-law (2021-52) for Coleraine Drive Storm Sewer. The By-law was passed by Town Council on June 22, 2021 in accordance with the Development Charges Act 1997, S.O. 1997 c.27. This By-law applies to lands located within the study area as outlined in the key map to the right.

Any person or organization may appeal the Development Charges By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal under section 14 of the Act, by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Caledon on or before August 1, 2021. A notice of appeal must be submitted setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at Town Hall: 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J6. Town Hall is currently open by appointment only.

Key Map: Source Schedule A – By-law 2021-52



Schedule B – By-law 2021-52

Schedule of Development Charges (effective June 23, 2021)

Property No.	Property Owner	Total D.C. Amount
1	1537316 Ontario Ltd.	$4,511.07
2	Joe Bruno Holdings Inc.	$4,591.65
3	Cambria Fabship Toronto Inc.	$3,963.72
4	Di Gregorio Investments Ltd.	$0.00
5	Castelli Holdings Inc.	$405.95
6	M-J-J-J Developments Inc.	$523.03
7	Di Gregorio Investments Ltd.	$0.00
8	1872525 Ontario Ltd.	$0.00
9	1872525 Ontario Ltd.	$42,462.11

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Learn more about the various categories, deadlines and how we will be recognizing our amazing community members: **caledon.ca/CRN**.

Columbia Way Stormwater Pond Rehabilitation



The Town of Caledon will be rehabilitating the stormwater management pond located off Columbia Way, east of Taylorwood Avenue and west of Schaefer Place and St. Michaels Crescent. Construction is expected to begin July 15, 2021 and completed by October 1, 2021. This means the trail around the pond will be closed.



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- Wetland vegetation provides natural habitat to various animals.

For more information about this project, please visit:
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2021 Final Property Tax Bills have been mailed!

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Brock's Banter

Time to embrace the discomfort

BY BROCK WEIR

One of my earliest memories is reaching for a pen. Not an ordinary blue or black Bic, mind you, but one of those snazzy four-pronged pens that offered not only the standard blue or black, but red and green as well.

We all know the ones. They were once a hot commodity among students of all ages before snazzy electronic gizmos were more commonplace and, in turn, affordable.

On this particular day, I woke up on a sunny summer morning, reached for the pen but couldn't find it. Before even opening up the blinds to fully greet the day, I clamored out of bed to find out where it went, rifling through the drawer of my bedside table (nothing), ripping open the top drawer of my dresser where anything but clothing was kept (nothing), before flinging open the doors of my double-decker Fisher Price cupboard set that made me feel like a peewee hotshot.

Aha! There it was – and just below that was the other thing I was looking for: a piece of creamy-white construction paper.

Three or four years old on this particular July 1, I felt I couldn't truly start that momentous day without scratching out a few half-baked thoughts on the paper with the red prong of that four-way pen which, if truth be told, also made me feel like a hot shot at my Montessori school.

While I can't remember exactly what I wrote, I remember the sentiments expressed beside a crudely-drawn maple leaf, which, in retrospect, probably more resembled Bullwinkle than the Canadian icon known the world over: giving thanks for the true north strong and free.

I guess it was in the blood because my own personal love for Canada Day never really wavered.

Maybe as a youngster, before I fully knew what it meant, I was drawn to donning the colours of our two-tone flag, belting out a rousing rendition of O Canada despite my clear lack of any kind of singing prowess, learning more about the heroes and heroines that made our country what it was and, as I got older, learning more about the cultures that came together to make Canada what it is today.

We were fed a steady biographical diet of men and women who displayed unparalleled acts of courage during battles at home and abroad, of the men (and, alas, we did learn primarily about the men) who drafted key pieces of legislation that paved the way for our Constitution and our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, learned folk songs handed down from generation to generation from province to province, and had cursory lessons on Indigenous art and culture from people who by and large, given the benefit of hindsight, really had no business teaching these things to us.

Okay, I'll get right to the point: taught to us almost exclusively by settlers who took their cues from textbooks researched, written and published by almost exclusively the same demographic.

There were a few bumps along this road paved with patriotism, however. With each passing year, new tidbits of information came forward suggesting that there was more to our shared history than what was presented to us in textbooks and by well-meaning elementary and secondary school teachers of the 90s and early aughts. But, like many of us, I forged ahead, content to celebrate this vague notion of "Canada".

As passionate student of history in elementary and high school, I was heartened by seeing more and more of the culture of our Indigenous peoples rightly playing an increasingly prominent role and redefining what Canada Day means to the nation writ large.

Now, here we are with another Canada Day behind us; one which has arguably, more than any before it, been about redefining what the day – and the nation behind it – means to us all, and what it should mean in the future.

For those of us who previously revelled in the occasion, it was undoubtedly an unusual experience as many people struggled not only with the meaning of the day itself but almost every minute detail of the day we previously hadn't afforded a second thought.

The idea of donning red and white, once a given, was seen as insensitive in light of recent tragic national events and, in my opinion, rightly so. Instead, we were respectfully asked to wear orange, or black at the very least, in solidarity with our Indigenous peoples and people of all backgrounds collectively grieving for the same reason.

Many communities cancelled whatever celebratory events they were able to plan in consideration of present public health restrictions, particularly fireworks, lest it minimize the solemnity being felt from coast to coast to coast. Again, rightfully so, in my opinion.

I wish I could count on one hand the number of friends and acquaintances on social media who thought it appropriate to vent their spleens over the last few days through their social media channel of choice about how they felt "uncomfortable" with how uncomfortable they felt celebrating Canada Day. But, unfortunately, I would have to have a few more sets of hands and feet to innumerate them all.

And that, to me, is a rather sad state of affairs.

We settlers had every reason to feel uncomfortable celebrating Canada Day as if it was business as usual. This Canada Day was anything but business as usual. Those of us who had some idea of the horrors that went on behind the walls of residential schools were still grappling with the gut punch that the true extent was beyond what many of us feared. Those who were content to consign the impacts of residential schools to the scrapheap of history had the rug pulled out from under them when they were forced to confront the reality that it is still very much a part of our present, a reality that needs to be fully addressed by the Canada of today. And those previously ignorant of residential schools? Well, the less said the better.

There is a prevailing notion these days, particularly as so many seek out digital echo chambers, that experiencing discomfort is necessarily a bad thing. It's not. For many, comfort can also lead to complacency.

Discomfort is a feeling that action of some kind, however small or personal it might seem, is necessary to right the ship in the hopes of feeling that comfort once again.

We should all be feeling discomfort right now and we should all be looking at ways to make things right.



"Feel-good" spending starting to take place

by Mark Pavilons



Citizens are starting to "break free" and are letting loose with the easing of restrictions.

It seems we've beaten back the COVID enemy and life is unfolding as it should.

Experts warn that we're not totally out of the woods, and things won't be "normal" until we enter stage 3.

But the change is undeniable and so are the smiles.

People are getting out, socializing, and no longer dragging their feet. We're all feeling "it."

And with that comes a bit of frivolity. To heck with frugality, it's time to spend, not only for ourselves, but to help kick-start the economy.

I have wondered just how some small businesses survived, but thankfully many have. The hair salons, restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries and small retail stores all need us back.

There does seem to be a bit of a trend in spending habits, largely due to the pandemic.

Canadians are increasingly making "feel-good purchases," defined as non-essential spending that boosts their mood, to access an array of positive feelings including satisfaction, confidence and pride during difficult times, according to the results of a national Interac behavioural science study.

Two thirds of Gen Z adults (66 per cent) and nearly three in five Millennials (58 per cent) are more likely to make feel-good purchases today than pre-pandemic, outpacing older generations including Baby Boomers (35 per cent) and the Silent Generation (22 per cent).

"Through this experiment, we are studying how human behaviour underpins key spending trends. The findings reveal the deeper emotions at play as Canadians adapt their spending habits to manage the stresses of the pandemic," said William Keliehor, Chief Commercial Officer at Interac. "As the country's national debit network, gaining a better understanding of how Canadians are supporting our recovering economy can guide us in helping them get more out of their money and their life."

Interac examined the spending of debit-users through simulated shopping experiences and diary exercises, which revealed that feel-good purchases are likely to bring about intense feelings of excitement (85 per cent) and pride (83 per cent) when linked to our passions. The price of the purchase does not cloud this effect, with small purchases related to the activities we care about prompting powerful emotional reactions.

"Canadians are increasingly spending their own money on the simple pleasures and pursuits that enrich their lives," said Andrea Danovitch, Associate Vice President, Marketing & Brand at Interac. "The experiment reveals that even a low-value purchase can trigger a significant positive emotional response if it's linked to our passions – proving that the smallest things in life can often feel like the biggest."

Looking ahead to life after the pandemic, it is significant that feel-good experiences are more likely to deliver happiness than material goods (68 per cent vs. 58 per cent). Two thirds of Canadians (67 per cent) are excited to start purchasing an expanded range of feel-good experiences post-pandemic, including travel, concerts, and sporting events.

"The Interac findings come at an interesting inflection point as Canadians anticipate the feel-good experiences which have been off limits during the pandemic," said scientist and happiness researcher, Dr. Gillian Mandich. "It's important to remember that a happy life is a sum of small joys. Even something as simple as buying your morning coffee can add a burst of happiness to your day."

That's what I want to be when I grow up, a "happiness researcher!"

I get it, even small purchases can bring a huge smile to our beleaguered faces.

My spending habits haven't changed much during the pandemic, but yes, I am itching to get out more. Even if it's just munchies for backyard BBQs and gatherings. Maybe a new brand of low-carb beer.

I did buy a couple of "collectibles" lately which made my chest puff out, almost noticeably.

They made me feel good.

It's funny though, how we related "things" to our emotional well being.

I know that mere possessions are not the answer and in fact, they are our downfall.

But sometimes, just glancing around the kitchen at the new espresso machine, or Instant Pot cooker can make you feel like your part of the world again.

I think one of the reasons we surround ourselves with "things" in our homes is to remind us of our humanity. Art, home decor, scent diffusers, family photos, posters and wine bottles, you name it. It's all there to evoke an emotional response.

Few people browse through their photo albums any more and for that reason we need constant reminders of "better times."

Canadians increased online spending by more than $2-billion per month compared to pre-pandemic, according to PayPal Canada.

Even though we're emerging into the world again, online habits peaked during the pandemic and it looks like this habit, at least, will stay somewhat elevated.

Since we had to fend for ourselves during the lockdowns, consumers become well versed in the digital economy. And most believe it will become a prevalent part of daily life. Three in five Canadians (61 per cent) surveyed say they believe that cashless transactions will be part of their typical shopping experience and one in four (28 per cent) say they don't expect to use cash five years from now at all.

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What are your boundaries?

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Boundaries are important, sometimes inflammatory and occasionally ill-defined. They also fluctuate, changing over time, as a result of either conflict or careful consideration. This applies to both personal boundaries and geo-political boundaries and today I'm focussing on the latter because Caledon has spent these past many months undergoing an exhaustive review of its ward boundaries.

This comes at a particularly important time, given the rate at which Caledon is currently experiencing growth. Where you live might soon be changing, not as the result of a physical move but instead, the culmination of some work done towards the reconsideration of our ward system.

What are your boundaries?

Conducted by the firm Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. and presented in Council over two separate meetings, the new ward system realigns borders based on a series of guiding principles the study took into consideration including: representation by population, communities of interest, future population changes, physical and natural boundaries and effective representation. Also considered was the fact that our representation at the regional level has also changed. Such work has not been done since 1994 and with our current population of 75,500 projected to grow to over 113,000 by 2031 it is overdue, yet also timely. As 2022 is an election year, a realignment of ward boundaries that will carry us through these years of dynamic change is necessary.

Caledon has always been unique in having to balance the concerns of both rural and urban interests and with significant growth projected particularly in areas including Mayfield West any disparities – without adequately addressing representation – will only be heightened. The report specifically highlights this concern stating: "the tension is clearly between ensuring that Caledon's extensive and treasured rural areas are adequately represented and the reality that the two more urban settlement areas (Bolton and Mayfield West) are together home to more than half the Town's 2021 population and will grow to approximately two-thirds of the population by 2031."

The new ward boundaries approved at Council, (option 1B should anyone wish to review the consultants report/presentation and/or staff reports) will consist of six wards, an increase of one over the existing five.

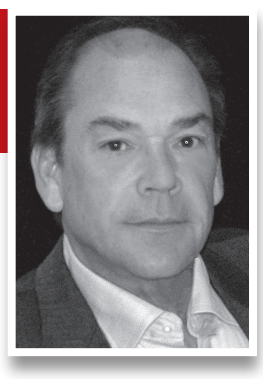
Keeping all of the five principles in mind, it attempts to address the growing dispirit needs of the current Wards Two (projected to grow by 62%) and Four (growth projected at 29%) against our "treasured rural areas." This option "maintains the existing Council composition at nine, with six Area Councillors, two Regional Councillors and one Mayor."

Looking strictly at the population numbers for each ward however, I'm not entirely sure the end result meets the objective. As an example, the proposed new Ward Three (Mayfield West) will see a current population of 15,335 grow to 38,525 while Ward One will actually decrease slightly. Wards 5 & 6 will experience significant growth. Bolton will receive an additional Councillor under this new scenario and this is needed given its growth projections. But one Councillor for 38,000+ residents vs. one for just over 9,000 people (Ward 2) seems like a heavier workload for one over the other. That said, the other four guiding principles must be taken into serious consideration and again, ensuring an equal representation for both urban and rural interests at the Council table must remain an important consideration. In other words, numbers don't always tell the whole story.

When boundaries change, there will always be some discomfort. Folks who always say, "Yes" may face pushback when they final say "No." Kids testing the boundaries of their parent's patience often don't take kindly to when those parents stand their ground and discipline is the result. COVID-19 has tested all of us in terms of our boundaries. Comfort levels differ even now with many people double vaccinated, some feel comfortable being out and about town while others are still approaching our re-opening cautiously. It's largely the same when it comes to geo-political boundaries. Some Caledon residents may not be happy with the new system, while others will agree it was a necessary and timely exercise. Given our current population and our projected growth, I believe these boundary changes are an important step toward realigning the Town and positioning it well to manage future growth. Boundaries fluctuate – no doubt they will do so again and each time will be as a result of careful consideration – while no doubt causing conflict. That's the nature of boundaries.

A new Governor General

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The Prime Minister has announced that Mary Simon will be the new Governor General of Canada.

I certainly hope he has done his homework this time.

After the disastrous tenure of former GG, Julie Payette, we need someone in that office who can act in an official capacity with dignity and represent the nation in an honourable fashion.

Payette resigned in January of 2021. She is only the second person to resign the office – the first being Romeo LeBlanc, who resigned for health reasons.

The difference is LeBlanc voluntarily resigned when he realized his failing health would not allow him to continue in the post while doing the job to his best ability.

Payette resigned in disgrace. She should have never been appointed to the role in the first place.

When someone is appointed to this type of position, part of the deal is the vetting process which determines if they are suitable for the role. This was clearly not done in the case of Payette.

She had to resign after it was revealed she had allegedly created a toxic work place at Rideau Hall including verbally abusing employees including "yelling, screaming, aggressive conduct, and making demeaning comments and public humiliation." She spent ridiculous amounts of money on frivolous projects and others that never came to fruition.

It was so bad that several long-term employees in the GG's office had to quit their job rather than face daily abuse.

On top of all that, she just didn't step up to do the job.

It wouldn't have taken a lot of investigation to determine he wasn't the right person for the position.

She had already been forced to leave the Canadian Olympic Committee in 2017 after internal investigations determined mistreatment of her staff including verbal harassment.

The same behaviour allegedly occurred when she was chief operating office at the Montreal Science Centre.

A proper vetting process would have revealed that none of her previous employers would have either recommended her or given a positive reference.

That would be rather important when appointing someone to a high office.

After all this and failing at the job, Payette will receive a full pension, and an annual expense account that is worth around six times more than the average person makes in a year.

And we all pay for it.

I'm sure the PM took a different approach when selecting this new Governor General. No doubt his inner council of advisors strongly recommended he follow proper protocol and not a "shoot from the hip" approach by pulling a name from a hat.

Mary Simon will be the first Indigenous person to serve in the role as GG.

A quick look at her resume indicates she is more suitable than her predecessor in a prominent public position.

She is the former Canadian Ambassador to Denmark, and the Canadian Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs.

As a diplomat, she has the experience of dealing with people in various levels of society. You won't last long in a diplomatic role if you don't know how to deal with people.

As an Indigenous person, the posting may offer some reconciliation across the nation.

A lot of people think the position of Governor General should just be eliminated.

It is really just a ceremonial job with no real power. Most people aren't really sure what the job entails other that seeing the occasional medal ceremony at Rideau Hall on some obscure TV channel and none of us have a say in who will be appointed to the position.

I've met many politicians in my life including two prime ministers, but never once have I been at an event where it was announced the GG was going to be there.

If we are going to maintain this ceremonial role, which costs a lot of taxpayer money, we deserve to have someone in the position who will fulfill the obligations of the post and behave with the dignity and responsibility that should be inherent with the role of Governor General.

Wave-7

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



First the "heat dome", with temperatures in the mid-to-high forties Celsius in many parts of western North America for up to a week (49.6° C in Lytton, B.C.). Then, when the forests were tinder-dry, came the wildfires (which wiped Lytton out). From northern California to northern BC, the records were being broken every day.

The extreme temperatures were unprecedented, but the weathermen had an explanation of sorts: a "heat dome" that trapped hot air in the same area for a long time while the heat kept rising.

They didn't speculate beyond that because it would get them into a new and unproven hypothesis, but many meteorologists know that this could be our first glimpse of a new normal in which killer heat waves become regular events.

The proposed name for these new, lengthy superhot spells is "wave-7" or "wave-5" events, because the heat waves strike simultaneously in several large regions around the planet. "Wave-7", the likelier candidate in this case, hits western North America, western or central Europe, and western Asia all at the same time.

Wave-7 is still a hypothesis, not a proven fact, but we had just that pattern of extreme heat in late June.

The temperatures were in the mid-to-high 40°s in western Canada and the US Pacific northwest for four consecutive days.

Temperatures in western and central Europe, as usual, were not so extreme, but they were hitting 35-40° in central Europe and the Balkans (plus a killer tornado in the Czech Republic, and the Mediterranean Sea is 3°-5°C warmer than normal).

And in western Asia, the heat reached the mid-40s in most of Pakistan and the high 30s all over Siberia, with peaks of 48°C in Jacobabad and Verkhoyansk. (The latter is on the Arctic Circle).

Record summer temperatures like this were foreseen as a consequence of global warming, but they were not predicted to arrive for another decade or so. The climate models are good at broad numbers like the average GLOBAL temperature, but not yet good at regional effects, so the "wave" pattern came as a complete surprise.

Once a new pattern emerges, however, the climate scientists are all over it. They already understood the workings of the jet stream; all they had to do was work out how adding a lot of heat to the system would change things.

It may all be connected to the jet stream, a high-altitude, high-speed "river" of air blowing from west to east around the planet. It used to flow so fast and straight that eastbound airliners cut an hour off their eastbound trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific flights by hitching a ride on it. But they don't do that so much now, because the jet stream has slowed down and wanders all over the place.

It has slowed because it gets its energy from the temperature difference between the

Arctic air mass and the much warmer air of the temperate zone. In fact, the jet stream is the boundary between the two. But the Arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet, so the difference in temperature – and the amount of energy available – is less than before.

As the jet stream slows, it meanders in bigger and bigger loops, like a big, slow-moving river crossing a flat plain. These huge loops – "Rossby waves", as they are called – tend to get "stuck" for a long time. Some pull Arctic air far to the south and hold it there, like last winter's Big Freeze in Texas. Others pull hot southern air farther north than usual, like last month – and they too hang around for a long time.

The two kinds of loops alternate along the northern jet stream all the way around the planet like beads on a necklace. Every second loop is 'hot' when this pattern kicks in, so it follows that heat waves would be happening in sync in several different continents – as they currently seem to be.

This is all quite new science, and still open to challenge. But over the past two decades the same pattern of seven stalled peaks and lows over the same regions – "wave-7" – has lasted seven times for more than two weeks. Before 2000, it never happened.

If the "wave" hypothesis is correct, then these killer heat waves will become more common in the northern hemisphere as Arctic temperatures soar and the jet stream slows, sometimes extending all the way from latitude 30°N to latitude 60°N.

We once believed that severe heating would not afflict the rich countries of the temperate zone until much later than the tropics and sub-tropics, but that may be wrong. We already have killer heat waves with the global average temperature up by only +1.1° C. It's bound to go to at least +1.5°C, even if we do everything right from now on.



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Two draws for York United this past week

BY ROBERT BELARDI

York United couldn't find their first breakthrough victory in the first three matches of the Canadian Premier League season.

The Nine Stripes, who dropped their first match to Cavalry, managed to overcome deficits to earn their first two points against Pacific FC and FC Edmonton.

Getting things started with a Canada Day special, York took on Pacific FC who were coming off a comfortable 2-0 victory against HFX Wanderers.

Ahead of the tie, York united had carried quite the set-piece goal streak. For the past five competitive CPL matches dating back to the Island Games, every goal had come from the dead ball.

In the pre-match press conference, head coach Jimmy Brennan underscored to the importance of set piece play designs and praised his club's organization.

But in this match, it all came to an end as York United drew Pacific FC 2-2 in a thriller at IG Field.

Midfielder Diyaeddine Abzi got The Nine Stripes on the score sheet, heading home a sizzling cross from Max Ferrari to give York the lead.

In the second half, Pacific FC turned the tide and two goals in a span of 16 minutes from Josh Heard and an own goal from Chrisnovic N'Sa put them in the lead.

Then, in the 82 minute, a headed goal from substitute Jordan Wilson gave York the much-needed tying goal to earn the point.

Four days later on July 5 with little rest, York were back at it against FC Edmonton and things did not begin so brightly.

A rocket from fullback Fraser Aird found its way into the top corner of the net and passed goalkeeper Nathan Ingham to give The Eddies the lead.

But, with hard work comes well deserved rewards and for York that's exactly what happened.

In the 67th minute, Michael Petrasso fought through the defence and although almost losing the ball, fought back hard to regain possession and did so in behind the line. Petrasso put the ball past goalkeeper Connor James to make it a 1-1 tie.

In the 89th minute, FC Edmonton were rewarded a controversial penalty. Easton Ongaro stepped up to the spot only to smash it off the post and wide.

After completing the third game in seven days, York United defender Dominick Zator said the fight from the boys was something to note.

"To be honest the way the boys have fought for 90 minutes the past three games is exceptional," Zator said.

"The fight from the boys is massive and hopefully we can continue that."

Also, in the post-match press conference, Brennan said he is happy with where his players are right now.

"Look, I'm happy with where the guys are. They didn't give up. We created more opportunities towards the end of the match, but fatigue did set in. We had to make some changes to the formation a bit and bring some fresh legs on," Brennan said.

"But I was happy with the performance. You know their (Edmonton) first goal he (Aird) scores a rocket from 35-yards-out. There's nothing you can do about that. A soft penalty call at the end. But then going the other way we had a couple of opportunities as well where we could have nicked towards the end there. We have that never die attitude."

York United took on Valour FC yesterday and will take on Pacific FC on Saturday at 5 p.m. EST.

Alliston Rotary launches Run4Youth South Simcoe

The Rotary Club of Alliston is pleased to announce the launch of its latest fundraising event, the Run4Youth, South Simcoe.

This is a community participation event whose goal is to raise funding for youth mental health, which has suffered greatly during the COVID-19 pandemic and related lockdowns.

Net proceeds from the event will go to support the important work of two organizations serving at-risk youth in South Simcoe: New Path Youth & Family Services and Youth Haven.

"The pandemic has had a profound impact on the mental health of young people," explained Louise Jones, Director of Fund Development at Youth Haven. "Through our helplines, we are witnessing increased stress, anxiety and depression in young people as a result of the current crisis. Social isolation, the disruption of routine, health fears, and families under duress are all factors that are leading to increased mental health challenges, especially during an already vulnerable time of their life."

George Scott, President of the Rotary Club of Allison, outlined the virtual program.

"Run4Youth, South Simcoe invites people of all ages to run, walk, hike or bike any distance they choose on any day or days between the 1st of July and the 30th of September," he said. "They can raise pledges from friends and business associates to support their efforts or make their own donations. Anyone raising $200 or more will earn a swag bag of goodies and all participants receive an event reflective wristband.

"We invite every resident of South Simcoe to join in. You'll not only be showing your support for the community, outdoor exercise is a great way to relieve pressure and stress. To register, buy your ticket for as little as $15, or $30 for a family, with group discounts also available, at runforyouth.ca. And go to www.Strava.ca to download the app and search under Clubs for Run4Youth South Simcoe to engage with other participants and track your progress."

The title sponsor for the event is Flato Developments Inc., a community-focused home builder with current projects in Beeton, Markham, Caledon, Brampton and Dundalk. Also sponsoring are Ryan Design, The Gibson Cultural Centre, The Alliston Lions Club, Debbie Hudson of TD Wealth, FLATO HOME,

Trillium Ford Lincoln of Alliston and Shelburne, CPK Accounting of Alliston and Youth Beyond Enterprises, a not-for-profit in Angus serving young entrepreneurs.

Rotary members Dave Green and Sue Leach of Alliston are also generous donors.

Assisting the Rotary Club with co-promotion of the event are these Partners: Tottenham and Beeton District Chamber of Commerce; the Town of New Tecumseth; Community Living Association for South Simcoe; Barrie Navy League; The Gibson Cultural Centre; and Y Media Group.

"We are so honoured and thankful for the support of The Rotary Club of Alliston. This event will raise much needed funds for child and youth mental health in south Simcoe County," said Elizabeth McKeeman, CEO of New Path Youth & Family Services. "Support from local organizations fills the gaps in funding for life-changing mental health services. This support couldn't come at a better time. Right now, the need for child and youth mental health services is so great. Gifts like this further ensure that children, youth and their families can continue to access timely and responsive mental health services when and where they need them."

This event has a special connection for Rotary member Patricia Middlebrook.

"As a grandmother facing the challenges of a grandchild with mental health issues, I am so grateful for the support shown by the many sponsors and community partners for the Run4Youth, South Simcoe event," she said. "I know how important it is for a young person dealing with anxiety, depression or uncontrollable behavioural issues to have access to treatment. New Path and Youth Haven provide a lifeline for youth facing their personal mental issues, as well as support for their families.

"I want to send a personal Thank You to all those who sign up for this event. You are helping make a young person's future a little brighter."

ILSA raises $14,000 for Indigenous Youth

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Indigenous Life Sport Academy raised $14,000 in support of Indigenous youth this year.

The Whistler, BC not-for-profit organization sold Indigenous art to raise funds to purchase skateboards.

"These…skateboards go right back into those artists communities. We're networking and directly helping the artists' communities by sharing their time," said Executive Director at ILSA Court Larabee.

"We have more opportunity next year and looking forward to doing this again. We have so many more artists knocking on our door."

Since the organization's inception in 2003, they were known as the First Nations Snowboard team. Competitors travelled all over Canada to the Yukon, Nova Scotia and even Thunder Bay.

But what spoke larger volumes was not raising number one talents. It was helping those who needed help and to change lives that might not have been able to be changed before.

"We changed in July of last year. The biggest difference was we said no more competition. It isn't a healthy vibe for the division that we have not only for our communities but for sports in general," Larabee said.

"Now we're focusing on creating role models for social change. It's really sports that are unstructured that youth can do when they don't need a team or need a practice date to wait for. Any unstructured sport that they can basically do in their discretionary time. We're basing this off of research studies that we pulled from New Zealand and Australia."

These studies have shown the immense effects a skateboard or a set of golf clubs can do for a youth.

ILSA currently offers snowboarding, skiing, rock climbing, mountain biking, alpine hiking, golfing and surfing in their programs.

With recent news stories that have emerged regarding the discoveries of unmarked graves across the country, Larabee said his elders continue to think positively.

"There is a lot of sadness. But there are moments of positivity. We reflect on something positive of it. My elder in particular told me that she was happy and she has closure because the stories she used to tell and people didn't believe are finally coming out as true," Larabee said.

"Coming to the end of her days she can rest easy knowing she doesn't have to feel like a liar. That, not only as a connection to the younger generation but also hearing the stories from the people who live through these moments, is going to be a stark reality and really set the pace for the future because this is not going to happen again."

The children are surrounded by excellent individuals. Larabee said ILSA offers training for local government and for business associations. When it comes to stereotypes and the actual reality, ILSA aims to break the barrier and the stigma surrounding the indigenous community.

In 2020, ILSA provided north of 11,000 hours, trained 12 new instructors and produced six indigenous coaching events. The aim is to do even better next year.

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Rock Garden Farms hosts Tropical Oasis Market to help jumpstart businesses coming out of the pandemic

BY ROB PAUL

Rock Garden Farms is one of the most popular spots in the Caledon region, a family run country market that offers everything from dazzling flowers to fresh produce and baked good.

On Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4, the open green space was transformed into even more as it hosted a community market.

The Tropical Oasis Market could be the start of a new tradition on Airport Road in Caledon East.

It was the collaboration effort of two different GTA markets that focus on promoting shopping local. The Prestige Market—run by Melissa Spina—and the Mini Regal Market—run by Ursula Romeo, teamed up to bring a plethora of vendors selling all kinds of products to the area.

It was almost like a festival celebrating the return of normalcy for businesses with the colourful balloons and the DJ playing tunes throughout the weekend.

The idea has been months in the making, but as with everything these days, the pandemic made it difficult to get the ball rolling. Luckily, with the summer weather and the loosened restrictions, the market was finally able to come together.

All that was needed was a spacious outdoor venue and when they saw Rock Garden Farms, they knew that had to be the location.

Thanks to Margaret Galati, head of operations at Rock Garden Farms, they were able to secure the venue and kick off the summer with the market.

Romeo and Spina said they were happy they could get the market to takeoff in Caledon because they want to do their part in helping local small business owners bounce back after 15 months of hardships due to the pandemic.

"We've been doing our own market stuff for a few years, and this is the first one we did a collaboration on," said Romeo. "We've been trying to do it since pre-COVID, and then everything happened with COVID. We had an indoor venue planned and we couldn't do it because of COVID, so, we started to look for farms.

"That's when Mel reached out to Margaret from Rock Garden Farms, and she was really accommodating and amazing. She's been very supportive of local vendors because these local vendors haven't really been able to sell anything with everything that's been going on. She wanted to give them a space where they can showcase their stuff and come together as a community."

Spina's market was actually born out of how she saw the pandemic hurting businesses and that's when she reached out to Romeo, a veteran of the market community, to help get hers churning. That's when the pair realized teaming up would offer a perfect way to help businesses hit the ground running and get their names out there to different communities.

"So Urs has Mini Regal Market—she's had it for a few years," Spina said. "I started Prestige Market in November because I was trying to start my own small business in the summertime when COVID hit. Of course, I couldn't get it up off the floor and I was thinking that there's got to be a way to help small businesses out there in the community.

"I thought there has got to be a hub of some kind to join everyone together and have a system of support where we can have events and people can learn about these small businesses and essentially help them to thrive. That's when I started Prestige and when I started Prestige, I reached out to Urs because I was a new market—it wasn't even supposed to be a market, it was more of a community hub for people. And so we've been trying to plan a market ever since."

The negative impact COVID has had on so many businesses in the GTA really lit a fire under the duo to try their best to help make a tangible change as the province slowly starts to come out of the pandemic and reopen.

"We saw friends of ours who have businesses and saw how destructive COVID has been," Spina said. "We knew we needed to do something to hook them back into the community, remind people of them again, to promote shopping local, and help to rebuild the local economy. We started planning and of course with all of the restrictions we couldn't do an indoor venue and we decided we needed a farm somewhere in the GTA community that's local for everybody.

"That's when we went to searching and I found Rock Garden Farms. It's so gorgeous and I sent it to Urs saying, 'We've got to call them.' We were lucky enough to speak to Margaret and she's been amazing from day one. We told her how we want to help small businesses and promote them to help them get back into the community and raise awareness in the community."

Although the market is in Caledon, it attracted vendors from all over Ontario who saw an opportunity to bring their products to new areas and consumers to help grow their businesses.

"This isn't even just Caledon or the Peel Region, it's all around," Spina said. "We have vendors from Niagara Falls here, Wasaga Beach, Barrie, Scarborough, Vaughan, we have people from everywhere. We tell them too that this is a great way to promote your business to other regions and areas."

Social media is essential in today's business world and Spina and Romeo's reach on Instagram is how they helped spread the word of the event.

A bonus from the event is the popularity of Rock Garden Farms, says the pair. The strawberry picking at the farm has been bringing in more people to their market, which in turn led to a highly successful first day.

"We've had a ton of traffic," said Spina. "On the first day especially, the flow of traffic was really great. Margaret's traffic has been bringing more to our event and we've also been promoting the heck out of it on our Instagrams. So, we've had our Instagrammers come here and we tell them that they can also strawberry pick here and can grocery shop local. Most people are coming out because they really want to support local and help small businesses thrive and grow and connect with the community—that's what it's all about, we're so happy about it."

The Prestige Market and Mini Regal Market will be teaming up again in Caledon at Rock Garden Farms to host a Pumpkin Kisses & Harvest Wishes outdoor in-person fall market.

"We're back here in September thanks to Margaret and we're really excited," said Spina.

The fall market will run September 25 and 26 (backup dates are October 2 and 3). For more information on the markets return to Rock Garden Farms and other market dates, follow @the.prestige.market and @miniregalmarket on Instagram.

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Funeral Service will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m.(Face coverings must be worn during all events) Webcast of Funeral will be available for viewing. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family.
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Due to current restrictions a Private Family Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*. Recording of Service will be loaded shortly after the service on July 24, 2021.
A Celebration of Napoleon's life is planned for Saturday, September 11,2021. Details to follow.
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Hair Off for Headwaters raises more than $106,000 to support cancer care

While most of the province has been anxiously awaiting the opening of barber shops and hair salons, three brave Headwaters Health Care Foundation Board Members shaved their heads and one community member donated a portion of her hair to raise funds for cancer care at Headwaters Health Care Centre, as well as honour the past efforts of two local schools.

This would have marked Centre Dufferin District High School's 20th year of hosting their annual Hair Off for Headwaters, and Glenbrook Public Schools 6th year of hosting Glenbrook Gives, raising over $177,000 cumulatively to support Cancer Care at Headwaters.

In barber shop speak, Al Frittenburg, Joan Waechter and Tim Peters all took their hair "down to the wood" and community member Jade Snell cut 12 inches off her hair and donated it to Canadian Charity, 360 Hair, all while hosting a virtual fundraiser raising over $106,000, in just over a week.

All the funds raised through this event will go to support cancer care at Headwaters, and the journey cancer patients take through the hospital every day. Events like this ensure that members of the Dufferin-Caledon community who are battling this disease can receive their cancer treatments, diagnostics and follow-up at their local hospital.

As Ontario enters Stage 2 of the re-opening plan, Headwaters' hairdressers were excited and honoured to donate their time and skills to assist in supporting this event. Thanks to Lucia Panagiotopoulos from The Hair Gallery Salon, Paul Tambini, from Felix & Ginger Salon and Stephanie Janes from Blown Away Hair Salon.

Kendra Goss, Coordinator of Community Engagement said, "We are absolutely blown away with the community support for this event. With the traditional event needing to be cancelled for the last two years, courtesy of COVID-19, this virtual event has helped us not just maintain the momentum of both Glenbrook PS and Central District High School, but has shown our community what it means to give back, and the different forms that generosity can take."

Added Dora Boylen-Pabst, Foundation CEO: "I would like to thank the past and current students at both schools for the long-history of this initiative and let them know we are looking forward to 2022 and the resumption of their events. I would also like to thank Joan, Tim and Al for their leadership and willingness to shave their heads and generate donations. And, I want to thank our community for hearing their call for help and stepping up to contribute over $106,000 in just a week, blowing their original $25,000 (and then $50,000) goal out of the water! It is tremendous what we can do when we come together."

Library sets course for future

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One of CPL's top priorities is having something to offer every member of the Caledon community and that's why they want to help cultivate a culture of collaboration by contributing to shared priorities to improve community vitality and reduce isolation.

To tie into the recovery of Caledon, CPL will also be expanding series and supports to local businesses and entrepreneurs as they try to bounce back from the impacts of COVID.

Something CPL staff has heard through community engagement is the dissatisfaction with the online catalog being offered and will be working to expand it going forward.

"We'll be introducing a new online catalog experience and the implementation team met (July 6) to start the project and the new service will be up and running by January," said Lipp.

Culture and inclusion have always been a key component with CPL, but the library staff hopes to do more by increasing accessibility to all and by having a collection of resources that represent all voices. They also will be striving for the board and staff to reflect the diverse community they serve in Caledon.

As a key cultural intuition, they plan to do more to honour Caledon's heritage, environment, and local history and work to lead the growth of arts and culture in Caledon. To do this, they will focus support on Caledon's creative talent and cultural economy by showcasing local authors, artists, performers, and makers.

The final goal of the plan is to demonstrate the value of CPL to the community by raising awareness of the need for the libraries in the community with the resources and services they provide while growing engagement with those who don't necessarily take advantage of what they offer.

CPL will also explore opportunities with other community organizations and encourage more investment into the library by expanding services beyond the branches.

To know the plan is working, Lipp and staff have identified a few factors to track: increased library memberships; more demand for services; technologies and innovations are embraced and adopted; increase in funds raised through donations, grants, and sponsorship; a more inclusive and diverse board and staff; and increased engagement from customers.

"These are the possibilities we intend to realize over the next four years," said Lipp.

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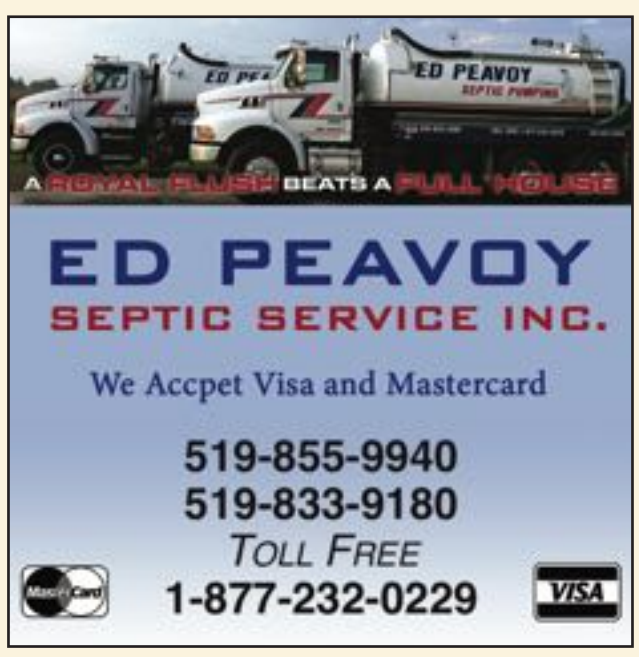


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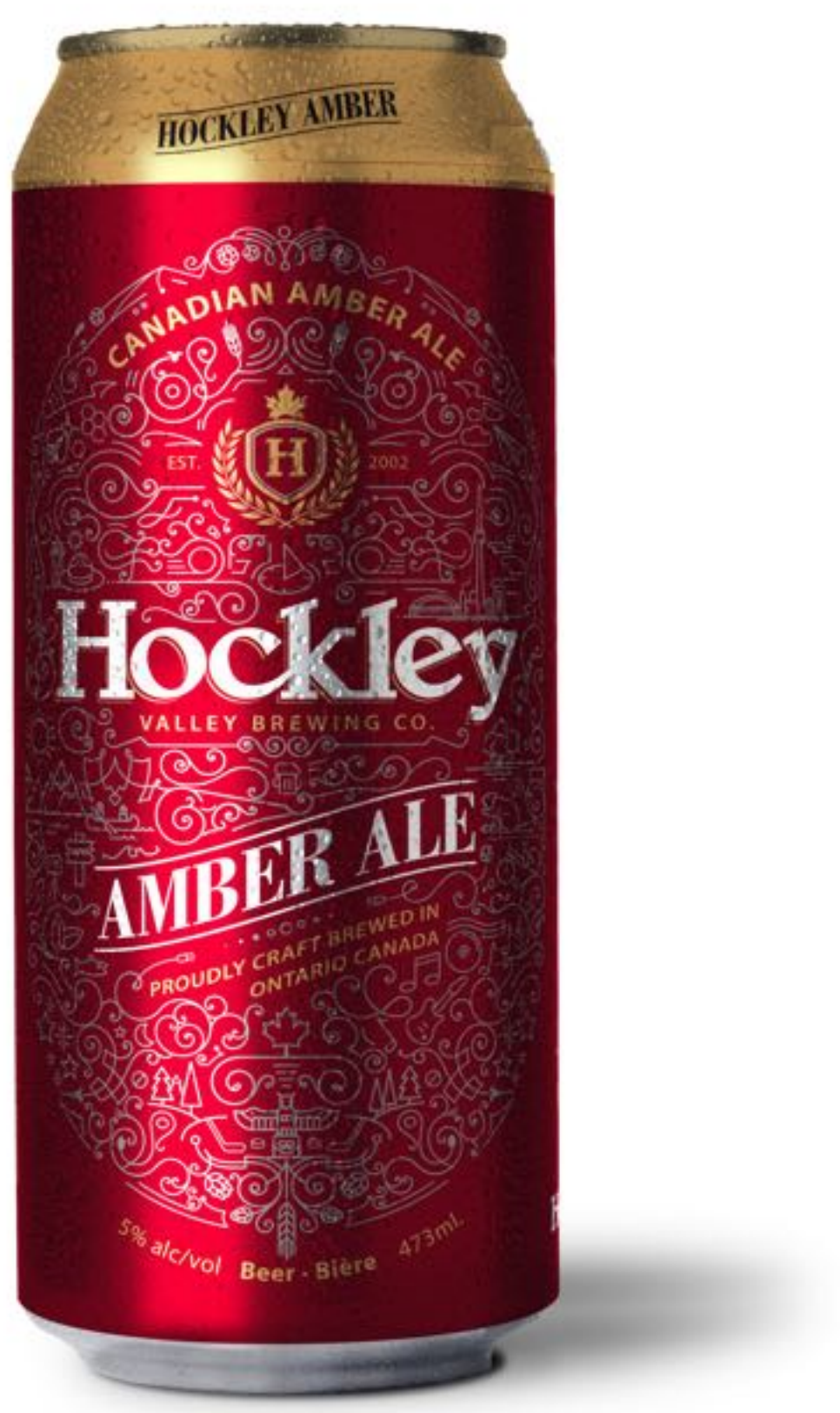
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