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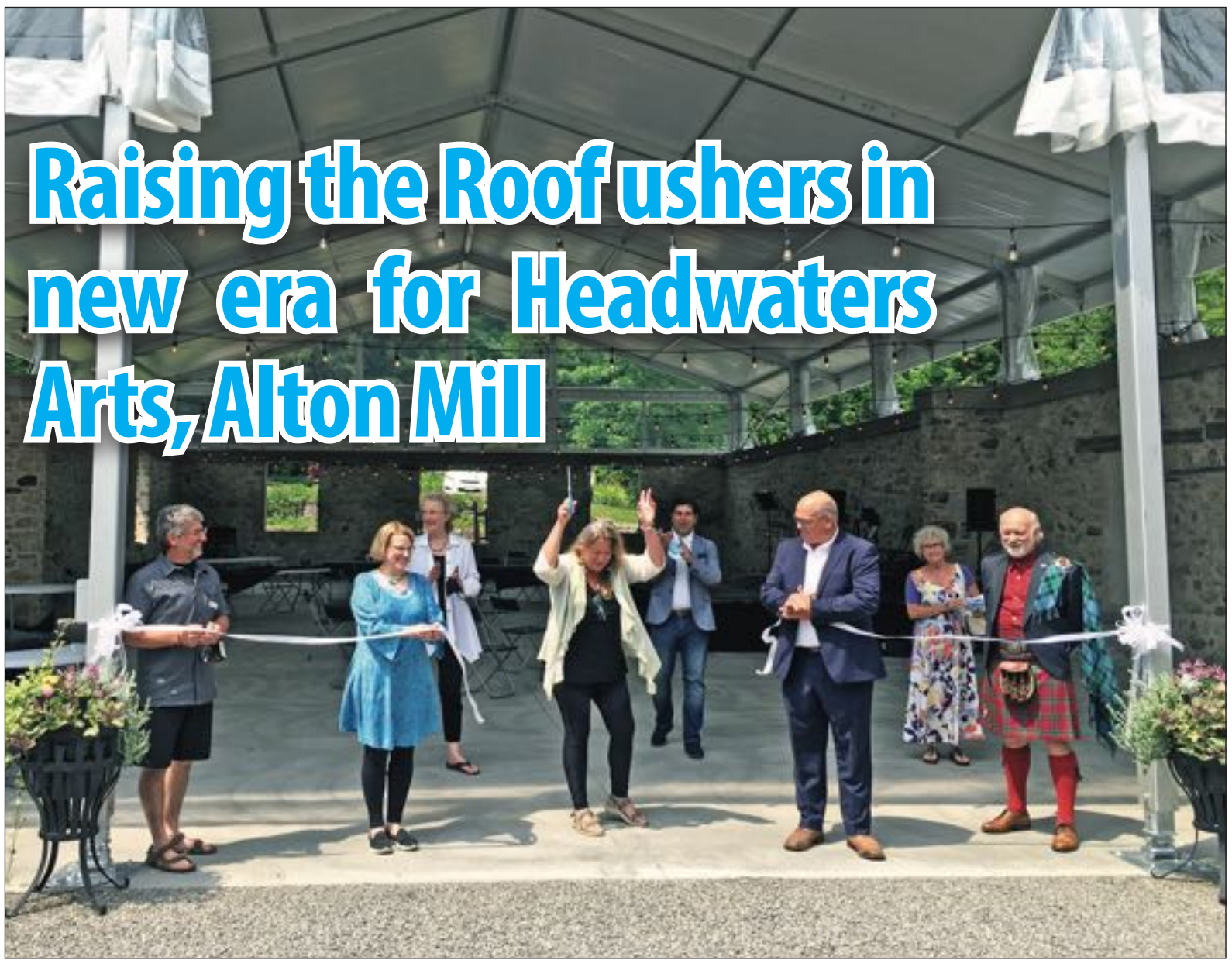
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Raising the Roof ushers in new era for Headwaters Arts, Alton Mill



Sue Powell (Headwaters Arts Board Member- Communications) cuts the ribbon to celebrate the new roof for the Annex Courtyard. She was joined by (left to right) Jeremy Grant, MPP Sylvia Jones, Acting President of Headwaters Arts Margi Taylor, Headwaters Arts Board Members Ari Momeni and Marion Plaunt, Mayor Allan Thompson, and Councillor Ian Sinclair.

PHOTO BY ROB PAUL

BY ROB PAUL

On Sunday, August 1, Headwaters Arts hosted its Raising the Roof event to celebrate the newest addition to the art gallery: an outdoor tented roof.

The dedication included guest speakers Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP, and Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson.

The event took place under the newly-sheltered gathering space and included an afternoon of arts with live music provided by four-piece jazz band the Sidemen, a spoken word performance from Harry Posner with percussions provided by Jeremy Grant, and poetry readings by Posner—Dufferin County's Poet Laureate.

To complement the event there was also an artisan marketplace that featured Headwaters Arts member artists selling an array of works.

The tented roof project came together in 2020 after Headwaters Arts received a $138,900 Resilient Communities grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, (OTF) to install a three-season roof structure over the 3,800 square foot outdoor heritage stonewall/foundation called the Annex Courtyard, part of the unique Alton Mill heritage complex in Caledon.

"Your plan for the installation of a three-season roof over the Annex for exhibitions, events and performances will be a welcomed addition to both artists and visitors in our community," said Jones. "In the face of the pandemic, we have all had to adjust and change how we stay connected to each other and this funding will go a long way to reconnecting us all safely."

The construction of the tented roof was completed in June with the hope that it will provide endless opportunities for the community, artists, and visitors to safely gather outdoors, to experience, engage and enjoy a multitude of new and exciting outdoor arts and culture programs, art shows, workshops, concerts, and ticketed performances/events planned.

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Ontario announces return to school plan

BY ROB PAUL

As Ontario releases its 2021 return to school plan, Peel has seen a total of 111,990 total cases of COVID-19 with 186 new cases over the last week.

There have also been 21 new deaths in the Region to bring the total to 845.

In Caledon, there were 14 new cases of COVID-19 in the last week, taking the Town's total case count to 4,459. There were no new deaths with the total sitting at 20.

Peel Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence Loh recently said all of the 81 COVID-19-related hospitalizations between June 1 and June 9 had not been fully vaccinated, with two thirds of the hospitalizations being residents who were completely unvaccinated.

Loh is asking residents to do everything they can to complete their immunization because the data shows the severity of the delta variant on those who are only partially vaccinated or unvaccinated.

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Building Unity & Community weekend will be three-day celebration of Caledon

BY ROB PAUL

To cap off the summer and celebrate Canada coming out of the pandemic, Councillor Tony Rosa has put together a three-day outdoor concert series as part of his Love Local Caledon campaign.

The Building Unity and Community Weekend will run from August 27 to 29 at the CIBC banking centre parking lot located at 12736 Highway 50 and Healey in Bolton.

The three-day event will consist of a thank you concert for Caledon frontline workers on August 27 at 7:30 p.m., an Italian Day concert presented by the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre on August 28 at 7 p.m., and a tribute to the music of ABBA by ABBA Revisited presented by the Stage Academy on August 29 at 2 p.m.

All three days of the concert series will be free for residents and booking for the events can be completed at eventbrite.ca.

With the concert series acting as a celebration of returning to normal, Rosa wanted to ensure the first night was focused on the heroes of the pandemic in the Caledon community.

"The opening night we're hosting a special thank you concert for Caledon frontline workers and first responders or anyone that has been demonstrating leadership throughout the pandemic," he said. "We invited the public to join as we thank these groups for their hard work and dedication to our community throughout these unprecedented times.

"We have Ramblin' Soul—a local band—an opening act from Angelica DiCastro who has a song for frontline workers that she'll be performing. It's called 'Unsung Heroes,' and it talks about the commitment of frontline workers and what they have done for us. As a closing act we have a finalist from Star Search and Canadian Idol Paul Fracassi who does a tribute show to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. It's going to be a fun evening."

The second and third days of the concert engage two local Caledon groups to help unite the community with a fun weekend as it builds back from the devastation of the pandemic says Rosa.

"The Italian Day will have a series of headliners from classical Italian music to more modern music with live performances," said Rosa. "We also have Vinz DeRosa who is an announcer for CHIN Radio International. We have a full program for that evening. On the Sunday with the Stage Academy, they're bringing in a touring company called ABBA Revisited. They're a tribute show to the music of ABBA, and I actually saw them perform in Newmarket a couple years ago before the pandemic and was really impressed with their stage production. They've toured all over North America and Europe and they'll be putting on a 90-minute show. They'll be in full costume and it's a really great show that I think the community will enjoy very much."

Having not been able to be as involved in the community throughout the pandemic, Rosa saw an opportunity to work with both Stage Academy and the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre to provide an opportunity for the groups to re-integrate into Caledon through art and culture.

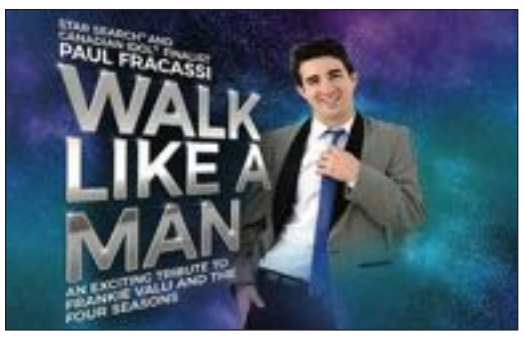
"On an annual basis under regular circumstances Stage Academy—a local community theatre group—would present a theatre production to the community and the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre would run an Italian Day," he said. "Because theatres are closed, and they haven't been able to put a show together this year and the Italian Centre wasn't able to have their heritage month event in June we decided to all join forces and run a weekend that focuses on building community and unifying all of us together to bring something of a larger scale to the community."

Without much for people to do in Caledon for the last 16 months, Rosa says he is excited to be a part of bringing the community back together in a celebration that coincides with the end of summer in an effort to focus on the importance of supporting local.

"I felt like it was a good end-of-summer type thing before people go back to school and work and get back to regular life," he said. "Here's an opportunity for us to really do something, instead of just talking about building unity and community, this is an opportunity for us to actually walk the talk and bring the community together. We're hoping to make a bit of a difference in people's lives; they've been locked up so long and I think there's a real appetite to do things in their community and not necessarily travel too far. I think people are looking for stuff to do at their doorstep."







Councillor Tony Rosa, with special help from Caledon resident Frank Mattacchione for leading the fundraising sponsorship drive, has a three-day concert event planned for August 27 to 29 with acts such as ABBA Revisited, Vinz DeRosa, and Paul Fracassi. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS**

Though the dates were moved, Rosa thinks moving the event back was a blessing in disguise because it now allows them to run a safe outdoor in-person event with more people being able to attend.

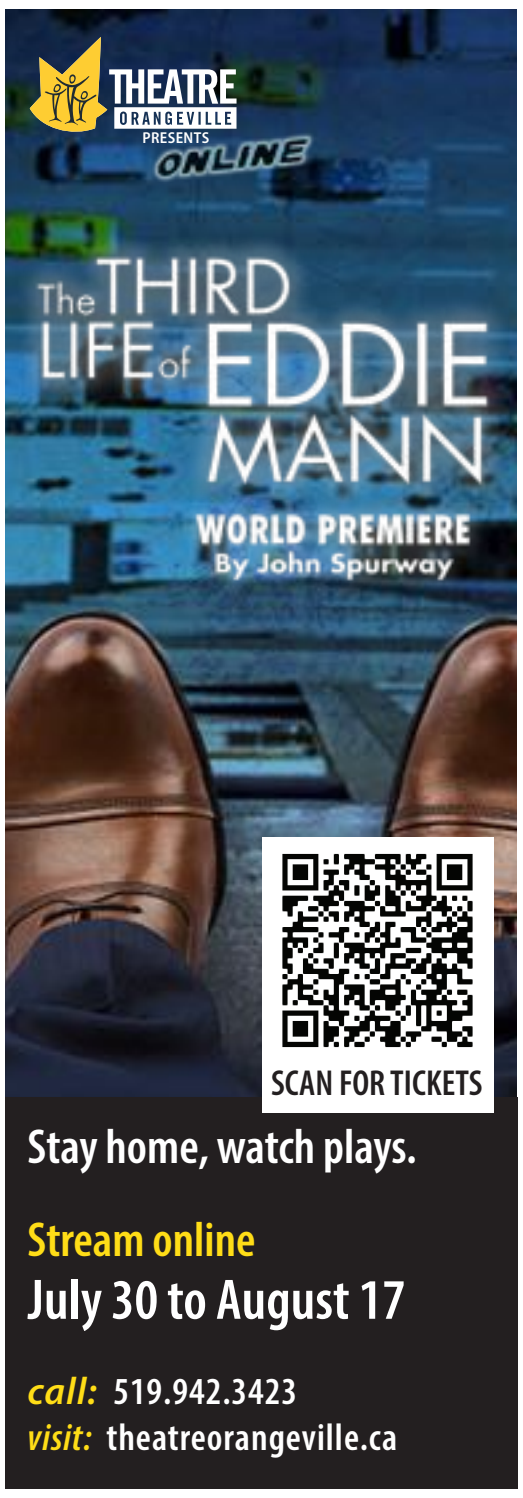
"The original plan was to run this in June," he said. "He started talking about it early in the fall and we were trying to predict when would be a good time. It was scheduled for the end of June then in April I decided to call a meeting of Peel Public Health and I had (Chief Medical Officer of Health) Dr. (Lawrence) Loh and his team to discuss the project. After that consultation, I took the advice of the team, and they suggested the end of August might be better for engaging more people in the community. They felt the restrictions would be eased by then and there would be a real need to do something of this magnitude, rather than just having a select few cars or doing something small scale. Moving the dates to the end of August has proven to be successful because we're able to move forward and have an in-person event."

Planning a concert event through a pandemic was no easy task and Rosa says the adjustments have been difficult at times, but he's hopeful the concert series becomes a mainstay in Caledon.

"Originally it was supposed to be a drive-in style event but as things started to progress and protocols were lifted and circumstances changed, we are now able to actually have people seated outdoors. Moving forward if this is successful, which I have no doubt it will be, I think this might be the first building unity and community weekend of many in the future."

At the end of the day, the event is about supporting local, and Rosa is ecstatic about the local support they've received from Caledon businesses and stakeholders.

"I greatly appreciate the contributions from our sponsors," he said. "Our main stage sponsors include Amazon in Bolton, Canadian Tire Corporate, Local 27 the Carpenters Union, and the Town of Caledon through their municipal grant program. I've been very pleased to engage with some of our bigger businesses, this is a way for them to give back to the community. I'm really hoping people will come out and start registering their passes on eventbrite.ca, we've advertised it on billboards, it's all over social media. I've been really overwhelmed with the positive responses from the community."







Dr. Loh points to data showing importance of vaccination for protection

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As it stands, 2,167,890 doses of the vaccine have been administered with 74,073 doses in the last seven-day cycle (July 23 to 29). 1,216,276 Peel residents have at least one dose and 951,614 have completed the vaccination process.

Currently, 70.2 per cent of all residents in the Region have initiated vaccination with 57.9 per cent completed. 81.3 per cent of adults (18-plus) have one dose and 67.8 per cent are fully vaccinated.

As school prepares for a return this fall, 80.7 per cent age 12 and over in Peel have one dose and 66.5 per cent have completed vaccination. The increased focus on vaccination for those under 18 comes with elementary and secondary school students returning full-time in September.

The Ministry of Education announced its plan August 3 to guide schools and staff with a 26-page plan outlining how schools will return in a safe manner.

"I really don't see our schools closing going into the fall and winter and spring," Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore said. "I believe that's the same stance of all of our medical officers. We will do our utmost to keep schools open for all students and families. That will take a multifaceted approach of masking, hand hygiene, distancing, screening on a daily basis, testing, and improvements in ventilation. All of those measures that we're recommending, I think will keep our schools safe."

Under the plan, staff and teachers aren't required to be vaccinated, students (Grade 1 to 12) are required to wear masks indoors, staff and students must screen themselves each day using the provincial screening tool. Students can eat together in cafeteria with a capacity limit to ensure a distance of two metres can be kept between cohorts. Sports, field trips, extracurricular activities, recess, and assemblies will also be permitted.

The guide also asks schools to prepare contingency plans in case of outbreaks that lead to closures and a potential pivot to remote learning.

"I really can›t envision or see any closure of any schools in Ontario, or colleges or universities. We must maintain them open going forward," said Moore. "I think we have to normalize COVID-19 for the schools and have an approach that›s prudent and that›s cautious but recognizes that yes we›re going to have a rise in cases, but we are going to adhere to the best practices to minimize the spread and to keep our communities safe."

Cohorts will continue to be utilized to limit interactions between students during the school day but there are exceptions.

"Students may be placed into small groups with students from other cohorts," the document says. "Members of different cohorts can interact outside with distancing encouraged or inside with distancing and masking."

Moore compared the potential uptick in cases as the weather gets colder to the seasonal flus impact on schools but is hopeful that with more vaccination coverage the potential increase in COVID cases down the line will be manageable.

"If I had to compare it to other viruses like influenza, with influenza we always anticipate a rise in cases over the winter months," Moore said. "Sometimes we'll have 10, 15 per cent of students away because they've come down with the virus, but they recover, they resolve, and they're back in the classroom.

To help with ventilation, schools with existing mechanical ventilation systems will have to use the highest-grade filters possible and operate the systems two hours or more both before and after the school days begins, schools without mechanical ventilation systems will be required to place standalone high efficiency particulate air filter units in all classrooms.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) put out a critical statement in response to the Ministries plan for returning to the classroom.

"It's clear that Premier Ford and Minister Lecce are relying on vaccinations alone to provide a safe school reopening and a return to extracurriculars," said Sam Hammond, ETFO President. "What they seem to have forgotten is that Ontarians remain at risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19, and most elementary children are ineligible for vaccines."

To book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment through the Provincial website (covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/), at any of Peel's pop-up clinics (peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/#popup), or participating pharmacies (peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/#pharm).

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POLICE SEEK ASSISTANCE LOCATING MISSING FEMALE

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The missing person is a 25-year-old named Taylor Clark.

She is described by Police as a: Caucasian female, 5'1", light brown hair, hazel eyes, numerous tattoos and piercings.

Taylor was last seen in the Brampton area two weeks ago.

Anyone with information in relation to Taylor's whereabouts is asked to contact Caledon OPP detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

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ATV COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to the report of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) collision in the backyard of a residence on Innis Lake Road, in the Town of Caledon.

"On Saturday, July 31, 2021 at approximately 8:55pm, an ATV being operated in the backyard of a residence was involved in a collision," say Police. "All riders of the vehicle were ejected and sustained injury. An adult rider and child rider were transported to hospital with life-threating injuries. The third rider, a child, sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

"Collision Reconstructionists from the OPP Highway Safety Division are assisting with the investigation. Investigators are looking to see if a lack of safety equipment, may have played a role in the injuries."

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is being asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment at (905) 584-2241.

"Caledon OPP would like to remind ATV operators that even though many see these vehicles as 'toys', responsible use and proper safety equipment should always be used to prevent a fun time turning into a tragic event."

ATV operators are reminded to:

- Always wear a comfortable, well-fitted and fastened approved helmet
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PREVENTABLE COLLISIONS ARE NOT "ACCIDENTS", SAY POLICE

The OPP reports that 84 per cent of this year's traffic-related deaths with identified causal factors were preventable and the result of poor or careless driving behaviours and actions.

"Very few OPP-investigated road fatalities are the result of an 'accident' where no driver is at fault (e.g. collision with wildlife, driver going into medical distress)," say Police.

"As of July 26, 2021, 138 people have died in 131 fatal motor vehicle collisions on OPP-patrolled roads. OPP data reveals that 57 per cent of the road fatalities involved one or more of the Big 4 leading causal factors in road deaths. These are fatalities related to alcohol/drugs, speed, driver inattention, and lack of seat belt use - all senseless, preventable deaths."

Over the long weekend, OPP officers were highly visible as they patrol roadways and ensure motorists are not engaging in the same behaviours and actions that have already cost so many drivers and passengers their lives this year.

Drivers are reminded to comply with Ontario›s Move Over law, which requires drivers to slow down and proceed with caution when passing an emergency vehicle or tow truck parked on the side of the highway with its lights activated. If the highway has more than one lane, drivers must move over and leave one lane between their vehicle and the parked emergency vehicle/tow truck if it can be done safely.

"The OPP has laid more than 450 charges so far this year against drivers who failed to slow down and/or move over for emergency vehicles and tow trucks. The law carries a $490 to $2,000 fine plus three demerit points upon conviction. Subsequent offences (within five years) carry a $1,000 to $4,000 fine, possible jail time of up to six months and possible suspension of your driver›s licence for up to two years.

"The OPP is reminding all Ontarians and visitors that the key to an enjoyable long weekend is for everyone to do their part to keep themselves and their loved ones safe on roads, waterways and trails."

Question: I have always dreamt of building my own home and made the builder aware of everything I wanted. However, on closing day, I discovered he had made many changes to the layout I wanted. Can I rescind the purchase?



Answer: It is understandable that buyers choose to construct their own homes so that it can be customized to their specific taste. It is also reasonable that buyers expect to receive what they have chosen on closing day. However, when unwanted changes are made, courts consider multiple factors before granting rescission.

One of the factors courts consider is the buyer's reasons for backing out. Where the home construction is not going the way the buyer envisioned and the builder makes a lot of changes, this may push a buyer to rescind. Another reason that may influence rescission is when the home construction completion date is significantly delayed, the loan the buyers were expecting does not become available, or when such amounts are materially lower than anticipated. A very common reason for rescission is also buyer's remorse. This is when buyers have a change of mind about the purchase. It is important to clarify here that these reasons will not guarantee that a buyer can rescind. The courts will review all of the above matters and more to determine if recission is appropriate. The test to determine if the contract can be terminated is whether a fundamental term of the contract has been breached. What constitutes a fundamental term is very fact-specific and will be determined by the courts in their discretion.

Apart from the buyers' reasons for rescinding the contract, courts may also consider whether the builder was aware of the necessity of a change to the construction without informing the buyer when the agreement was signed. Where this is the case, courts may grant the Buyer a rescission or other remedies in the form of damages. Another factor courts may consider is whether the discrepancy in question can be easily rectified. If it can be easily rectified, courts are less likely to grant a rescission to the Buyer.

It is important for buyers to consider these factors and be as certain as they can be that rescission is possible before trying to proceed. Otherwise, they may be liable for breach of contract and be required to pay damages to the builder. Thus, it is advisable for buyers to engage the services of a lawyer to help them understand when rescission may be possible. If you have any questions about rescission, feel free to reach out to Northview Law at 416-639-7639 or by email at dmcmullen@northviewlaw.com.

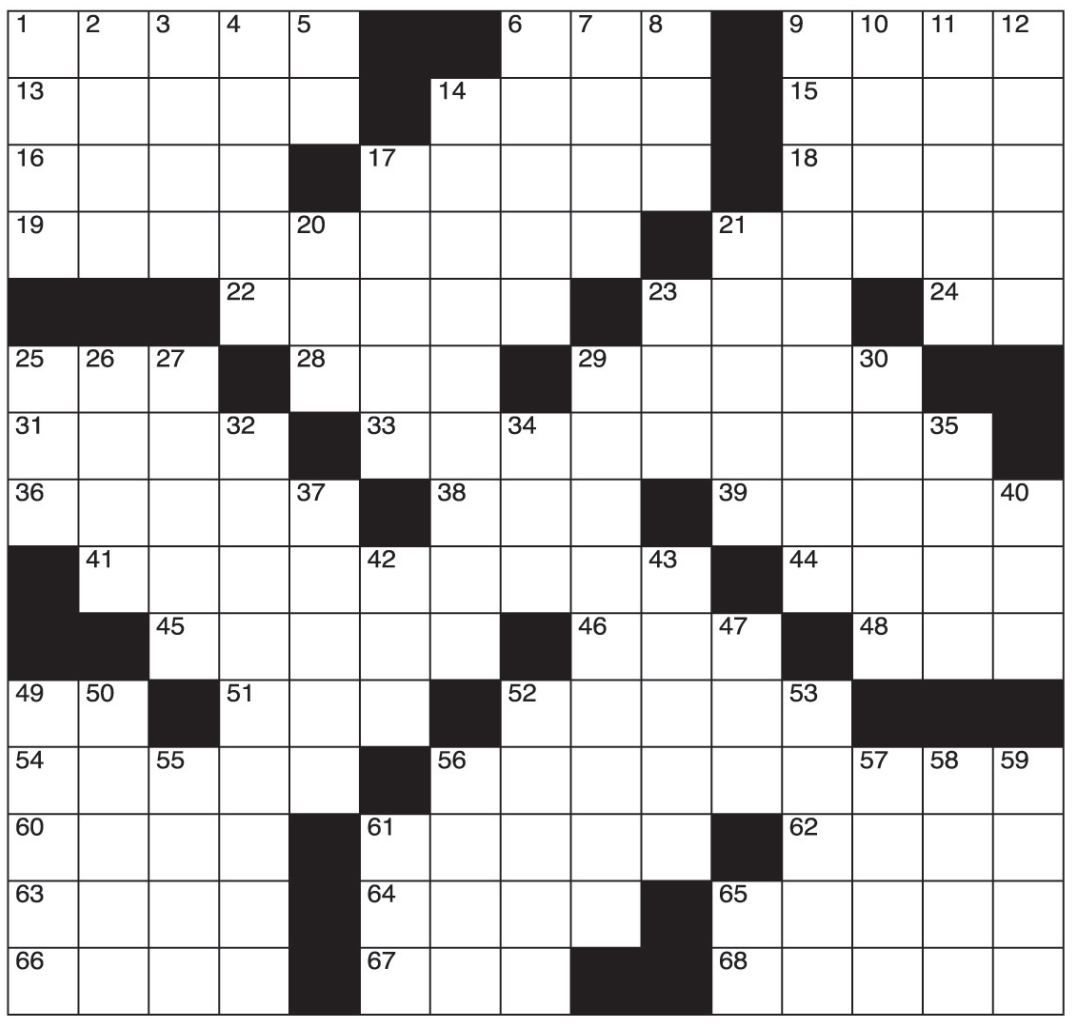
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Canadian Blood Services dealing with shortages as people increasingly haven't shown up for appointments

BY ROB PAUL

In recent weeks, Canadian Blood Services (CBS) has announced blood shortages in Canada.

With pandemic restrictions easing and Canada beginning to open up, there's been an increased demand for blood.

Last month, CBS stated they would need more than 23,000 donors by the end of July to meet the unprecedented demands that have come as a result of the reopening.

In Caledon, Canadian Blood Services has always held donation clinics at two different locations. They're held at the Albion Bolton Community Centre every other month on a Tuesday and in Caledon East at the Royal Ambassador four times a year on a Thursday.

CBS' Donor Relations and Collections Territory Manger Elaine St. Pierre explains that the blood donation process is all about working quickly in as many communities as they can to ensure they're reaching as many eligible Canadians as possible.

"At Canadian Blood Services we operate 35 permanent centres across the country and then we have about 4,000 mobile events we run every single year in communities across the land," she said. "Bolton and Caledon East are our two spots where we come into town at regular intervals when the donors are eligible to donate again.

"We set up our events in a short period of time and collect as much blood as we can and then we get out and rush the blood to our facility that's located in Brampton for testing, processing, and packaging before we deliver it to hospitals. It's a constant revolving door of in and out. Everyday we're somewhere in the Region collecting blood. It's because of the short shelf life of blood that we have to do it this way."

St. Pierre says there's been difficulties for them throughout the pandemic, but Caledon has been one of the stronger communities when it comes to blood donations thanks to both the Town and its residents.

"We're seeing a strain on our inventory right now," she said. "When the pandemic happened there were a number of issues that presented across the country—venues closing, increased cancellations—but I have to really give praise to the Town of Caledon for really stepping up at the very onset and recognizing that we were absolutely an essential service and knowing full well that we were following all public health requirements.

"We never missed a single event in Caledon, we were always able to hold our events throughout the pandemic—I can't say that for every community throughout the country, so we really give praise to the Town of Caledon for still allowing us to come in. Couple that with us having a very committed donor base in Caledon, it has really served us well."

The pandemic didn't initially impact the CBS' inventory due to surgeries being put on hold and people rarely leaving their homes; now with measures limiting capacity it's thrown a wrinkle into the process.

"At the very beginning of the pandemic, while we did have a lot of cancellations and closures and were collecting less blood, as everything shut down the demand went down as well—procedures were on hold, people weren't on the roads as much," said St. Pierre. "We were blessed that we went into the pandemic with a strong inventory in the country and that served us very well. While we were collecting less, the demand was down.

"Now fast forward to us getting used to everything in the pandemic, the reason we're in a bit of a situation now is we've had to put in a lot of additional measures like businesses, and in some cases that has impacted capacity. The measures are there to protect our donors, staff, and volunteers, but ultimately it has meant that we can collect less blood each day. In a lot of cases, we've been expanding our hours as much as possible, but we are still greatly reducing the amount of donors we can see every day vs. before the pandemic."

The lack of consistent donors and COVID measures capping the amount of people CBS can see when they go into communities has begun to catch up as life starts to return to normal with hospitals ramping up surgeries again.

"When you couple the reduced capacity with the now-rising demand for blood and the lower attendance rates we've been seeing, our inventory has dwindled and it's pretty tight right now," St. Pierre said. "Basically, the demand for blood products has increased above the pre-pandemic levels now as most regions across the country have begun the phase in their reopening plans. What that is doing is it's allowing hospitals to ramp up and clear the backlog of surgical procedures that were put on hold. The demand is back up with the hospitals looking for everything they were before the pandemic, but our capacity is still reduced because of COVID measures."

Another factor in the blood shortages, says St. Pierre, is that people just haven't been showing up to their booked appointments and it's become an increasing problem as the Province continues to open.

"We've also been seeing a lower attendance rate, appointments are required to attend a blood donation event and what we're seeing is that people are grabbing up those spots well in advance of the clinics, but by the time the date rolls around we're seeing a lot of people not show up or cancel last minute. Because everyone has to have an appointment, those missed and cancelled spots are very difficult for us to fill on short notice.

"We understand that as things open up that while donating blood at the height of the pandemic was just about the only thing you could do, now there's lots of things going on and people have other things on their mind. The message has got to be to the community, that if you're lucky enough to book a donation spot then please keep it. It's only an hour of your day and it will really make an impact for a hospital patient in need."

There are upcoming blood donation clinics in Caledon over the next few months. In Bolton, the next one will be Tuesday, September 6 and the next time the clinic will be in Caledon East is Thursday, October 21.

"As far out in advance as the Bolton clinic is, it's already fully booked which is great, but we need to make sure people keep their appointments," St. Pierre said. "If you're really interested in donating then the best thing you can do is keep on checking back because appointments could become available in the days leading up to the event.

"There's a tendency to think if you miss your appointment there will be somewhere there to fill it but that's not always the case. We really need people to make the effort to keep their appointments. We encourage people to check their eligibility at blood.ca or download the Give Blood app. Only one in two Canadians is eligible to donate that, and if that's you, we need you."

Raising the Roof ushers in new era for Headwaters Arts, Alton Mill

Continued from FRONT

"The last 16 months have been incredibly challenging, in particular for the arts when we stopped being able to see live performances, and today, we get to see a live performance again," Jones said. "It's so exciting to be able to get to a point where we can safely resume some of these critically important things for our communities, for our well-being, and of course for our arts in Dufferin-Caledon.

"As you can tell by this amazing space we're gathered under, Headwaters Arts has used the shutdown to create an exciting three-season gathering tent. Headwaters Arts has also been an organization that creates unique opportunities for artists and performers in our communities and I know that this space will become a favourite space for artisan, musicians, and maybe just a few parties."

In addition to the materials and construction of the roof, the grant funding included the purchase of light-weight stage for outdoor performances; expansion of online opportunities for audience engagement via additional technology and equipment and purchase of PPE.

Headwaters Arts volunteers, member artists and the Alton Mill Arts Centre, were extremely grateful to OTF for the Resilient Communities funding because, as with many arts organizations, the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns have been significant.

"Headwaters Arts is about enriching people's lives through arts and culture, and all of us have missed being together for such experiences," said Margi Taylor, Acting President, Headwaters Arts. "With this grant, together, under our newly tented roof, Headwaters Arts, our member artists and the Mill will recover and rebuild from the impacts of COVID-19 over the next 12 months."

Thompson said he was proud of the initiative Headwaters Arts showed in getting the applications done, which he noted are no small task, for the OTF and he's excited to see Caledon's art and culture scene continue to prosper.

"I really appreciate Headwaters Arts reenergizing especially coming through COVID," said Thompson. "They always say when times get tough, tough people get going and I have to say that Headwaters Arts is part of that team that when the tough got going, they found a solution and found a way. As Mayor, and for my Council team, I have to say we're very supportive of where we're going, we think this is a unique area and we want to grow this culture here.

"To me, if you don't have arts and culture then you don't have anything that defines you as a community and I definitely believe that this is the definition of who we are and how we can come and share and benefit from different artistic abilities and expression."

The team at Headwaters Arts says they're looking forward to new opportunities as they continue rebuild and recover. Alton Mill Arts Centre is the home of the organization, a unique heritage complex and destination in the Town of Caledon that is visited by thousands throughout the year and enjoyed by a multitude of local community groups, regional arts and culture orgs/artists for meeting, fundraisers, and celebrations.

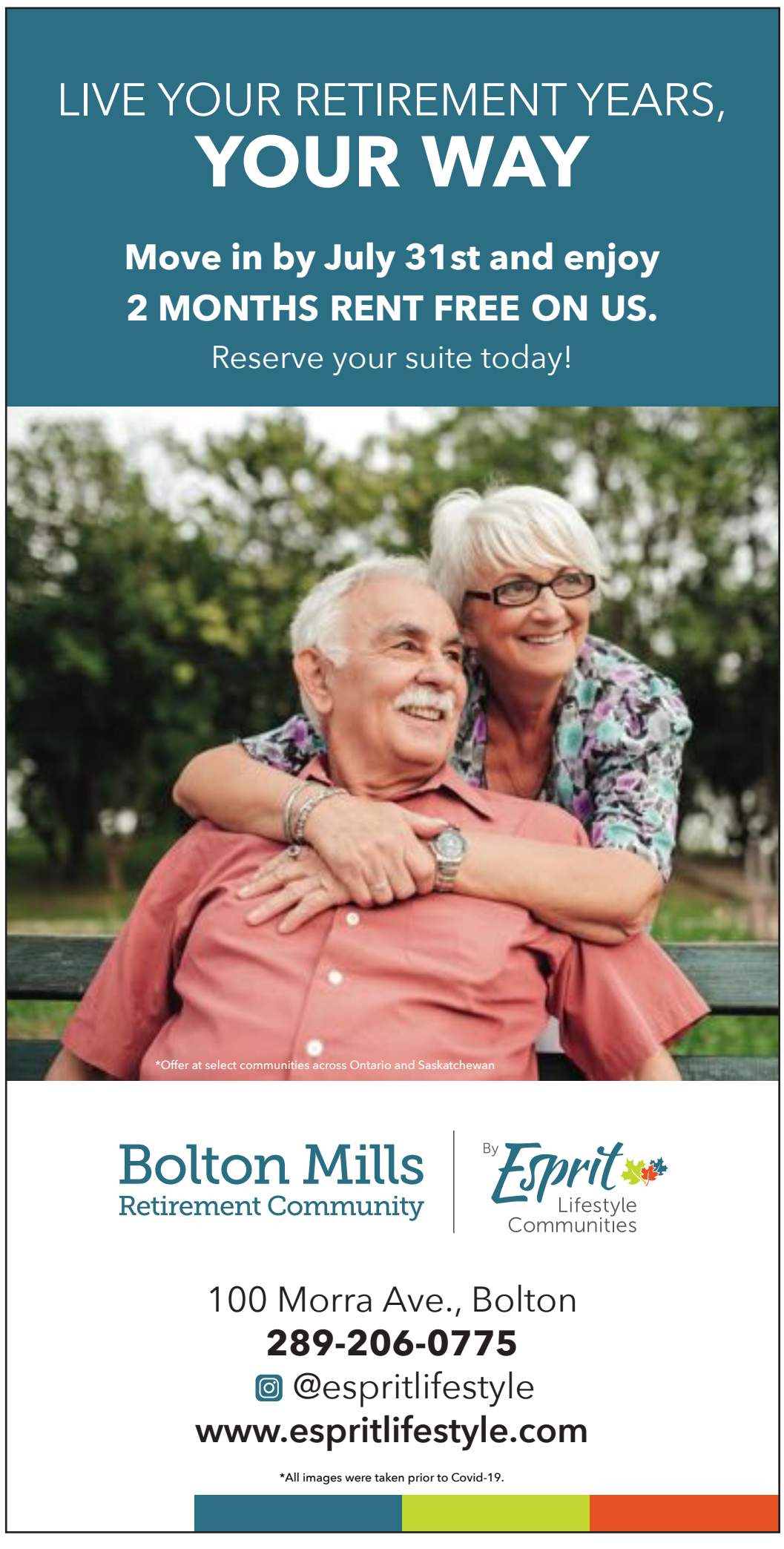
Thanks to the OTF grant, the team at Headwaters Arts believes that this just the beginning of a new era of growth, opportunity and reciprocity for Headwaters Arts, Alton Mill Arts Centre, and the entire region.

Headwater Arts is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization that brings together artists and supporters to promote the development, appreciation, and enjoyment of all the

arts in the Headwaters Region (Caledon, Dufferin County and Erin).

Visit headwatersarts.org/ for more information about Headwaters Arts.





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Local women help Canada reach Olympic final

BY ROBERT BELARDI

The Canadian Women's national team upset the United States of America in the semi-finals of the Olympic Games in Tokyo, 1-0 over the long weekend.

Canada was awarded a penalty kick in the 75 minute and Jessie Fleming stepped up to the spot to tuck home the game-winner.

Caledon East native Ashley Lawrence made her 100 appearance for the Canadian national team.

The 26-year-old who has been a starter throughout this competition has played an integral role in helping lead the Canadian women.

Lawrence, along with other Canadian stalwarts such as Christine Sinclair, Janine Beckie and Kadeisha Buchanan knew coming in this match would arguably be their toughest test yet.

Four minutes into the match, Lawrence pummeled USA midfielder Lindsay Horan. She ended up being okay.

In the 20th minute, USA goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher landed awkwardly after catching a cross into the box. She would have to be substituted by Adrianna Franch.

For the first 60 minutes, believe it or not, not a single shot came on target for either side. It was one of the most tactical games of the competition thus far.

After the USA made a flurry of substitutions in the 61st, bringing on experienced players like Meghan Rapinoe and Carly Lloyd, Lloyd's curling effort was pushed over the bar by Canadian keeper Stephanie Labbe.

The USA poured it on with a few more chances. But in the 72nd minute, USA defender Tierna Davidson tried clearing the zone and kicked Canadian Deanne Rose in the process. The foul would go to VAR and Canada would be awarded a penalty.

Canada did not have a shot on goal until that spot kick. The USA continued to pour on the pressure and in the 86th minute a header from Lloyd rattled the crossbar.

Maple/King City native Adrianna Leon appeared with only a few minutes left in the game to kill time.

The 20-year reign had come to an end. Canada had finally defeated the USA.

At 10 p.m. Thursday tonight, there will be a glorious opportunity for Canada to seize Olympic gold.

According to Canada Soccer on Twitter, the women become the third team to win medals at three consecutive Olympic tournaments (2012-2021) following in the footsteps of the United States and Germany.

TOKYO 2020

Public Notice

Region of Peel
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Environmental Assessment Study

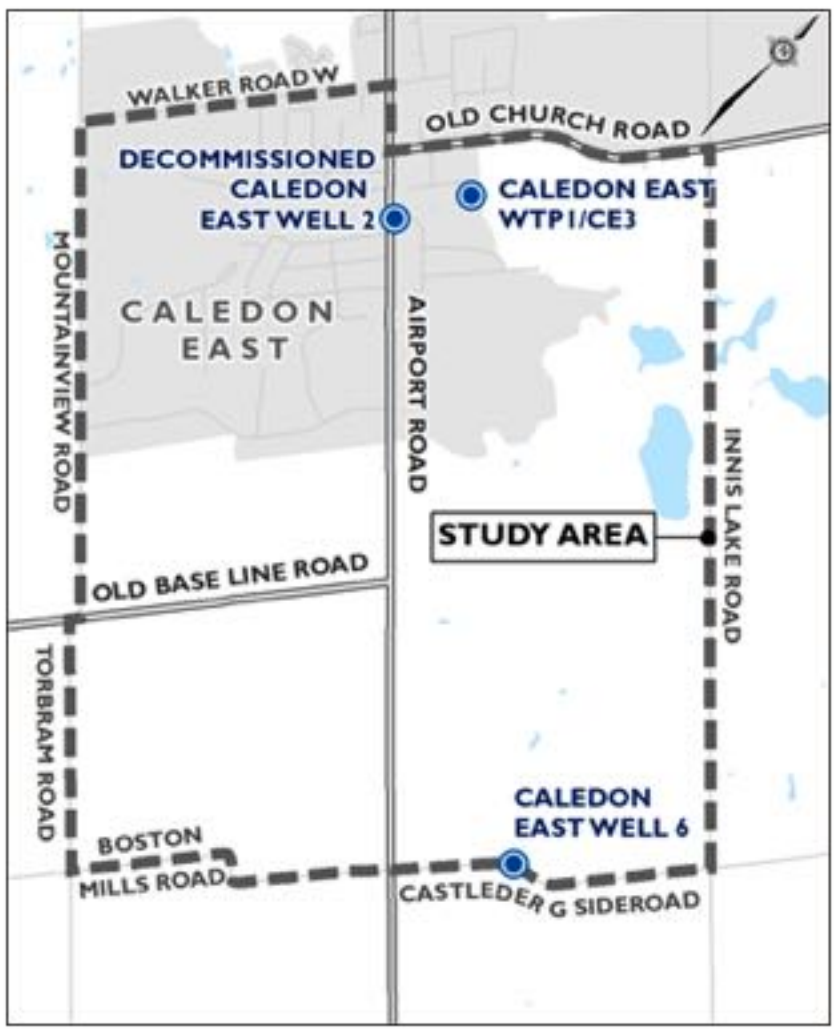
STUDY COMMENCEMENT UPDATE: REVISED PROJECT NAME AND SCHEDULE
NEW SUPPLEMENTARY WATER SUPPLY SOURCE FOR THE PALGRAVE – CALEDON EAST DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Background

The Region of Peel owns and operates the Palgrave – Caledon East Drinking Water System a groundwater-based system, supplying drinking water to the communities of Caledon East, Palgrave, Palgrave Estates, Mono Road, Albion, Centreville, and Cedar Mills, in the Town of Caledon. The system is currently supplied by six (6) municipal groundwater sources located in Palgrave and Caledon East.

Class EA Study Process

A Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study is being initiated to plan for additional water supply capacity to the existing Palgrave – Caledon East Drinking Water System. An additional water source will increase the supply capacity to the existing system to meet the long-term water needs of the serviced area.



In anticipation of this Class EA study, the Region drilled in 2020, a new groundwater well on the north side Castlederg Road, just east of Airport Road. The new well, referred to as the Caledon East Well #6 will be considered as a supplementary source of supply alternative for the system, in the Class EA study.

A previous Notice of Commencement for the Connection of New Caledon East Well #6 was issued to advise the starting of the project as a Schedule B project. The Class EA study is now being conducted as a Schedule 'C' project according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015).

The purpose of the study is to evaluate and identify the preferred infrastructure improvements to the water supply system in the Palgrave – Caledon East Drinking Water System. The study will include an evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the required works/infrastructure and development of measures to mitigate identified impacts.

We will consult the public, review agencies, Indigenous Communities and First Nations Groups throughout the Class EA study. Two (2) Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held in association with this study. Notices for the PICs will be published in local newspapers, on the Region's website at peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/#current and distribute to all individuals who express an interest in this project.

How to stay involved

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

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This revised notice was published on August 5, 2021

With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Hometown girl fell short of three-peat

BY ROBERT BELARDI

King City native Rosie MacLennan fell short of winning her third consecutive medal at the Olympics last week.

MacLennan finished 0.275 points shy of third place in the Women's Trampoline Final.

Zhu Xueying, a 23-year-old woman from Beijing, China came in first place and her compatriot Liu Lingling finished in second. Great Britain's Bryony Page finished in third place.

MacLennan, who already made history in the Olympics, becoming the first trampolinist to win back-to-back gold medals in London 2012 and in Rio 2016, while also becoming the first Canadian to win back-to-back golds in an individual event walked into this competition with an easy, step-by-step formula.

"One routine at a time. Just focus on one routine at a time. Try to think about what I can do to make the routines as strong as possible and see what happens," MacLennan said, a day before the start of the competition.

She admitted she had some extra energy in training ahead of the event being in this environment again. She adjusted to the feel of the trampolines and felt great in training.

As she gained more focus in training she said she always has in mind how much she loves this sport.

"Always keeping in mind this is the sport that I love and I have an opportunity to represent Canada at the Olympic games again and I am really grateful for that opportunity."

Xueying finished with a total score of 56.635 and Lingling right behind her with 56.350. Page recorded 55.735 and MacLennan with 55.460 in fourth.

Although falling short of a historic three-peat opportunity, MacLennan told media after the game this obviously wasn't the result she had hoped for, but she was very thankful for representing Canada for a third consecutive Olympic games.

When MacLennan won her first gold medal in London she recorded a 57.305 score to win it all and a score of 56.465 in Rio in 2016.

There's no telling just yet what MacLennan's plans are four years from now. Maybe the 32-year-old gives it one more go, to represent Canada for a fourth time and brings home a medal then.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Roth turned a bad week into his motivation to ride for cancer research



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY ROB PAUL

People react differently when they're dealt a bad hand in life. The ones who persevere through tough times usually come out the other end better for it.

That was the case for Peel resident Jason Roth.

14 years ago, Roth had some of the worst news of his life all come at him at once. Rather than cower, he stepped up and seized an opportunity to put on a metaphorical cape and become a hero – though he'd never call himself that.

It all started when he was battling his own health issues and decided he had to change his lifestyle. Then, a day later, when his father got a cancer diagnosis, Roth found his calling and dedicated his life to it.

"It was a very eventful week in February 2008," he said. "At that time, I was quite overweight, and my physical activity consisted of getting off the couch to go to the beer fridge, that was about all I did. My doctor told me I had borderline high blood pressure, borderline cholesterol issues, and that I was borderline obese and needed to lose weight. The next day I found out that my dad had been diagnosed with prostate cancer and the day after that I was sitting on the couch watching a hockey game and trying to wrap my head around everything that was going on and figure out what I was going to do with my doctors' advice.

"Then I saw a commercial for the Ride to Conquer Cancer supporting the Princess Margaret [Hospital]. That was the first year they launched the Ride to Conquer Cancer and it was a ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls via Hamilton over the course of a weekend—a ride Saturday and Sunday each about 100 kilometres. I had been an active cyclist as a kid, but hadn't ridden in 20 years and I thought riding a bike that distance, which actually requires me to get out and do it and not just get on the bike and go. I knew I would need to train and put in the effort while at the same time it gave me the opportunity to maybe raise some money for cancer research, given my dad's diagnosis. That's where it all started and 14 years later, I haven't stopped."

One ride could have been enough for some, but not Roth. Rather than pat himself on the back for the good he had done, he found more motivation through the experience and the stories he had heard.

"The first year with the Ride to Conquer Cancer there were about 2,800 riders and we rode in groups to Hamilton," he said. "We stayed in tents and had a big dinner and there were a lot of speeches, it was really quite emotional. Then the next morning we got up and rode to Niagara Falls and our families were there, and people were cheering for us and it was a really emotionally impactful event. It was really quite significant to me, I would call it life-changing, but that sounds trite.

"The whole goal for the Princess Margaret and the Ride to Conquer Cancer is literally to conquer cancer. Their slogan is, 'Conquer cancer in our lifetime.' We aren't there yet, and we still have a lot of money to raise and a lot of work to do. My dad is better now, he's 14 years cancer free, but that's not the case for a lot of people. Every year I just think back to that first year and how emotionally impactful it was, and I say, 'If they're not done yet, then I'm not done yet,' so I keep going."

Although he's not in it for the personal accomplishment, Roth does take time to reflect every so often on what he has done over the last decade-plus. He knows if he can do it, anybody can, this isn't something that came easily to him, but it has become his passion.

"Every once in a while, I think about the fact that over 14 years I've ridden almost 3,000 kilometres on rides to conquer cancer—which is kind of crazy," he said. "I've convinced friends, colleagues, and family to contribute over $120,000 to the Princess Margaret and I'm really proud of that, I think that's a cool thing.

"I'm just a dude riding a bike, I don't have a real estate development company with suppliers that I can lean on to contribute $10,000 a pop or anything like that, I'm literally sending out 250 emails every spring and following up on them throughout the summer to get people to donate. I've been able to raise almost $10,000 a couple of times and I'm close again this year and really hoping I can get there."

This wasn't an impulsive decision for Roth, he didn't wake up one day and ride all the way to Niagara Falls and back. What began as a conscious decision to better himself for a cause has turned into years of training and preparation to get him to this point.

"14 years ago, when I made the decision to get back into shape, my first ride was 15 kilometres and I threw up when I got home. Every year since then I've ridden more and more, and I ride a lot. For me, 10,000 kilometres in a year isn't unusual—this year I'll probably do 13,000. Pretty much every Saturday I'm on the bike for six or seven hours riding 120 to 150 kilometres. It's lots of long rides with lots of time in the bike saddle. And it's lots of time mentally preparing yourself for the fact that your legs are going to be really tired and you just can't stop."

With the impact of COVID-19, the Ride to Conquer Cancer isn't the same format as in the past. Riders have full discretion on where and how far they'll ride.

Last year, Roth made a point to visit family, who had been impacted by cancer, and this year his focus is on setting a new personal record. He plans to ride 330 kms this year which he thinks will consist of 16 or 17 hours of riding.

"In the previous incarnations of the rides before the pandemic, it was always a big group event with 5,000 cyclists on the start line in Toronto and we all rode at our own pace to Hamilton and from there to Niagara Falls," he said. "With the pandemic, they haven't been able to do that. It's a virtual ride and you pick your own route, distance, and fundraising target. You get to go at your own pace, and you get to pick something that's meaningful for you. One of the things they say is, 'It's not where you ride, it's why,' which I think is very cool. Last year, I did 200 kilometres and rode a route that went from my house in Brampton to Kitchener-Waterloo, where my family lives, and back again. I visited three different family members who had been affected by cancer along the way and I thought that was a cool way to make it significant for me. I expected the 200 kilometres would wipe me out and that I would have no energy, but that wasn't the case. I got home after 200 kilometres and I actually felt pretty good which told me that I better try something bigger this time. So again, this year with it being virtual I really miss arriving at the finish line in Niagara Falls with the crowd cheering and my family meeting me. This year I decided I would see if I could ride all the way to Niagara Falls and back again."

With nearly a decade and a half of riding to conquer cancer under his belt, some might wonder if Roth ever sees a finish line in sight. He says he'll only stop when the true goal has been achieved.

"I see an end, when they announce that they cured cancer—that's it," he said. "When I get really tired and I think I'm done and that I can't go anymore and everything hurts and I want to quit, I think back to the people I've ridden with over the years that have a yellow flag on their bike to represent they're a cancer survivor and I say to myself, 'They didn't get to quit, they had to keep fighting so I better keep riding.'"

This year the Ride to Conquer Cancer will be August 28 and 29 and is open to anybody and has no registration fee due to the virtual format. Those interested in registering can go to ride2conquer.ca and set their own distance for their ride.

"With this year having no registration fee, I'm hoping more people give it a try," said Roth. "Maybe, just maybe, three or four people who haven't done it before will find the love for cycling and the spirit to keep doing this and really help out."

To donate to Roth and help him reach his goal of raising $10,000 this year for the Ride to Conquer Cancer, visit supportthepmcf.ca/ui/Ride21/p/JasonRoth.

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Help save our trees



Hundreds of mature trees have been illegally cut down in woodlot areas throughout Caledon in recent months. The Town is urging residents to report any sign of multiple trees being cut down so that staff can investigate. If illegal tree cutting is happening, the individual(s) will be charged and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This includes seeking significant fines and restitution orders to replace the illegally cut trees.

REPORTING

If tree cutting of any kind is happening in a woodlot, contact us as soon as possible. Personal information is not required, anonymous complaints will be accepted. Call Service Caledon at 905-584-2272 x. 7750. or email Municipal Law Enforcement: enforcement@caledon.ca.

Please keep waste collection areas free



Keep your waste collection area at the curb free for collection trucks to pass through safely. Sports equipment like basketball & hockey nets left near the curbside can prevent waste from being collected and may get damaged.

Recreation facilities are open

RESERVE A SPOT ONLINE TO VISIT:

- Fitness Centres and Pools at Southfields Community Centre and Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness
- The ice pad at Mayfield Recreation Complex

We will continue to promote and follow health guidelines for the safety of our staff and participants.

caledon.ca/RecPrograms.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Passing By-law 2021-62 to Redivide Town of Caledon Ward Boundaries

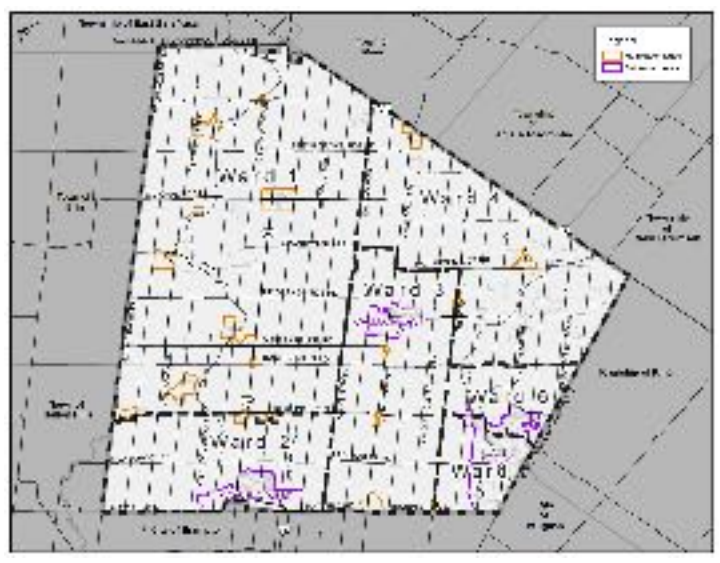
WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

In preparation for the 2022 Municipal Election, over the past year the Town of Caledon reviewed its ward boundary structure to ensure it serves the community and provides effective representation.

At the July 13, 2021 Town Council Meeting, a By-law was passed to update the Town's ward structure for the first time in 27 years. The changes to the wards will come into place for the 2022 Municipal Election, subject to an appeal.

NEW WARD SYSTEM

The new structure will include six wards with one Local Councillor representing each. This prepares for urban population growth while also considering Caledon's rural heritage and communities of interest. The two Regional Councillors who represent the Town on Regional Council will be elected in combinations of wards. One Councillor will be elected to represent wards 1, 2 and 3 and the other will be elected to represent wards 4, 5 and 6. Including the Mayor, Caledon's Council will remain at its current size of 9 Members.



CONTACT

For more information please contact Legislative Services by phone at 905.584.2272 x. 2366 or by email to legislative.services@caledon.ca.

Background information on the Ward Boundary Review is available on the Town's website, **caledon.ca/wbr.**

FORMAL NOTICE AND APPEAL PROCESS

NOTICE WAS HEREBY GIVEN on the 22 day of July, 2021, in accordance with Section 222 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, that on July 13, 2021 the Council of the Town of Caledon enacted By-law 2021-62 to redivide the wards of the municipality.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 222 (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, any person or agency may make an appeal in respect of the By-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing a notice of appeal with the Town of Caledon setting out the objections to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objections. A notice of appeal must be filed within 45 days after the By-law to redivide the wards was passed. The final day to file a notice of appeal is **Monday, August 30, 2021**.

A notice of appeal may be filed with the Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk by mail or in person at Town Hall located at 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J6. Please include a certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance in the amount of $1,100.00 when submitting a notice of appeal.

Please note that the right to appeal only applies to the ward structure and not the composition or method of selection for Local or Regional Councillors.

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Brock's Banter

Bossy Little Old Lady

BY BROCK WEIR

The 24-hour news cycle is a funny thing.

There are some stories that come out that do indeed warrant coverage which might, on the surface, receive excessive hour-after-hour coverage; but, over the course of each 60-minute interval, new nuggets of information are found, new perspectives are offered by new experts, and, given any tidbit, the news landscape can drastically change.

This, of course, will start the cycle all over again with people either glued to it every minute or quickly looking elsewhere to find out what else is going on around the world or, at worst, seeking out a distraction from the harsh realities that are around us.

This past week, I had the chance to speak to an Anishinaabe elder for a story in another newspaper.

The purpose of the interview was to discuss an upcoming story circle at a local park where, just a few short months ago, she led the community in a show of solidarity following the discovery of the remains of 215 Indigenous children in the grounds of the former Kamloops residential school.

It was, as we all know, the first of many such discoveries around the country, leading to some tough questions on the darker parts of our past.

The next discovery of a like number of remains at another site continued to capture the attention of Canadians still reeling from Kamloops. The further uncovering of more than 700 further graves near a former residential school in Saskatchewan was a further gut punch to a still tender bruise.

Despite sure knowledge that what has been uncovered so far is just the tip of the iceberg, the results of further work of First Nations communities with ground-penetrating radar appears to be hitting the general population a bit differently.

Perhaps because the individual numbers of graves in each batch haven't crossed the tragically staggering threshold of 700, that it somehow seems less impactful might be a sad reality for many. But it doesn't need to be.

"It is such a horrible time for us and they are not even talking about it anymore on the news and still more bodies have been discovered," said elder Kim Wheatley of Turtle Clan. "[Shows of solidarity] planted a seed of hope because I feel Canadians have not done their best in this instance. These are babies. There should be no fatigue in this instance.

"Every child matters and we can't let this become a fatigue news item. We need to do our best to help protect the rights of children in this country – all children, but specifically Indigenous children and women. We're the most vulnerable in this country and the ones still experiencing the most harm."

The solution? "Do your best to learn about it and offer meaningful support where possible, whether with dollars or actions, or petitions, and be in your own community spreading the word, doing something collectively that is really powerful and change-making."

This change, it is often said, comes from the top, and I hope Canadians – Indigenous and settler alike – feel the pride that so many, including myself, felt last Monday morning when Mary Simon became Canada's first Indigenous Governor General.

Some might still question the relevancy of the Governor General's office in this day and age; after all, the powers they hold on behalf of the sovereign are largely ceremonial. But therein, in my view, lies its true power. It is influence, however symbolic, that is designed to represent the Canadian people without being beholden to divisive party politics, a specific mandate that could make the office holder beholden to other interests. When it functions best – and, admittedly, the aborted term of Julie Payette is a perfect example of the office not functioning at its optimum level – the Governor General is beholden to two parties: the sovereign they represent and the citizens of this country.

This time around, however, responsibility to the latter group is particularly stronger given the crossroads we find ourselves as a nation.

"Where we gather today is of enormous significance to me," said the newly-minted Governor General in her first speech in the position from the temporary Senate chamber across the street from Parliament Hill. "39 years ago, when this was the Government Conference Centre, I worked with other Indigenous leaders and First Ministers to have our rights affirmed in the Constitution of Canada. That moment made this one possible."

The daughter of an Inuk mother and a father she describes as "from the south", she said her upbringing helped she and her siblings live in two worlds: "the Inuit world and the non-Inuit southern world."

"This foundation of core values has both served and shaped me through my life, and I believe helped me get to an important turning point as a young girl, when I stopped being afraid," she said. "It took time before I gained the self-confidence to assert myself and my beliefs in the non-Indigenous world. But when I came to understand that my voice has power and that others were looking to me to be their voice, I was able to let go of my fear."

A further guiding force, she says, is the "importance of promoting healing and wellness through all forms of education, from creating public policy, to legislative reform, to improving school curricula, to advocating for human rights."

"Since the publication of the Truth & Reconciliation report six years ago, we have learned as a country that we need to learn the real history of Canada. Embracing this truth makes us stronger as a nation, unites Canadian society and teaches our kids that we must do our best, especially when it is hard.

"The discoveries of unmarked graves on the grounds of residential schools in recent weeks has horrified me, along with all Canadians. A lot of people think that reconciliation will be completed through projects and services. All Canadians deserve access to services. My view is that reconciliation is a way of life and requires work every day. Reconciliation is getting to know one another."

As a Canadian, I look forward to getting to know Mary Simon more as she settles into her new role. Turning to the Prime Minister in a tongue-in-cheek moment during her installation ceremony, Her Excellency said her Inuk name translates to "Bossy Little Old Lady" in English and I, for one, welcome this. To paraphrase Tina Fey and Amy Poehler – and to sanitize it a little bit because this is a family newspaper, after all – "Bossy little old ladies get stuff done," and Ms. Simon comes to the table with an unparalleled wealth of insight and experience to do just that.

We need somebody like her to ensure the momentum we have as a country to confront our past doesn't slow, doesn't become a subject of fatigue, and ultimately results in action.



Is "easy" really what our species needs?

by Mark Pavilons



"I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well."
- Theodore Roosevelt

We are living in fast-paced times. We're desperately trying to catch up to our always-expanding technology, but we have to wonder to what end.

Our world, and our species, have seen more wonders, more advancements in the last 100 years than in all of our hundreds of thousands of years on this planet. In what can be seen as the blink of an eye, we've gone from horse and buggy to rides in space. We've gone from dying young to living long. We've switched from back-breaking work to modern luxury.

I doubt there are many people in this country who don't have a ton of gadgets – from garage door openers and smart phones, to electric vehicles and smart appliances.

Just a generation ago from yours truly, my parents had emerged from a horrible world war. Dusting themselves off as youngsters, they came to Canada in search of a life, any life.

They worked hard, learned the language, worked for low wages and lived frugally. They didn't have cell phones, and often didn't even have a dime for a pay phone. They had no idea about fax machines, credit cards or online shopping. They wasted nothing and were realistic in their expectations.

Like many immigrants, they managed to carve out a decent life – not an extravagant one, but a good one.

They had no one to rely on and never expected hand-outs or donations. They worked for every penny, every step forward. They saved and were cautious with their money. They lived in an era of essentials, with a dash of social interaction from time to time.

Even as I grew as a youngster (the last of the Boomers), I was blessed, even spoiled. I really never longed for anything that my parents couldn't provide. I had a strong foundation, learned values and ethics. I'm not really sure where my humour, wit and curiosity came from. My charm, well that took years of practice to perfect!

Most subsequent generations – the Xs, Ys and Zs – have had it similarly easy. Sure, we all fall on hard times and have to work to meet unexpected challenges and turmoil. The past 18 months is a huge case in point.

But our young people today aren't plagued by well, the plague, rotting teeth, polio, malnutrition or (largely) homelessness. Most parents are more than happy to offer extended stays in the basement (once considered a joke or criticism). Most parents help with cars, car payments and car insurance.

Most parents offer their services as taxi drivers, Uber Eats delivery people and cleaning crews.

Heck, at the touch of a screen, food can be delivered within an hour. Online shopping is fast and easy, with packages arriving on our doorstep the next day.

Sadly, we don't have to leave our homes for most necessities today.

Sure, it's easy and simple, but is that what God intended for us? Is this way of life part of the grand "land of milk and honey?"

I'm not sure.

Granted, technology has provided some wonderful benefits, not the least of which is improvements to health, medicine and non-invasive surgeries.

Our kitchen gadgets are insanely "smart," to the point where cooking is no longer a chore. I came across a "smart cooker" recently (all-in-one pressure cooker) that can be accessed and monitored from your phone. We have robot vacuums and robot lawn mowers.

Our home entertainment offers a multitude of streaming services, movies, shows and experiences of all shapes and sizes. We could "camp out" on our sofas for days, as long as Skip the Dishes keeps coming!

I'm forever thankful for map features on my phone, helping me to find locations across the province. I don't know how we did without them! Well, I do, and can not-so-fondly remember the unfoldable folding maps.

I enjoy having smart air purifiers in my home, for the health of my family members.

I rely on the Internet for a great many things, not the least of which are how-do videos and family recipes.

I enjoy the speed and miracles of receiving news and information from around the world, on an hourly basis.

And yet in all of this technological splendour, we're moody, grumpy, depressed, even sick.

I wonder if "easy" is what we need.

Many of us Boomers often call for a return to simpler things, a less complicated way of life.

That's not to suggest we abandon all modern conveniences. We can live in harmony with technology, as long as we don't become too reliant, too soft, too mentally blob-like.

Leonardo da Vinci, the creator of many advanced gizmos, once said that "simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

Steve Jobs said: "Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."

If you haven't tried it lately, cooking over a camp fire is just marvellous.

Or, like Forrest Gump, if you feel like running – well, just run.

We humans, in an effort to escape from our hectic, fast-paced urban lives, retreat to the woods, lakes, rivers and farms. It's there we find the ultimate in simplicity.

I'm reminded of another sentiment that nature doesn't hurry along, and yet everything gets done. Our fellow citizens are now calling for device-free days and going "off the grid." It's all in an attempt to get back to basics and just enjoy what's all around us.

"Voluntary simplicity means going fewer places in one day rather than more, seeing less so I can see more, doing less so I can do more, acquiring less so I can have more," said Jon Katat-Zinn.



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It's time again for a Thank You

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Every once in awhile I try to remember to put blinkers on my cynical self, don some rose-coloured glasses and remind me, myself and I that we live in a good place here in Caledon and in the good country of Canada.

Sure I know I do my fair share of griping and there are plenty of "opportunities " for us to do better (and I often write about them) but today with the Civic Holiday having just passed, I want to focus on the civic-minded. It's time again, likely a bit overdue, for a thank you.

I don't think it's too much of a stretch to declare that folks who put their name down on an election ballot at the local level are doing so out of a genuine desire to help community. This might take on different meanings for different people: some, perhaps driven by a love of libraries and education and seeking to enhance both, others impacted by witnessing inequity may seek office to help address it or perhaps someone loves Caledon because of both its rural and urban balance and hopes to help manage and direct future development.

Regardless of their specific motivation, these are people who also willingly listen to complaints all day long, who knowingly put a target on their back for vitriol and blame and who rarely receive thanks for their hard work and commitment to community. Of course, I'm talking abut our Town and Regional Councillors and our Mayor, all just people like you and I, none with any specific experience in handling a pandemic (also just like you and I) and most of whom work at being a councillor while also juggling other full-time occupations and responsibilities. For that alone, they deserve a thank you for what seems to me, as a casual observer, an often thankless task.

By singling out one Councillor in particular, you run the risk of offending others, each of whom continue to quietly work both in front of and behind the scenes to help our community manage through these challenging times. Now that there's some light at the end of the tunnel, however, it seems only right to acknowledge the amazing efforts of Councillor Tony Rosa who has de facto become the face of the Love Local Caledon movement.

His efforts at promoting our Town and our local businesses have been a highlight of social media feeds for some time now, even going so far as to attract the attention of bigger media markets with a feature in the Toronto Star not too long ago. In it, The Star correctly noted that, "locally owned and operated businesses are the social, cultural and economic heart of a community." These are the folks who sponsor our children in sports, support school fundraisers and any kind of local campaign that pops up to help people in need. Provincial lockdowns had the potential to shutter these businesses permanently and it was through the significant efforts of Councillor Rosa, together with the team at the Economic Development Office, that our Love Local campaign was so successful.

More recently, the Love Local campaign also hit the road to highlight the many wonderful features of every one of our little towns, hamlets and villages in order to encourage visitors and residents alike to explore all that Caledon has to offer.

Joined by the Mayor and involving Councillors from every ward, these vignettes help to share all that is good in Caledon. Aided throughout in both instances by another local success story, the company Lucky Element Media has played a significant role in taking these campaigns to the next level. Finally, to round out the summer, Councillor Rosa is helping to support and promote the "Building Unity & Community" Concert Series which includes a performance specifically for our Frontline Workers. Well done, kudos and thank you indeed!

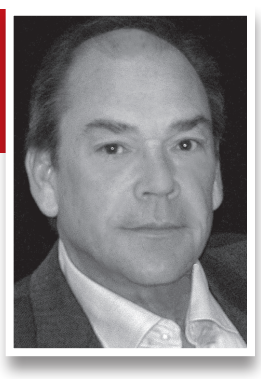
The Civic Holiday is actually a municipally-designated holiday and not a provincial or federally mandated one. Across Ontario and across Canada, it takes on different names celebrating a certain person or a significant local historical event. That's why you might see the day referred to as Simcoe Day in Toronto or Heritage Day in Alberta. However you spent this past long weekend, I hope you included some time spent right here at home, in Caledon, supporting local – our local businesses thank you.

Finally – before I leave and speaking of good things, can I just give a shout out to our Canadian female athletes at the Olympics? As of the time of writing, our medal count was an impressive 11 medals, 3 of them gold and all from women! Our female athletes are on point! Congratulations!

(Editor's Note: This week's column was was submitted before Ontario's Andre De Grasse brought home the Gold in 200-metre sprint on Wednesday)

Rising fuel costs

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



When was the last time you decided to throw a barbecue, invite a bunch of friends over and toss some steaks on the grill?

If you're like a lot of people, it was burgers and hotdogs because you didn't want to go the bank to take out a "barbecue and steak" loan to afford the cost of buying quality beef for ten people.

I've noticed a lot of posts on Facebook lately from people complaining about the prices in certain grocery stores.

The grocery stores have to maintain a margin to stay afloat. If you notice the cost of food is rising it's not because the grocery stores have suddenly decided to increase prices.

It's because the cost of distribution is going through the roof. All those shelves aren't filled by cargo arriving by hot air balloon or horse drawn buggies.

All that food arrives by truck through a huge network of transportation that stretches across North America and beyond. They don't grow pineapples in P.E.I. or bananas in Newfoundland.

With fuel costs again on the rise, it costs more to run the millions of trucks across the continent and that cost is passed directly on to you. According to Ontario.ca, on July 26, the average price of a litre of regular gasoline in Ontario was $1.37.4.

Woe to you if you drive a high-performance car – the average price for premium was $1.61.3.

The average price 13 months ago was .80 cents per litre. They blamed that on the pandemic and "demand" saying fewer people were driving.

So here we are, still in a pandemic with a lot of people still working from home, and yet the price of fuel has increased 58 per cent over a year.

The public would not stand for an increase of that amount for a loaf of bread, and in Ontario, there would be a huge outcry if that 24 from the Beer Store went up that much.

Whether you like it or not, we are still a nation, in fact a world, that relies on petroleum-based fuel to power cars, trains, ships, aircraft, and your lawnmower.

There is a push to switch to electric powered cars. People seem to think that will create some kind of idyllic world where we are all buzzing around silently in environmentally happy cars for free.

Except electricity isn't a free and it's not a naturally occurring resource like some people think. You still need fuel to turn the turbines that create the electricity. Wind and solar power is only an option – they do not have the capacity to create enough power to supply the country.

Add to that the fact that in a few years there is another environmental disaster just waiting to happen when the world is suddenly faced with several million used lithium-ion batteries that need to be disposed of.

So we are still reliant on petroleum whether we like it or not.

Oil companies claim that their prices are based on many different factors – a lot of which are influenced by politics in the Middle East where they get their crude oil.

It's too bad that we are so reliant on places on the other side of the world to get crude oil because they have what we need.

But wait a minute – oil in Canada?

Canada has the third largest proven oil reserves in the world behind Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Proven oil reserves are defined as the "amount of crude oil located in a particular region that can be recovered with current technological constraints and at a cost that is financially feasible at the current price of oil."

In other words, we have the oil, the technology to get it, and at a decent cost.

It's time to ramp up Canada's oil production and start using fuel that is obtained and refined on Canadian soil instead of relying on unstable countries from half way around the world.

With the increasing cost of fuel, you can expect everything else to go up as well – everything else that is except your salary.

The federal government places huge taxes on fuel because they know you have no choice but to buy gas for your car. It's your government – they are supposed to be working for us, not against us.

If you think it's expensive to feed your family now, wait to see what happens if fuel costs continue to rise.





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Two-day Bolton Journey of Hope event is focused on thanking frontline workers and supporting local

BY ROB PAUL

With Ontario in Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopening, the Caledon community is able to host in-person events again, and Councillor Annette Groves is taking advantage of the opportunity.

With the help of the Bolton Community Crew and VEC Entertainment, on August 13 and 14 at 194 McEwan Drive East in Bolton (Landmark Cinemas parking lot), there will be two days of live entertainment and local food vendors as part of Bolton's Journey of Hope event.

The event's focus is to bring the community together in celebration and support of one another, the frontline workers, and local businesses.

"Annette came up with the idea and then she included the Bolton Community Crew and VEC Entertainment—who is also a local business in Bolton," said Bolton Community Crew's Vilma Tarquini. "In collaboration with the Bolton Community Crew and VEC Entertainment we wanted to do something for the community to show appreciation to the frontline workers and the businesses that struggled through the pandemic with the lockdown.

"This is also for our residents, to give them hope and a night where they can actually go out with their families and enjoy themselves. All of this has affected a lot of people and residents that I speak to and the local businesses. And it will have local vendors to help out the businesses as much as we can. This is something we've been really looking forward to."

Without Groves leading the way Tarquini says the event wouldn't be moving forward, and points to her tireless efforts in raising funds for community events as a reason why Bolton is so strong.

"Annette came up with the idea and raised all the funds," she said. "She always raises the funds for all of our events; we threw Midnight Madness for example and Annette raised $20,000 for that. She's done so much for our community."

The free concert has long lineup of talented names that the Bolton Community Crew is excited about and Tarquini says it's all thanks to VEC Entertainment.

"We're going to have live entrainment through VEC Entertainment—they're taking care of the concert side of it, which actually has award-winning performers and we're really looking for to it," she said. "We're going to have great entertainers like Liberty Silver—we're going back to the 80s—we have Absolute Journey and they're fantastic, and we've even got some Caledon talent too with Sylvia Kay."

The support of passionate community members in the Bolton Community Crew is what helped the idea take off, but having residents who are always willing to lend a hand is a big piece of the puzzle too, says Tarquini.

"The Bolton Community Crew is just a bunch of volunteers that care about our community," she said. "We're active members of the Bolton community and we just want to do everything we can for the residents. Cole O'Donnell, the assistant manager of Zehrs, every time I ask him if he's willing to donate something for free for the community for these events, he says, 'I will do anything for my community, I've lived here for so many years.' He's going to [donate] 12 cases of water and 12 cases of juice, which allows us to give it to the residents free of charge. Every time we run an event, he's donating to us. It makes it so much easier with residents like him."

With the unknown of COVID still looming, Tarquini says it wasn't easy prepping and planning such a big event for the Bolton community.

"It was difficult because of the lockdown, and they kept changing the rules and regulations," she said. "We were hopeful and then we weren't and then we got hopeful again. We started planning this at the beginning of the year and we were always let down because of COVID."

After 16 months of the pandemic, Tarquini knows all residents are mentally exhausted and hopes that this can act as a getaway for them as well as a 'thank you' to all those who had to keep on working on the frontlines through the tough times.

"Our frontline workers have done so much for us," she said. "This isn't just the emergency services, this is for the grocery store workers, the people who had to work through all of this—they're frontline workers, too. I've seen so many young people working throughout COVID just to pay for school, and I'd always thank them because they're frontline workers, too.

"This is for everyone. We're doing all of this because we want to support local and thank our frontline workers. But this is for mental health too. This is for our residents, just to give them the opportunity to get out and enjoy an event with their families. We're doing this for a lot of reasons."

As the restrictions ease, Tarquini and the Bolton Community Crew are planning more events to help Bolton rebuild as it comes through the impact of the pandemic.

"We're going to organize something else too," she said. "Come the fall, we have something else in mind."

Legislation aimed at addressing housing affordability proposed

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback recently raised the issue of housing affordability in House of Commons and is currently working on passing legislation aimed at pausing prices and increasing supply.

He noted that the one per cent luxury tax for foreign buyers being promised by Ottawa isn't going to do enough to slow the market as prices continue to rise significantly. From January to May of this year prices went up 30 per cent in Dufferin County alone.

"Young people are saying, 'I'm never going to be able to afford to buy a house looking at prices as they're going,'" said Seeback during question period with MP Ahmed Hussen in the House of Commons last month.

He told the Citizen first time home buyers, even in their 30s and 40s are being priced out of the market.

"The prices in southern Ontario are sort of mind-boggling to me and we've got to put a lid on this," Seeback said.

To address the affordability issue, Seeback is supporting a motion presented by his Conservative colleague, Brad Vis, that calls on the federal government to examine a temporary freeze on home purchases from non-resident foreign buyers who are pricing Canadians out of the market.

"There is an issue with non-resident foreign buyers who are buying up properties to flip them or for investment, so we've got to put a freeze on that, and then look at a way to disincentivize those people going forward," he explained.

The proposed motion also calls on the feds to strengthen law enforcement tools to halt money laundering from organized crime, which is a Canada wide issue, primarily impacting metropolitan areas.

"We've got to crack down on that," he remarked.

As well, the motion calls on the federal government to implement tax incentives focused on increasing the supply of purpose-built market rental housing units.

Seeback also noted that the issue of large multi-billion-dollar corporations buying up residential housing should be reviewed at as well.

"We have to stop looking at ways for ultra-rich corporations and ultra-rich landowners to continue to get rich, while the average person is unable to buy, we have to fix that inequality in any way possible," Seeback told the Citizen.

He said the final item to help offset the housing affordability issue isn't through legislation but working with municipal and provincial governments to look at ways of increasing the supply of housing.

The lack of supply paired with pent up demand creates the skyrocketing prices Canadians have seen over the last 18 months.

Orangeville real estate broker John Walkinshaw told the Citizen that the government should be creating legislation to address the housing issue but noted that things like the one per cent luxury tax on foreign investment will do little to slow things down.

"I think that these direct concerns with massive corporations buying on mass and money laundering and the foreign investors – those are all very real things that I think that government should be dealing with and putting rules in place," said Walkinshaw. "I don't personally believe that more taxation on those circumstances is going to curb that issue because there seems to be deep pockets, and for them it just adds to their cost a little bit, but it doesn't stop them."

"The non-foreign investment tax, in my opinion, might make the government some extra money, but I don't think it's going to actually stop the problem," he added.

When looking at non-resident foreign purchasers buying up property in Canada, Walkinshaw said it's happening a bit from a farmland perspective in Dufferin County, however that land is still being farmed so it's less of an issue, in his view.

Areas like Toronto and Vancouver are more likely to attract that form of investment, he noted. Although what happens in the larger cities has a ripple effect for the housing market here, said Walkinshaw.

"The prices that they're paying, in turn, also increases the prices elsewhere and it's a ripple effect that goes farther than Toronto as people are searching for housing – period," he remarked.

A similar impact happens with money laundering from organized crime driving up prices in larger urban centres. In Toronto alone, $28 billion in real estate was bought by anonymous owners since 2008, which includes nearly $10 billion worth of housing bought by companies in cash. Across Canada, a 2019 report from the C.D Howe Institute estimates money laundering could be as high as $100 to $130 billion a year.

And Walkinshaw said the government's current system for stopping the issue is inadequate.

Real estate agents are to report any suspicious activity when selling a home, but he noted that those who work with money launderers are likely going to look the other way.

"The realtor who would deal with someone that was doing money laundering is probably not 100 per cent ethical, and in turn, it's self-defeating to the realtor to flag that person because then the realtor won't get commissions." Walkinshaw explained.

"So that system, I think, is kind of broken. Those money launderers would be using the same agent over and over and over to do those transactions… there's no teeth in the current legislation, from my perspective."

With so much money flowing into the real estate market anonymously, many Canadian realtors have called on the government to enact legislation similar to what's been done in the U.S and U.K, requiring ownership registries. These registries force those who own property via numbered companies (shell companies) or trust funds to reveal their true identities.

When looking at younger people who are able to cover incredibly high down payments despite skyrocketing prices, Walkinshaw said a lot of what he's seeing is generational wealth at play.

The money being made by the older Canadian population who purchased a house for around $200,000 about 20 years ago that is now worth $1 million, is being passed down to their grandchildren to assist with down payments, he noted.

The real issue with the housing market, according to Walkinshaw, is that young families who can't rely on money from family, can't come up with a down payment.

He said a solution to this locally could be expanding the often-overlooked Dufferin County Home Ownership Program, which provides moderate income households with interest free down payment assistance to help purchase a home.

"A program like that actually legitimately helps somebody buy a home because the impediment of the down payment is dealt with through some financial aid from a government body, in this case, Dufferin County," Walkinshaw explained.

Going forward, to truly address the issue, he said creating a similar program provincially or federally would help many Canadians enter the real estate market that see it as out of reach presently.

That could be the solution for helping an ever-increasing percentage of Ontarians who fear they'll never be able to own a home.





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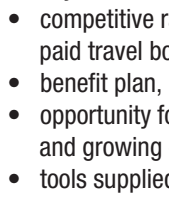
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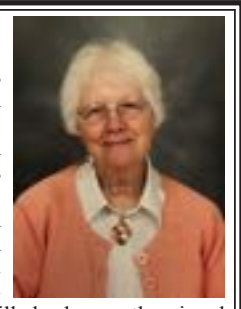
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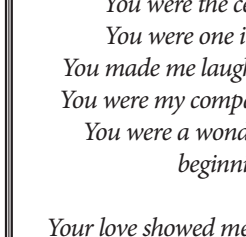
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Robert's Rant: Going to a game was like seeing an 8th Wonder

BY ROBERT BELARDI
OPINION

The moment I arrived at York Lions Stadium Friday night, I saw what I have not seen in two years.

There were fans, draped in York United kits and scarves. From the parking lot, I heard the P.A. announcer in the stadium going over new sales and promotions to the supporters.

As I approached Gate 2B, I picked up my press pass for the rest of the Canadian Premier League season. I was stoked as I called for the elevator to take me to the fourth floor.

As the doors opened, I saw the field from the glass window. I saw the players standing for the national anthem. I saw, 1,710 fans standing all together as one.

As I sat down inside the press box, it had felt surreal. As if it was my first time coming to a game as a reporter. Goosebumps trickled down all over my body in excitement.

I heard the songs being sung from the Forge FC away supporters. I heard the chants from the York United supporters. What better way to kick off the first game with fans than with an effusive bunch in the stands.

But, of course, I am reporting on York United and the club didn't get off to a hot start. As a matter of fact, it was Forge FC, just four minutes in who got on the board. A neat ball into the box was chested down Molham Babouli and the forward tucked the ball into the net to make it 1-0.

York hadn't found their footing in the first half. There were nerves for sure in more ways than one. In the 41st minute, things didn't get any better as York defender Dominick Zator had been awarded a red card for his challenge against 22-year-old winger Tristan Borges.

Everyone in the press box, including myself questioned the call. Borges had embellished it and because Zator was the last-man back it almost left the official with no other choice.

In the second half, York turned on the jets with 10-men. Max Ferrari had shifted to right-back and Michael Petrasso had come on returning from his hamstring problem. He almost put one in the net in the 88-minute.

The game finished 1-0.

"I think for the first fifteen-twenty minutes of the game the occasion got the better of us. We made the simple things very difficult. We were making passes that we shouldn't have passed. Played everything straight," head coach Jimmy Brennan said in the post-match press conference.

"In the second half, I can't fault the team's effort. We ended up putting two up top. We played a 4-3-2. We didn't want to bunker in. I thought we had a chance here getting forward. The guys adapted to the situation it was unfortunate we couldn't nick one in at the end."

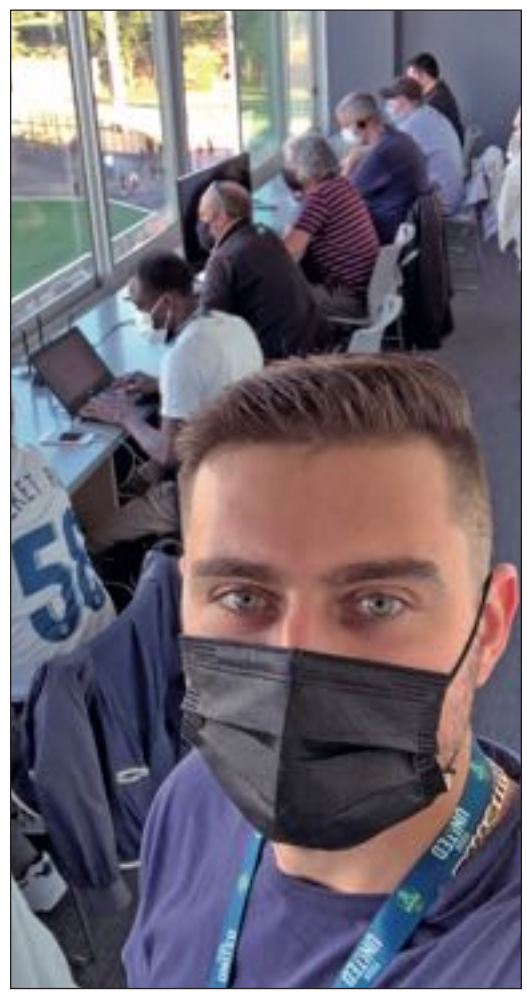
Brennan alluded to the fact that the fans in the stands were nice and he said you could feel how excited the players were to be back and in front of supporters once again. Hearing voices in the stands was a lot better than the silence of the bubble and in Winnipeg.

"I guess the crowd got to us. Nothing crazy, but we were just slow off the bat. I think maybe that has to do with playing all those games in 25 days in Winnipeg. But we built into the game and we competed the whole 90," said York midfielder Max Ferrari after the game.

"We're very close on and off the field. We all work for each other. We want the same thing we have the same goals. We push each other and for 90 minutes we pushed each other."

For York United, Terique Mohammed and Lowell Wright came off injured throughout the match. Wright's was a simple cramp but Mohammed seemed to of tweaked his knee.

York took on Forge at Tim Hortons Field this past Wednesday. The boys will be on the road for three straight games before returning home to take on Masters Futbol in the Canadian Championship August 21.



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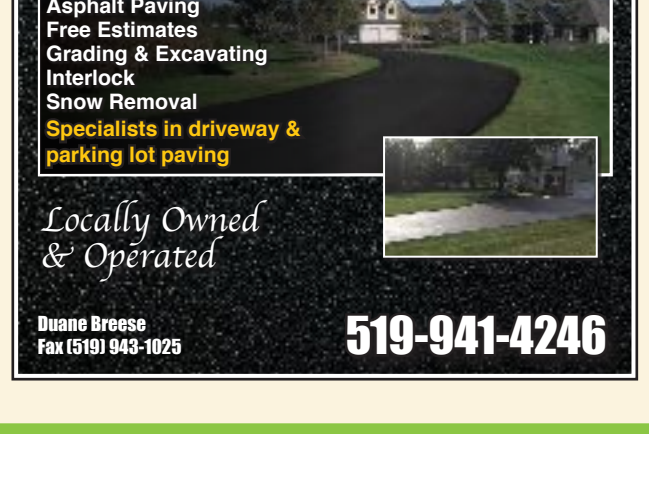
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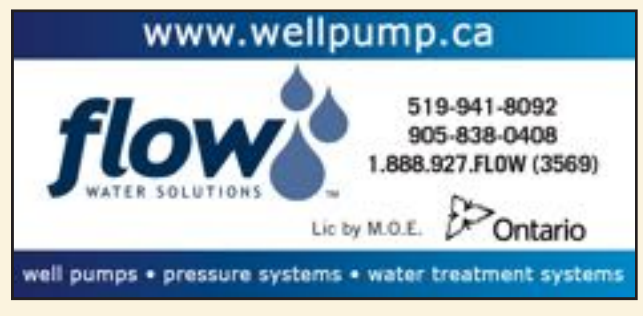




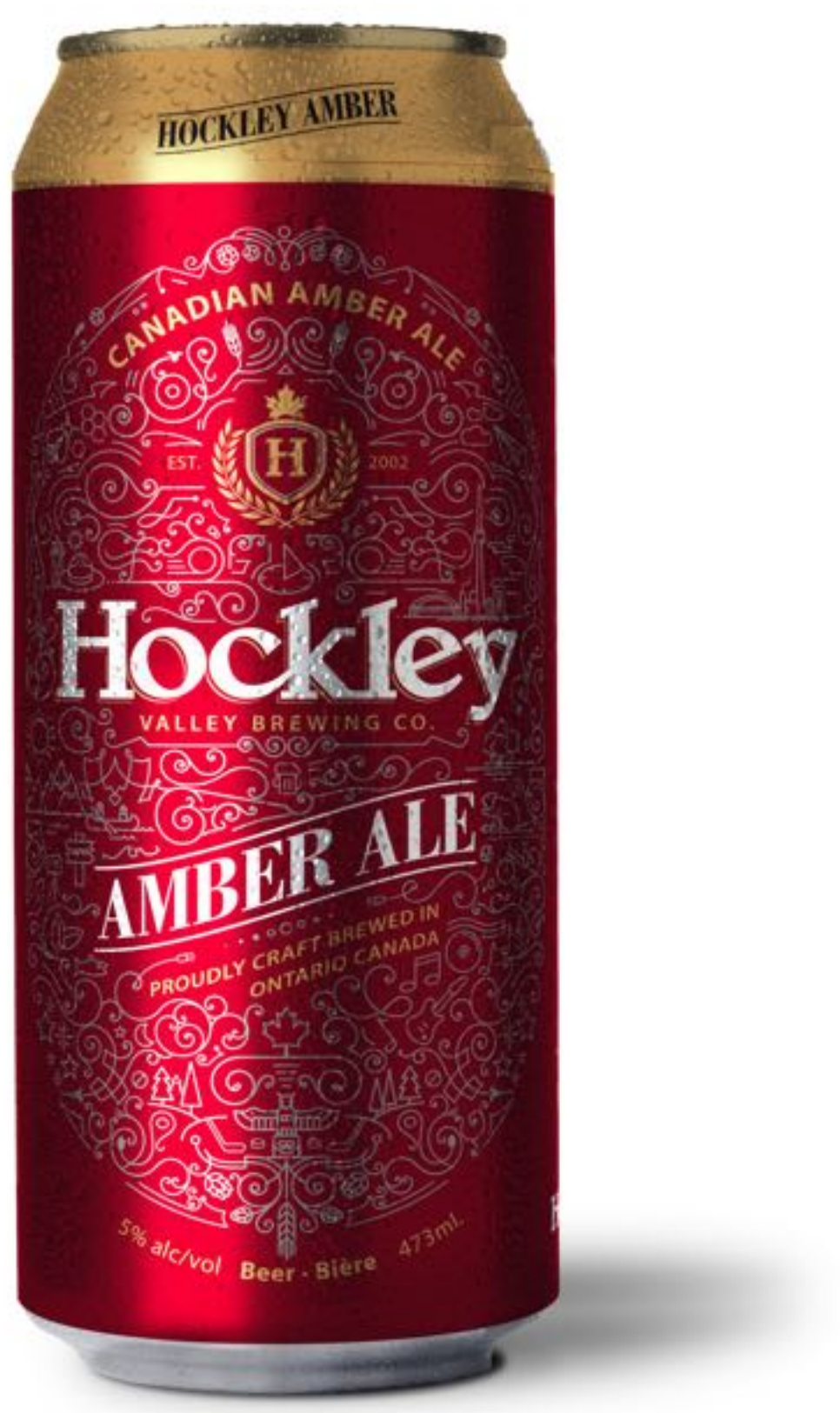
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