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Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief Stacey LaForme and Mayor Allan Thompson hold up the Wampum Belt Thompson presented to LaForme in 2018 at a Special Council meeting last week.

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Council marks "historic" meeting with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

BY ROB PAUL

Last week, Caledon Council made history by holding the first ever joint session of council with the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation.

This session was a continuation of a special relationship following a series of important milestones in municipal-First Nation government relations

These include a specially commissioned Wampum Belt presented in 2018, as well as the raising of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation flag at Town Hall to mark National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30, 2021.

The meeting included a re-commitment of the Wampum Belt, a smudging ceremony, and a conversation on how the parties can continue to work together as stewards of the Town, the land and its beautiful natural features.

In 2018, Mayor Allan Thompson presented a Wampum Belt to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief Stacey LaForme. The belt was commissioned by an Indigenous artist and is inspired by the 200th anniversary of Ajetance Treaty 19, which encompasses the Town of Caledon, and includes other important symbols to illustrate the significant and historic meaning behind the presentation.

"We are connected by Treaty 19, and we're also connected through deep respect for the lands that make up the Town of Caledon," said Thompson. "The meeting and presentation of the Wampum Belt in 2018 has grown into a friendship I greatly value today."

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Bolton "House of Horrors" aims to raise money for SickKids

BY ROB PAUL

Halloween is a special time of year where kids can dress as some of their favourite characters while getting to eat bottomless amounts of candy and adults can feel like kids again too by throwing on a mask and chowing down on some sweets.

It's a time when everybody has the chance to lean into the spookiness of the night by decorating their homes while also having the ability to light up children's faces as they throw chocolate into their bags at the call of "trick-or-treat."

Some houses go bigger than others, but ultimately it's about letting kids have that one day a year to embrace the Halloween spirit and make memories that last forever.

That's why people like Bolton's Brian Marmoreo live for Halloween and doing everything they can on October 31.

This year Marmoreo and his girlfriend Alexandria Celebre are really going to show off how much they love Hallows' Eve by being a must-stop on any every trick-or-treating route in the Bolton neighbourhood.

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“House of Horrors” in Bolton aims raise money for SickKids while getting people into the Halloween spirit

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On Halloween from 5 p.m. to midnight, their house—located at 136 Riverwood Terrace, Bolton—will be set up as the House of Horrors. But not only will it be dripping with spooky spirit, but they’ll also be running a fundraiser for SickKids Hospital.

Marmoreo has always been a big believer in going all out for Halloween and it originally started as a tradition with his sister, but he wanted to give Bolton a taste of the fun and fright his homemade decorations bestow on those who dare to come by.

“I started doing Halloween years and years ago when I couldn’t trick-or-treat anymore at the age of 15,” he said. “Me and my sister have been doing it for years and I just really love it; it’s my favourite holiday and I really enjoy it. My sister and I started this tradition when I was 19 [with] just a red-light and pumpkin. We decided to hand-out candy…and we loved it. Every year we started doing it and doing it better. She moved to Stouffville, and we did it there for years and we did it here in 2019, but back there last year.”

“His sister bought a new home, so they wanted to do it there last year,” adds Celebre. “But then we wanted to do ours too, so we decided to divide and conquer this year.”

The fundraising aspect came to Marmoreo when he started to think about the children who aren’t able to dress up and hit the streets for candy with their parents.

“This is the first year we’ve done a fundraiser and I’d never done it before because I guess we didn’t think we were good enough,” he said. “Then I took a look around and realized, you know what, we aren’t half bad. The reason I contacted SickKids for it is because this is a holiday for kids—it’s for everyone, but the trick-or-treating part is for the kids and that’s what made me want to do it for them. This is so important to me because I want to bring the spirit back while fundraising for kids that can’t trick-or-treat and experience this. It’s not the same and it breaks my heart that the kids at SickKids can’t trick-or-treat and come here to see this. I’m hoping maybe next year we can bring some of the kids from SickKids here to give them some of the Halloween experience.”



Brian Marmoreo and Alexandria Celebre will have their house on Riverwood Terrace in Bolton looking haunted this Halloween with Marmoreos homemade decorations as they raise money for SickKids. **PHOTO BY ROB PAUL**

To help make the donation process to SickKids easier and safer given the ongoing pandemic, all those who wanted to donate will have to do is scan a barcode when at Marmoreo’s House of Horrors.

“The goal is $1,000—I was hoping to make it $10,000, but we aren’t sure what the turnout will be,” he said. “If we can hit the $1,000 mark, that’ll mean something. If you come you don’t have to donate, but it would be fantastic if people do have the ability to donate. People will just have to scan a QR code we have, and it will allow them to donate right there through their phone.”

With last year’s Halloween not being quite the same because of COVID-19, Marmoreo is hopeful that kids will have a closer to normal time this year and he’s hoping next year he’ll be able to do it even bigger.

“I feel like it’s one of those holidays that is a little underappreciated and I’m just trying to bring the spirit back. It’s seeing an idea and then mutating it to what you want to do and I just love making this type of stuff. I could make terrifying stuff, but this stuff isn’t as bad or gory because it’s for the kids. I don’t think anyone is going to come here and be disappointed with what I’ve made, but the one thing I don’t do is I don’t make animatronics. Unfortunately, I’m not there yet with it, but I just love making this stuff and coming up with ideas for it and everything I make has a name—like how they call Jaws ‘Bruce.›

“It takes a lot of time; it’s maybe taken me 10 hours to make everything. To be honest, a lot of this stuff is me buying stuff and making it or putting it together from there, I know some people make everything from scratch and that’s amazing, but I didn’t have that time this year. Next year will be different because I’ll have more time. This year is just a little taste of what I hope to do – next year I’m going to unleash it.”

The number one thing Marmoreo wants to get out of this is to help families get into the Halloween spirit and have an unforgettable time and that’s why he aimed to make his house so unique.

“As good or as bad as it looks, you aren’t going to find stuff like this anywhere else. You won’t see anything like this and it’s not like it’s the best—there are people out there who do amazing stuff—but it’s all about the creativity and that aspect of Halloween. It’s unique and it’s different, and I’m only improving.

«Every year I try to up the ante and get better and better. Even though I make this stuff I still think it’s cool to have iconic characters being a part of it so [Alexandria] is Freddy and I’ll be Michael and we’ll have Sam from Trick ‘r Treat out front. We’ll have two smoke machines and seven-foot reaper. We’ve got tiki torches that will be lit up (with lights) and pumpkins hanging from the tree with lights in them. At night when everything is lit up it looks amazing.”

“When you throw the lighting on it at night it really gives it a different type of look,” said Celebre. “Adding the lighting is such a huge part of it. We put pink lighting on one of them at night and it looks legit fleshy like it’s dripping, it’s gross, but it’s awesome. He’s always been so adamant about having enough lighting because otherwise you won’t see it the way it’s meant to be seen.”

With the pandemic still ongoing, Marmoreo and Celebre wanted to make sure all trick-or-treaters would be comfortable and safe this Halloween, so they’ve implemented precautions and it completely contactless.

“What we’re doing here for COVID safety is we’re going to have a sanitation station at the front, and we’ll have an enter and exit sign,” he said. “We’ll have people walk up the driveway and have pumpkins every six-feet with yellow tape to keep distance. Once they come get the candy, they’ll exit the opposite way, and we’ll have a lot of props decorating the driveway as well as the yard. We don’t want to have people huddled up in front of the house just to be safe, so we’ll have stuff staggered and clear signage and a pathway.”

“We’ll even be sending candy down a tube, and it’s designed to look like an extended arm of Freddy Krueger because I’ll be dressed as Freddy,” adds Celebre. “And the candy will go into an orange bucket at the bottom of the tube for kids to pick from or right into their bag.”

As Marmoreo and Celebre prepare their home for October 31, they’ve noticed more people getting into the Halloween spirit and they hope everyone does their best to give kids in the neighbourhood a night to remember.

“I’ve been seeing a lot of activity on the street and it’s fantastic,” he said. “When I helped with my sister’s house in Stouffville, all their neighbours saw what we brought to the table. They live in a court and everyone in the court got excited and they wanted to get involved too because it got them in the spirit. I’m trying to ignite that here. It’s not about who’s house is the best, the point is about doing something creative and original that will really hype up the spirit of Halloween for the kids.”

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Premier Doug Ford speaks at Mayor's annual business breakfast





Mayor Allan Thompson (left) welcomed Premier Doug Ford (right) as keynote speaker at his annual Fall Business Breakfast last week.

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BY ROB PAUL

On Friday October 22, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson hosted his annual fall business breakfast at Mt. Alverno Resort in Caledon Village.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford delivered the keynote address at the event.

"What better way to celebrate our small business community," said Mayor Thompson. "A big thank you to Premier Ford for his continued support of Caledon, I truly believe we are poised to come back better, thanks in large part to the resilience of our small business community. You have been a friend to Caledon and to all the businesses across the province. Throughout the pandemic you and your cabinet have had some tough decisions in a constantly changing environment and I want to thank you for tour leadership."

In attendance at the event alongside Thompson and Ford were Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, Brampton South MPP Prabmeet Sarkaria, Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown, Erin Mayor Allan Alls, and Peel Regional Chair Nando Iannicca.

The breakfast was an opportunity for Mayor and Council to connect with the local Caledon business community while updating them on Town initiatives such as the 2022 budget, business improvement plans, and to share recent business news and events.

Due to COVID protocols, the event was streamed live online for the entire local business community to keep connected.

"Small businesses are backbone of our economy, and the lifeblood of our communities," said Ford. "They have weathered a lot throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and we will never forget the sacrifices they made. Our government will continue to ensure we create the best conditions for them to thrive right here in Caledon and across Ontario, and I know that we will soon be the number one destination to do business once again.

"The people working together are the reason we are leading North America with the lowest cases per 100,000. It's been the frontline healthcare workers that have made it happen and I'm forever grateful."

With the impact of COVID-19 causing many people to work from home, Thompson and Jones took the time to thank those who didn't have that option and continued to support the rest of the community throughout the pandemic.

"Local businesses have had tough decision, and some had to close for a long period of time to protect the health of us all, they deserve a thanks," said Thompson. "Some of them were on the front-lines delivering services and programs so everyone else could stay at home. Let's take a moment and give a round of applause to our frontline workers including our farmers, our grocery stores, and the healthcare and emergency workers. Thank you for getting us through this. And I think we can now finally start to see a light at the end of the tunnel and begin to look into the future."

Added Jones: "I don't need to remind you how challenging the last 20 months has been. It's been challenging interacting with our families, with our neighbours, it's been challenging for frontline workers who have continued to put forward their most important work looking after the safety of our communities. They didn't have a choice, they had to keep going to work, they had to keep showing up, and they had to keep doing their job. I want to thank them for that because I think a lot of us who have been cocooned in our home offices forget there were an awful lot of people who had no choice and had to go to work."

Now as the pandemic's impact lessens, Thompson is calling on Caledon residents to support the local businesses that have been hurting for over a year because they're the ones that keep the community prospers.

"With the worst of the pandemic behind us, there's still some challenges for businesses," said Thompson. "I think it's important that every level of government continues to do what they can to help our businesses through these post-pandemic challenges, there's a lot of work to be done. Here in Caledon, I see so much promise though—possibilities of business expansion, entrepreneurs, and start-ups.

"I have a goal that I know is shared by my dedicated Council team. The goal is to make a Caledon a place where small business thrives, a Town that features a variety of commercial, industrial, services, small independent businesses, and technology-based companies—big and small. They're the ones that put their names on the back of the jerseys when these kids step onto the ice or soccer pitch or baseball diamond. They're the ones that have always been there to support our communities and more than ever we have to find ways on how to give back."

As part of Small Business Week, the Town of Caledon has been highlighting recent business openings on its @YourCaledon social media channels.





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ARREST MADE FOLLOWING SHOOTING

The Caledon Major Crime Unit has made an arrest in relation to a shooting that occurred in the Town of Caledon on October 2, 2021, leaving one person injured.

"On Saturday, October 2, 2021, at approximately 7:35 a.m., officers responded to a reported shooting at a residence located in the area of Bramalea Road and King Street in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Upon arrival, officers located a male victim suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a trauma center with non-life-threatening injuries."

As a result of the police investigation, Gurpreet Singh, 24, of Caledon was arrested on October 25, 2021, and charged with:

- Careless Use of a Firearm
- Aggravated Assault
- Mischief Under $5000
- Break and Enter
- Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose

The accused was held for a bail hearing and is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 26, 2021.

The charges have not been proven.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Caledon OPP 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.peelcrimestroppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2,000 upon an arrest.

ATV DRIVER HOSPITALIZED

Officers from the OPP Caledon Detachment, as well as members of the CN Railway Police, responded to an ATV collision on railway tracks in the Town of Caledon.

"On Sunday, October 24, 2021, at approximately 7:30 officers responded to an ATV collision on the railroad tracks west of Humber Station Road, north of King Street," say Police. "At this time a male rider was located following a rollover collision. The driver was transported to hospital for assessment.

"Members of the CN Police will be conducting the collision investigation.

"Caledon residents are reminded that being on or near railway tracks without permission is illegal, even if no signs are posted. Trespassing is considered a crime and can result in charges and fines."

Some facts to consider for those thinking of using railway tracks for leisure activities:

- Trains don't travel at fixed times, and schedules for passenger trains often change. Always expect a train at each highway-rail intersection at any time.
- All train tracks are private property. Never walk on tracks; it's illegal trespass and highly dangerous. It takes the average freight train traveling at 90kmh more than 2 kilometres - the length of 18 football fields - to stop. Trains cannot stop quickly enough or swerve to avoid a collision.
- A train can extend three feet or more beyond the steel rail, putting the safety zone for pedestrians well beyond the three foot mark. If there are rails on the railroad ties, always assume the track is in use, even if there are weeds or the track looks unused.
- Today's trains are quieter than ever, producing no telltale "clackety-clack." Any approaching train is always closer, moving faster, than you think.
- Stay alert around railroad tracks. Refrain from texting, headphones or other distractions that would prevent you from hearing an approaching train; never mix rails and recreation.

Further resources for rail safety can be found by visiting: OperationLifesaver.ca, LookListenLive.ca, STOPTrackTragedies.ca

HIT AND RUN DRIVER

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment are investigating a personal injury collision that occurred on St. Andrews Road in the Town of Caledon.

"On October 21, 2021 at approximately 7:00pm a pedestrian was walking with a dog on St. Andrews Road north of Charleston Side Road," say Police. "At this time the pedestrian was struck by a northbound vehicle. The pedestrian was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The dog sustained critical injuries.

"The vehicle involved in the collision did not stop at the scene. The vehicle is described as a silver or light grey sedan. There would be damage to the front end of the vehicle."

Caledon OPP is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the driver and vehicle involved in this collision.

Anyone who may have been travelling in the area, and who may have dash-cam footage of the area is asked to contact the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll free at 1-888-310-1122.

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ARRESTS IN ALLEGED THEFT

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) initiated an investigation into a series of thefts in the Caledon East area resulting in subject identification and charges.

"In early October 2021 Caledon CSCU began investigating several smash and grab style break and enters that had occurred in Caledon East," say Police. "During the course of the investigation, a suspect was identified with the assistance of video footage.

"On Wednesday, October 20, 2021 members of the Caledon CSCU located the suspect and were able to make an arrest without incident. At the time of the arrest a stolen vehicle was recovered. A second suspect was also arrested at the scene."

As a result of the investigation, Christopher Hann, 38, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over $5000 x 2
- Drive while Prohibited

Carly Sullivan, 34, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over $5000

Both accused persons are scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in December.

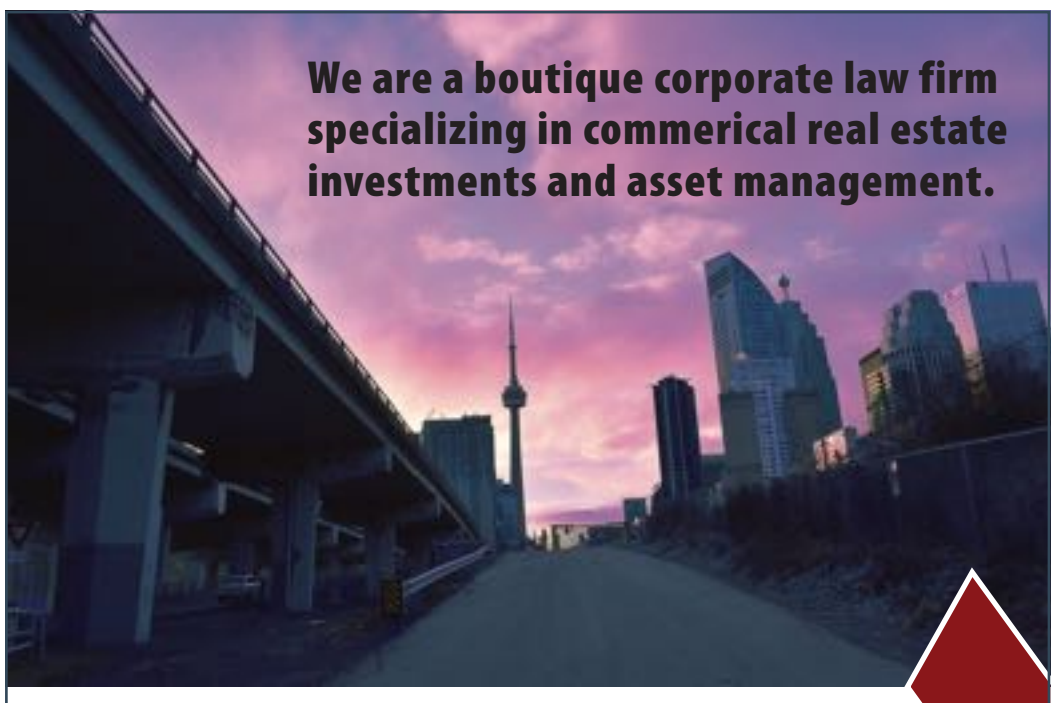
The charges have not been proven.

INFO SOUGHT ON PALGRAVE THEFTS

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment are investigating the theft of property from vehicles in the Town of Caledon.

"On September 18, 2021, at approximately 6 am, two suspects attended the Leisure Time Trailer Park in Palgrave," say Police. "The sus-

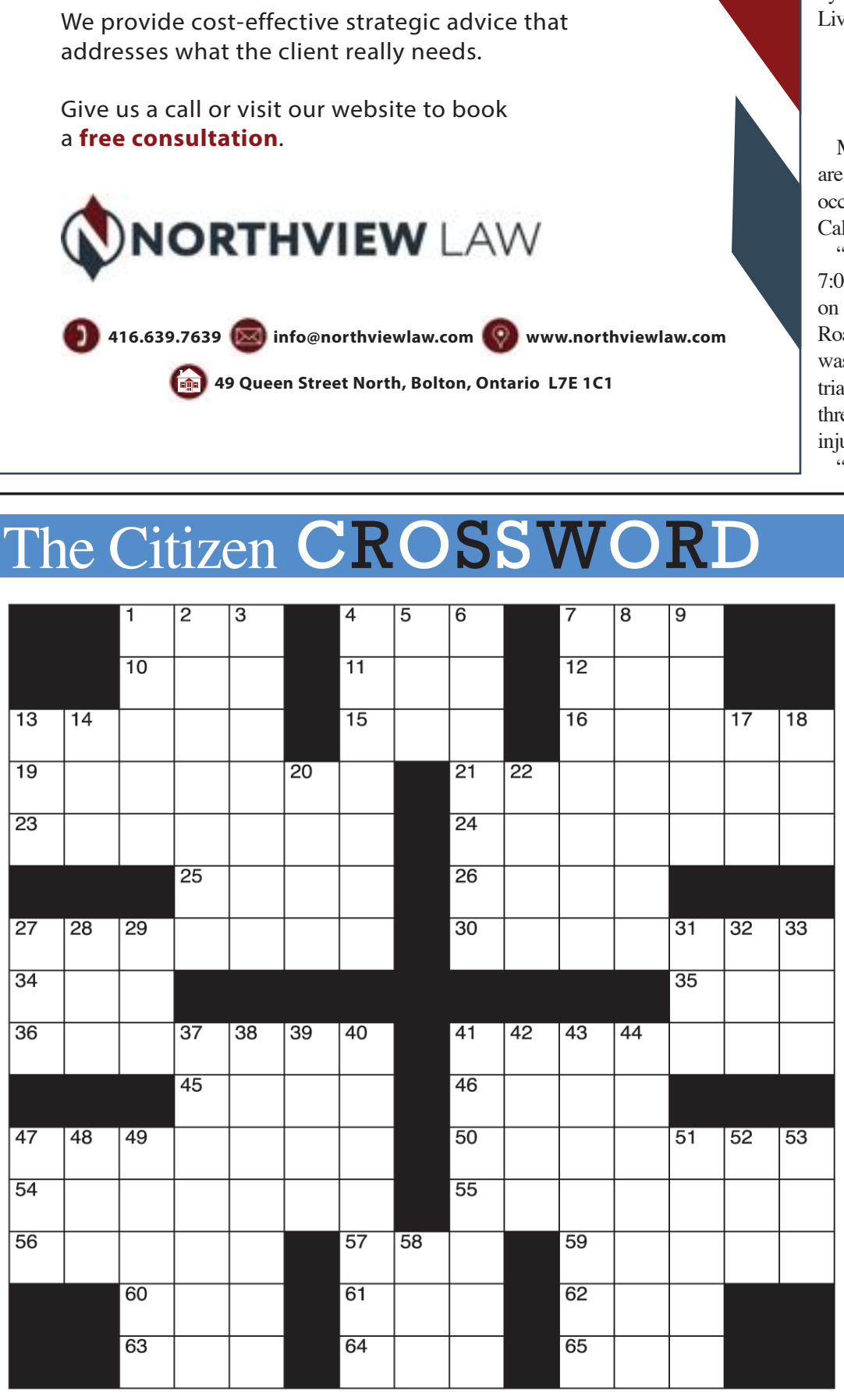
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Pouch
4. Cooling device
7. Corporate exec (abbr.)
10. Antidiuretic hormone
11. South American plant
12. Adult female bird
13. Type of snake
15. Soak in water
16. Emerge
19. Church tower
21. Having solidified from lava
23. Eye parts
24. Natural
25. Swiss river
26. Require to live
27. Obstruct
30. Immobile
34. Expression of satisfaction
35. Moved quickly
36. Popular cocktail
41. Dish detergent brand
45. Waxed finish
46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range
47. A place to get clean
50. Able to be rescued
54. Large, open grassland
55. Expressions for humorous effect
56. Hindu goddess
57. Beverage container
59. Long narrow hilltop
60. Sir (abbr.)
61. Data executive
62. Doctor of Education
63. Car mechanics group
64. Autonomic nervous system
65. "The Partridge Family" actress

CLUES DOWN

1. Cavalry-sword
2. Gland above the kidneys
3. Hat
4. Predict
5. A team's best pitcher
6. Countries
7. Substitutions
8. Peruses again
9. Popular food
13. Reciprocal of a sine
14. Of or relating to the ears
17. __ juris: Independent
18. Keyboard key
20. Fat from a pig
22. AC manufacturer
27. Organization of N. and S. American countries
28. 22nd star of a constellation
29. Scoundrel
31. A way to save money
32. Boy or young man
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Egg-laying mammal
38. Salt of citric acid
39. Barbary sheep
40. Actress __ de Mornay
41. Gambling hotspots
42. Wing-shaped
43. Basked in
44. Poison
47. Beats per minute
48. Macaws
49. Military vehicles
51. Elderly woman
52. Body part
53. Midway between east and southeast
58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)

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

INFO SOUGHT ON PALGRAVE THEFTS

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-pects gained entry by lifting the gate and proceeded to enter a vehicle removing several items. Caledon OPP is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspects in this theft. The suspects arrived in a white sedan with noticeable damage to the bottom of the driver's side."

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the 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. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2,000 upon an arrest.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT ARRESTS

Members of the Caledon OPP Detachment Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) have made several arrested after investigating the theft of catalytic converters in Caledon.

"In June of 2021, the Caledon OPP CSCU initiated an investigation involving the removal and theft of catalytic converters from vehicles in Bolton," say Police. "Following a lengthy and in-depth investigation lasting several months, and the creation of a joint investigation with the Niagara Regional Police Service, several suspects were identified. As a result of the investigation three suspects were arrested and charged pertaining to the incidents in Caledon."

Tomaso Montelone, 21, from Richmond Hill has been charged with:

- Theft Over $5000
- Break and Enter
- Mischief Over $5000 x 2
- Fail to Comply with Probation x 2
- Fail to Comply with Undertaking x 2
- Drive while Prohibited

Raphel Banon, 20, from Thornhill has been charged with:

- Break and Enter
- Mischief Over $5000 x 2
- Theft Over $5000

A 17-year-old, from Vaughan, has been charged with:

- Break and Enter
- Mischief Over $5000 x 2
- Theft Over $5000

All accused persons are scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in December.

The charges have not been proven.

DRIVER ARRESTED AFTER ALLEGEDLY FLEEING SPOT-CHECK

On Thursday, October 21, 2021 at approximately 1 a.m., Officers from the OPP Caledon Detachment were conducting a RIDE checkpoint at Highway 410 and Valleywood Boulevard in the Town of Caledon.

"At this time a vehicle approached the checkpoint but did not stop, striking a police vehicle before fleeing," say Police. "Officers were able to locate the vehicle on Kennedy Road near Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard where the vehicle lost control. The driver then fled on foot before being apprehended a short distance away by officers.

"Following the arrest of the driver, it was learned that the driver had an outstanding warrant issued by Toronto Police."

Caleb Odulate Stewart, 22, from Toronto has been charged with the offences of:

- Flight From Police
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Class G1 Driver - Drive at Unlawful Hour
- Novice Driver - Blood Alcohol Concentration Above Zero

Odulate Stewart is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court on the January 6, 2022.

The charges have not been proven.



Joint Councils of the Town of Caledon and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Council marks "historic" meeting with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Continued from FRONT

The Belt features seven white beads representing the benefit to the next seven generations. There are two figures on either side—one to represent Indigenous and one non-indigenous—the distance of each line from each figure is equal to the diagonal line of a renewed friendship and alliance of 200 years.

"When I received this, I was very pleased it was representing the treaty and the friendships," said LaForme. "The belt was given to us as an act of friendship recognizing the treaty and the ceremony was done through a Canadian structure on Caledon Day. I'm glad it was done that way because this is reaffirming a journey for us and doing it through your own processes is meaningful for you and it means you're committed to this relationship.

"The day will come in the future when we'll do this through ceremony of my people. But before that happens, we have to understand all of what that entails and all of what that means. I'm very happy to start this journey and very happy we've reaffirmed this."

With Caledon growing in population and the future official plan underway, Thompson reiterated that this partnership will be key in ensuring development and growth are handled in the right way.

"Caledon is at an important time in our history and over the next 30 years we'll experience significant growth as we have the opportunity to plan responsibly for that growth. Through careful planning and community consultation we can create a complete community where people can work, live, and enjoy the land and its natural features and be connected to the greater GTA. By working in partnership with our Indigenous peoples, we can develop meaningful programs for youth, we can work together to meet targets in our climate change action plan and reduce our carbon emissions to net zero by 2051. Through collaboration and consultation, we can work together with our provincial partners on challenging issues like the aggregate resources act and aggregate pit rehabilitation as well as our official plan that is our roadmap to Caledon."

Over the summer when the 215 graves of children were found in Kamloops at the grounds of a residential school, LaForme sought out community leaders and applauded Thompson and Caledon for their action and understanding of the gravity of the moment.

"I want to point to the fact that the first time there was the uncovering of the children at the residential [school] site, when I reached out to the federal and provincial government I didn't expect much to be done quickly, but when I reached out to some of my friends who are mayors and said, 'we think this is a time for this country to stand together and lower your flags in respect, love, and grief,' I was glad Caledon was one of those that joined us in doing so right away," LaForme said. "It's an important thing because this is an important time in this country. This is a time when we decide how we go forward as a people in this country."

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was closed to the public but was streamed live online for the community to watch.



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EDUCATION WITH BALANCE

Alton Legion prepares for the Poppy Campaign ahead of 100th anniversary

BY ROB PAUL

Every year in November people across Canada can be seen wearing a poppy to honour veterans and remember those who put others above themselves in the name of freedom.

Each year, Legions across the country provide Canadians with poppies through the Poppy Campaign.

Though donations aren't mandatory, the funds go towards local initiatives run by Legion branches to directly support veterans and their families. Throughout the month, Legion volunteers spend time in local businesses, schools, and other community locations to help raising funds through the Poppy Campaign.

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada that was birthed in 1921 when Anna Guérin, also known as "the Poppy Lady from France," was inspired by John McCrae's "In Flanders Field" and decided to distribute the poppy on Armistice Day to raise money for Veterans.

Ever since then, the Legion and its members have carried on the Poppy Campaign to remember Canadian veterans everywhere.

In Caledon, the Alton Legion is the last remaining Legion in Town and has become a key part of the community, standing tall since 1969. Each year, Alton Legion President and Poppy Chairman Larry Welzt spends his time leading up to November 11 ensuring the community has plenty of poppies.

"I'm going to be out all-day Friday (the official start of the Poppy Campaign) delivering poppies and cashboxes to all the various stores I'm allowed in to," said Welzt. "I'll be sitting here all afternoon putting poppies in bags and getting them ready for the stores to make sure everything is ready to go by Friday. It's nice to get out there in uniform and getting to chat and be with the community and find out how much they actually care."

The Poppy Campaign has always had strong support in Caledon, but last year's campaign really emphasized that when the pandemic had little impact on fundraising.

"The support has always been very good, like even last year with the pandemic and the semi-lockdown, we still made as much as we did the year before. I was quite impressed and surprised by the amount of support we got given the circumstances. It really hurt not being able to get into the schools, but even still, last year I was still getting calls from companies asking me to come by and drop off poppies.

"I was amazed last year; I'd normally go out canvassing for two hours a day and I was doing four hours a day and filling two coin boxes and 90 per cent of the money was folded bolds. I just couldn't believe it, by the end of the day I was having trouble stuffing money into the containers."

Raising awareness for the Poppy Campaign has never been an issue for Welzt and the Alton Legion in Caledon with overwhelming support from businesses and residents every year.

"There's not a lot we have to do to raise awareness because we have so much support," he said. "I remember one year I was even late in the day getting going and when I was out people were so glad I was there at all the different locations. Even the first year I did the Poppy Campaign I was in Caledon East at the Foodland canvassing and I had three different people come up to me and want poppies for their businesses. This community is fantastic, and Orangeville has also been really great."

With the 100th anniversary of the Poppy Campaign, Welzt doesn't expect the pandemic to play too much of a role this year and, per usual, is anticipating strong support.



"I certainly hope the support continues this year and I think it will because over all of the years, the general public has always been so good supporting it," he said. "Like even last year, some places I'd go into to pick up the boxes at the end of the campaign would have more money than normal."

As important as it is to show support by wearing a poppy in November, Welzt points to what the donations actually go to and how vital the Poppy Campaign is beyond wearing the poppy.

"Out of all the money we raise, we only keep what we need for next year's expenses for buying poppies and what not and over the last four years now we've donated $12,000 to different things like the Poppy Trust, Leave the Streets Behind, the Hospital Trust, and other things like that," he said. "Like buses that Sunnybrook (Hospital) has, the Legion bought those busses. We also started the campaign for Leave the Streets Behind and now we've got almost 700 veterans off the streets and into homes."

Town to launch 311 number to connect with residents

BY ROB PAUL

In January 2018, the Town of Caledon launched Service Caledon in an effort to have staff implement changes to improve service to residents of Caledon.

The idea was to ensure that residents could refer to the Town for accurate and responsive information when needed.

The Town launched the Service Excellence Guidelines to set the expectation of strong service delivery and provided staff with Service Excellence Training as part of the process.

Now to help improve on the service to residents and make it easier to navigate as part of Service Caledon, the Town is implementing a 311 initiative after Council approval.

The initiative will give all Caledon residents access to 311 to connect with the Town.

Caledon's 311 will officially launch in January of 2022 and will replace the need for residents to call the Town's general number.

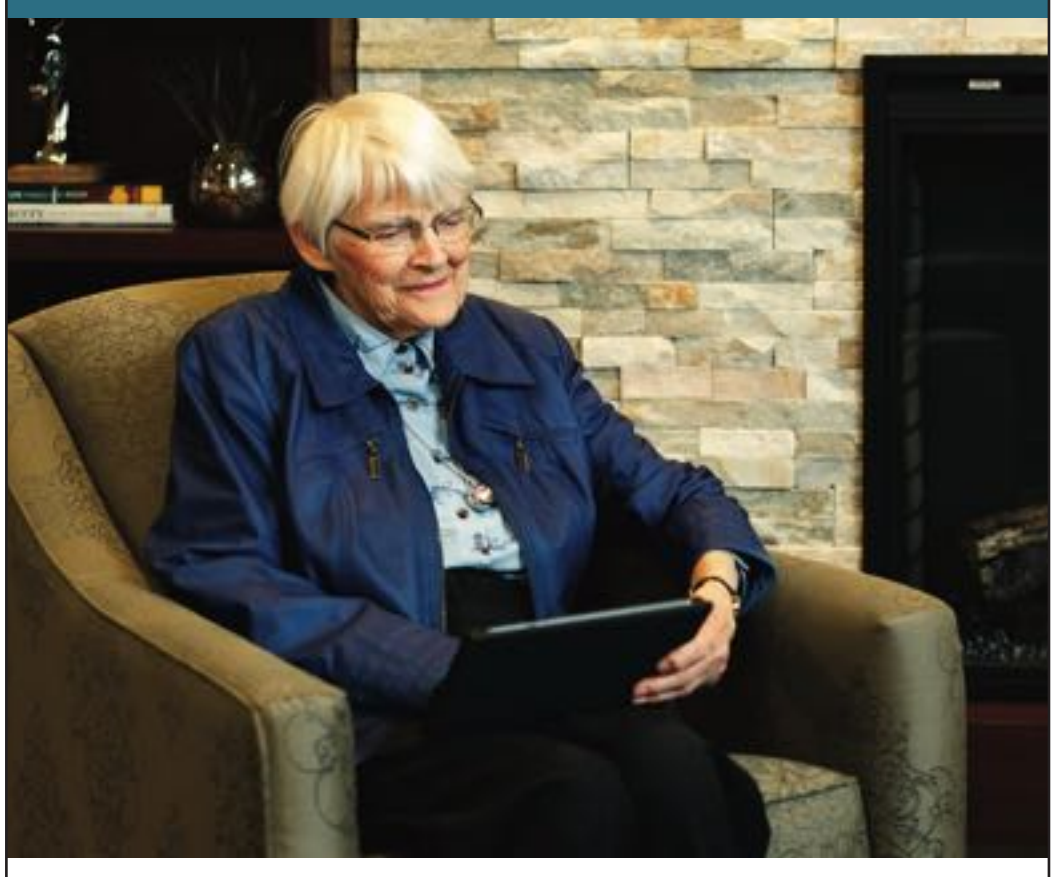
311 is a well-known phone number for municipal services in Ontario that can be accessed by residents easily and conveniently. The 311 initiative will be part of the 2021 budget and will cost approximately $15,000 annually for the Town to run—between maintenance and cost per call to the number.

"Over the next several months, staff will be working with neighbouring municipalities, Bell Canada and Introtel (our current telecom provider)," stated Catherine McLean, Town Director of Customer Service and Communications. "At this time, the launch of 311 is expected to go live January 2022 and will coincide with onboarding Municipal Law Enforcement complaints."

Staff will continue to update Council on customer service excellence improvements and will be bringing forward a Customer Service Policy to address service expectations and customer conduct.

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FORM 2

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Corporation of the Town of Caledon for approval to expropriate lands in the Town of Caledon being:

ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST (FEE SIMPLE)

Part of PIN 14252-0971
Legally described as Part Lot 19 and 20, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Part 2 Plan 43R-39370, Town of Caledon.

Part of PIN 14252-0971
Legally described as Part Lot 20, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Parts 3 and 4 Plan 43R-39370, Town of Caledon.

Part of PIN 14252-0971
Legally described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Part 1 Plan 43R-39382, Town of Caledon.

Part of PIN 14252-0970
Legally described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Part 4 Plan 43R-39382, Town of Caledon.

Part of PIN 14252-0971
Legally described as Part Lot 20, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Parts 7 and 8 on draft Reference Plan File No. 17107RO7C prepared by C.P. Edward, O.L.S, Town of Caledon.

TEMPORARY LIMITED INTEREST (TEMPORARY EASEMENT)

Part of PIN 14252-0971
Legally described as Part Lot 19 and 20, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Part 1 on draft Reference Plan File No. 17107RO7C prepared by C.P. Edward, O.L.S, Town of Caledon;

Part of PIN 14252-0971
Legally described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Part 4 on draft Reference Plan File No. 17107RO7C prepared by C.P. Edward, O.L.S, Town of Caledon;

Part of PIN 14252-0970
Legally described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Part 5 on draft Reference Plan File No. 17107RO7C prepared by C.P. Edward, O.L.S, Town of Caledon; and

Part of PIN 14252-0971
Legally described as Part Lot 20, Concession 1 West of Hurontario Street designated as Part 6 on draft Reference Plan File No. 17107RO7C prepared by C.P. Edward, O.L.S, Town of Caledon.

for the purpose of a free, exclusive, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross commencing upon the date of registration of the Plan of Expropriation and terminating on December 31, 2027 for the purpose of entering upon and occupying the land by any public authority together with all associated authorized users and/or invitees, including, but not limited to, servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, workers and/or designated third parties, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along and upon the said lands for the municipal purpose of constructing a public highway, installing utilities and services, as well as grading together with any and all other works ancillary thereto.

for the municipal purpose of facilitating various public infrastructure works including, without limitation, the establishment, construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of public highways to be designated as McLaughlin Road and Tim Manley Avenue in the Town of Caledon, together with various utility and ancillary works associated therewith.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands herein described.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:
The Corporation of the Town of Caledon 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6

The expropriating authority is:
The Corporation of the Town of Caledon 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6

This notice first published on the 25 day of October, 2021

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FORM 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 25, 2021, at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon.

PUBLIC MEETING
In consideration of the current COVID-19 Public Health orders, prohibiting large public gatherings and requirements for physical distancing between persons, this meeting will be held as an electronic meeting.

You are invited to attend a public meeting for the sale of land by public tender.

November 25, 2021 | 3 p.m.
Listen by phone
Phone Number: 1-416-216-5643
Meeting Access Code: 2630 206 5441#

View meeting online
To view the meeting online, visit **caledon.ca/taxsale**.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND
Roll No. 21 24 030 010 20900 0000; 452 Charleston Sideroad, Caledon; PIN 14273-0041 (LT); PT LT 16 CON 6 WHS CALEDON AS IN RO666923; CALEDON; File No. 19-06

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $580,000
Minimum tender amount: $41,386.98

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Transfers of properties in this jurisdiction that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:

Manager of Revenue
The Corporation of the Town of Caledon
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon ON L7C 1J6
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info@caledon.ca

PLEASE NOTE:
Tax Sales are not typical real estate transactions. If you are considering participating in a tax sale, it is highly recommended that you seek independent legal advice from a lawyer licensed to practice in Ontario and in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada.

In addition, it is not permitted to enter upon a property that is advertised for tax sale. These are not typical real estate transactions. Entering upon a property advertised for tax sale proceedings is considered to be trespassing.

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LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Day

To honour the memory of all Canadians who have served their country in time of war, the following services will be hosted in the Town of Caledon.

Services will take place at:

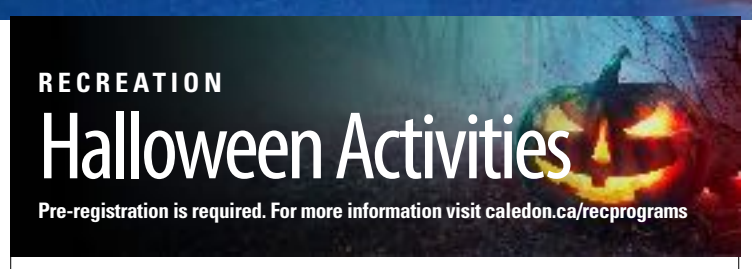
CALEDON EAST
(combined service for Caledon East & Mono Mills)
Sunday October 31, 2021 at 1 p.m.
Caledon East Cenotaph (located at Town Hall)
6311 Old Church Road

March starts at 12:45 p.m. from Town Hall

CALEDON EAST - STAFF SERVICE,
Public is welcome
Thursday November 11, 2021 10:50 a.m.
Caledon East Cenotaph (located at Town Hall)
6311 Old Church Road

ALTON
Sunday November 7, 2021 at 10:15 a.m. promptly
Alton Legion Hall, 1267 Queen St
Contact The Alton Legion at 519.215.2711 for more information.

BOLTON
Sunday November 7, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.
Bolton Cenotaph – Centennial Drive - Laurel Hill Cemetery
Contact Jimmy Pountney 905.857.1847 for more information.
Facebook Page: Bolton Remembrance Service



RECREATION

Halloween Activities

Pre-registration is required. For more information visit caledon.ca/recprograms

HALLOWEEN FEST
Join us for a wickedly fun morning full of family-friendly Halloween activities in the Youth Centre. Halloween costumes welcome!

Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness
October 30, 2021 at 10 a.m.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SKATE
Join us for a spooky-fun Halloween themed public skate session. Skate around with your favorite witches and goblins and have a monstrous good time. Halloween costumes welcome!

Albion Bolton Community Centre
October 31, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Caledon East Community Complex
October 30, 2021 at 3 p.m.

HALLOWEEN SPLASH BASH
Come in for a Public Swim with a Halloween theme! There will be music, treats, activities, and games! All ages welcome, admission standards apply.

Southfields Community Centre
October 31, 2021 at 9 a.m. | 10:25 a.m. | 11:50 a.m.

Happy and Safe Diwali



Caledon Fire & Emergency Services recognizes the importance of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights", for many in the Caledon community.

If you are celebrating Diwali by lighting candles, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- Candles should be placed in a sturdy candle holder.
- Handheld candles should not be passed from one person to another at any time.
- Keep lit candles away from blinds, curtains, table runners, or other fabrics that could catch fire.
- When you go out, blow out your candles.

Please note: **Fireworks are not permitted except for Victoria Day and Canada Day.**

Proof of Vaccination

PARTICIPANTS 12 YEARS AND OLDER

According to Region of Peel's Medical Officer of Health, effective November 1, 2021, all participants 12 years and older entering sports or recreational fitness facilities in Peel will be required to provide proof of vaccination or a valid medical exemption, along with identification. This will apply to all participants and spectators in local recreation centres, including youth, coaches, instructors, caregivers, volunteers and game officials.

CAPACITY LIMITS

Following the Government of Ontario's recent announcement, the Town of Caledon is planning to safely lift restrictions inline with the Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term. Capacity limits and physical distancing requirements may be lifted where proof of vaccination is required. Pre-registration, proof of vaccination, identification and screening questionnaire are still required prior to entry. For more information visit **caledon.ca/COVID19**

ENHANCED VACCINE CERTIFICATES WITH QR CODES

Download your enhanced vaccine certificate from the provincial vaccine portal at **ontario.ca/covid**. You can also call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 to have your enhanced vaccine certificate emailed or mailed to you.

The Town of Caledon will accept both electronic and paper versions. You will need to continue to show identification with your name and date of birth along with your proof of vaccination when visiting your local recreation centre.

BE KIND CALEDON

Town of Caledon staff are our front line. We ask for your patience and understanding as Town staff continue to work tirelessly to serve citizens and follow the Provincial regulations.

Our customer service staff are not only public service providers. They are residents of your community. They are your neighbours, family members and friends.

Please be kind, respectful and considerate to staff when using Town facilities. Let's continue to work together.

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Brock's Banter

A missing piece of the consumer puzzle

BY BROCK WEIR

Patience has never been one of my strongest virtues.

I freely admit it. There were few things more aggravating in my mind than a "hurry up and wait" situation.

Note the use of past tense. A global pandemic changes many things.

Yet, here I am, back from a weekend that necessitated three trips into Toronto. Whether it was to catch up with people I hadn't seen since a month before COVID-19 ushered in our first lockdown, check a few long-standing errands off a list that has become rather dusty through the passage of time, or visit a few attractions that have long piqued my interest, I relished the chance to hurry up and wait.

If you told me 18, 19, 20 months ago that I would welcome standing in a line, I would have, depending on my mood, either rolled my eyes or laughed. Now such lines, at least in my view, are a great confidence booster.

A line-up was once an inconvenience, especially if you were pressed for time, but now it is a sign that whatever business, service, restaurant or attraction you're looking to patronize is taking what is hoped to be the tail end of a pandemic – and the health of its staff and patrons – seriously.

Given my recent experiences in the city, however, not all businesses, services, restaurants and attractions are cut from the same cloth. While most had staff members in place to check vaccination status, whether through the Province's new app or the trusty hard-copy certificate handed out at the point of inoculation, some either didn't care or didn't have the resources to do so. Or, in at least one instance, had the resources but had to be prompted to jump into action.

The businesses and services that don't have the resources to be as vigilant as they could be can't be blamed for being comparatively lax with the rules. A lot is being asked of them above and beyond the extremely difficult times they have faced throughout the pandemic and having to pump in scarce resources to implement Provincial rules with little assistance from Queen's Park is yet another stressor.

The businesses that just don't care? Well, I suspect this lack of effort will also hit their bottom line.

On Thanksgiving, for instance, I was in Orillia to visit family. With some time to spare before the culinary mayhem was set to begin, we took a trip up bustling Mississauga Street to see how local businesses were faring. Some didn't survive COVID-19, judging by some of the recently empty storefronts, while others bravely forged ahead to open up new businesses and fulfil their dreams. Yet, one business, one which had many tantalizing offerings in their window, lost ours when one member of our group of four pointed out a sign in their door essentially stating they didn't care one way or another if you came in vaccinated or not, masked or not.

Such business, unfortunately, was taken elsewhere.

So, while in pre-pandemic times, a line-up might make me look elsewhere purely out of the interests of time, this has been well and truly flipped. Want me to wait an extra five or ten minutes for a patron or two to leave before I can come in and maintain social distance? Perfect!

But we're now getting a vague timeline on when these lines, capacity limits, and the requirement to prove your vaccination status might too be a thing of the past.

On Friday, the Government of Ontario set out its long-term plan for easing us out of COVID measures, so long as trends continue in a positive direction.

Capacity limits in many settings, including restaurants and gyms, were lifted Monday. The next step is slated to come on November 15 with higher-risk settings like nightclubs seeing their capacity limits lifted as long as proof of vaccination is required.

After that, we have a bit of a wait.

As long as people follow their good common sense over the holiday season and we don't see a spike of new cases in schools or the community at large in the two weeks after the dawn of 2022, capacity limits in places where proof of vaccination is not currently required will be lifted – with the lifting of proof of vaccination requirements in high-risk settings set for February 7.

As for masks in indoor public settings? We might be able to finally hang them up by March 28.

Again, as long as common sense is followed and numbers don't spike.

"We are now in a position where we can see the proposed plan for lifting the remaining public health and workplace safety measures in Ontario," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chef Medical Officer of Health on Friday. "The months ahead will require continued vigilance, as we don't want to cause anymore unnecessary disruption to people's everyday lives. We must continue to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities by following the public health measures in place and by vaccinating those who have not yet received their shots. Ontario has the infrastructure in place to mange outbreaks, including a high-volume capacity for testing, and people to perform fast and effective case and contact management when needed."

Ontario also has the resources to further support businesses of all kinds as we ease out of what has become our new normal and while these establishments were largely left to themselves in implementing social distancing, mask rules, and proof of vaccination requirements, it is necessary for them to receive the supports they need to handle this transition as well.

While we will all welcome the time we can go into most places without our masks on, it might take some time for people to feel comfortable in doing so.

Supporting consumer confidence is, at this time, a missing piece of the puzzle.

Our Readers Write

Volunteers "stepping up" efforts to oppose 413

Now that Ontario Premier Doug Ford has doubled down on his support of Highway 413 and made it an election issue, volunteer and environmental groups opposed to the highway are stepping up their efforts to stop it.

As part of a planned second Day of Action sponsored and publicized by Environment Defence Canada, an anti-Highway 413 protest will be held in downtown Bolton at the intersection of King and Queen Streets on Saturday, November 3 starting at 1 p.m. Signs will be available or bring your own.

The purpose of the rally/protest is to raise public awareness on the detrimental impacts of this project and to demonstrate to provincial government officials, particularly Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, that many residents are vehemently opposed to it.

So, what's so bad about Highway 413 and why should Caledon residents be concerned about it?

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Our final destination will be "home"

by Mark Pavilons



"Mother's there expecting me
Father's waiting too
Lots of faces gathered there
All the friends I knew
I'm just going home ..." - Going Home

Lately I've felt that my get-up-and-go has got up and gone, but I'm not sure where.

Sure, I'm blessed. I have a strong-as-steel wife and unique children – a family that would make anyone proud.

Sometimes, it dawns on me must how old I am and I slump a bit in my chair. There's no way in hell I'm looking forward to another birthday ending in 0.

Home is where most of us are safe, and find warmth, comfort and joy. It's a place we can relax, be ourselves, and escape from the rain and sleet outside the door.

We use the word "home" several times a day. "I'll be home soon." Or "I'll get it on my way home."

It's a place we wake up to each morning and a feeling we return to at the end of every day. It's like an inexplicable magnet.

My wife and I have owned two houses and lived in two apartments together. I grew up in Caledon, on a four-acre parcel my parents created with blood, sweat and tears. When I think of "home," my thoughts almost always turn to our Albion homestead. I vow to buy it back one day if I ever strike it rich.

I have a black and white photo of me sitting on a hammock, on a summer's day, on a grassy hill.

That was the site of our home, which was built in 1972. We remained there until 1994.

We never locked our doors and everyone was always welcome. Our "back 40" was the scene of countless gatherings and parties.

Those were the days, I guess.

It always felt like "home," even when I feared my parents' wrath, or came home in the wee hours stumbling in the dark. It was a place where putting a long stalk of grass in your mouth just made sense.

I can still feel the warm breezes through my hair – heartfelt wind that only existed on that spot, at that time. Oh, how I long for a return of those days, long before cell phones and the internet.

Regardless of our religious beliefs, we often refer to our final resting place as "home." Whether it's Heaven, Zion, Shangri-la, Valhalla or even the happy hunting ground, it's a place we are welcomed and find eternal peace.

Of course, the only drawback is we have to die to get there!

Billy Graham said his home is in Heaven and that was "just traveling through this world."

Forrest Gump thought that we all may have a destiny, or we could just be "floatin' around accidental-like on a breeze."

Through all this floatin' and traveling, just where to do we end up?

You got it, home!

While colloquially expressed, there's much more to this expression.

Think of home as a birthplace, the scene where it all started. Then think of our universe.

Current speculation is everything – all life in the universe – began millions of years ago with the Big Bang. From that monumental spark, all the stars and planets were created, settled into their orbits, perfect conditions arose and life began.

An Ontario-based astronomer told me that we are all made of "stardust."

The iron in our red blood cells, and the steel to make buildings, came from the iron cores of massive stars as they exploded.

We're also connected to almost every life form on Earth – from apes and dolphins, to trees and cabbage. Our DNA contains many similar strands of all of those things. That cannot be a coincidence or an "accident."

"I am a being of Heaven and Earth, of thunder and lightning, of rain and wind, of the galaxies," said Eden Ahbez.

We don't have to look very far to be awestruck by our planet. A plant, or a tree, can live forever. Most of our medicines, elements, chemicals and more come from Nature or natural sources. I firmly believe that everything we need – even the cure to every disease known to man – can be found here on Earth. Everything on this planet needs water and sunlight to thrive, including us!

Every culture, dating back to our cave-dwelling ancestors, had some sort of spirituality, or a belief in a higher place, a higher being. Why?

Why would our less developed cousins look to the heavens and ponder such things?

Anthropologists say primitive minds looked to "heaven" because their limited knowledge and science had no other explanation. But today, even with our advanced scientific base, our top intellectual minds believe science and religion can not only co-exist, but must co-exist.

Earth, according to Gilbert Chesterton, is our "task garden" and heaven our "playground."

Here, on terra firma, we're being tested, and granted the good fortune to rise, meet challenges, and explore our existence.

"God is at home, it's we who have gone out for a walk," observed Meister Eckhart.

I remember my dad talking long evening strolls around our Caledon property. He often joked he spoke to the trees. Maybe he knew something I didn't.

Maybe we're all on the "walkabout" of our lives, a never-ending rite of passage.

When our chores are done, and it's time to go home, the stars will point the way.

High above our heads, or perhaps all around us in an unseen dimension, our home awaits.

One day, and that day is inevitable, we will head back to where it all began.

To die, Peter Pan said "would be an awfully big adventure."

Looking forward to seeing everyone back "at home."

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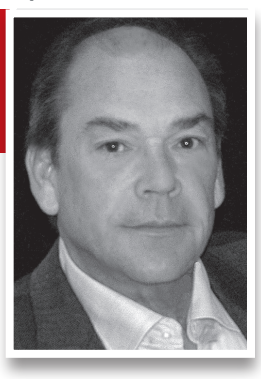
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Filling your tank with water

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



I was on one of the online forums I frequent the other day.

The forum poses questions by members and searches for answers for everything from personal experiences to the best route to take from Phoenix to Alaska.

A question came up a few days ago from a reader asking if it is possible to water down the gasoline in your car to increase the volume of fuel and get better mileage.

The question was either posted by a troll, or by someone who seriously needs to brush up on both their knowledge of science and their common sense.

The question did get some answers. Some were serious - others suggested using pure spring water for the best results as tap water contained too many minerals and might cause problems with your engine.

Either way, I feel that person's pain when it comes to fuel consumption as I'm sure many of you also do.

I stopped in at an out-of-the-way gas station last week and was shocked to find out I was paying $1.48 per litre.

I did a check when I got back to a more populated area and found the common price was actually $1.40.

Whoever owns this particular station took advantage of the fact that who ever was dropping into his remote station would just pay the extra 8 cents because they had no choice.

This increase in the price of fuel is starting to hit our economy in ways that is going to make us all pay through the nose for just about everything.

As soon as the price of fuel started rising, I kept a close eye on the prices in my local grocery store and I'll bet many other people have been watching this as well.

Sure enough, everything started going up as the cost of transportation to get those oranges from California to the Ontario Food Terminal went through the roof.

Those transportation costs translate directly to everything else in the country that arrives by truck – which of course is everything.

We are all paying more, and more, and more, while salaries and wages stagnate. You're getting poorer by the day.

Meanwhile, Canada has the third largest oil reserves in the country, and instead of capitalizing on our natural resources, we pay the Middle East for their oil.

But why should we use oil when the new electric car era is upon us?

Well, it seems the new electric car era is arriving a lot slower than all the hype from the last few years indicated.

For a while, it seemed we were all going to be going electric within a few years.

Some European countries have already announced they are going fully electric within a few short years and gasoline-powered vehicles won't even be allowed on their streets. Well, good luck with that.

If you have been looking for a new car in the past year, most likely you started visiting automotive websites prior to actually driving to an auto dealership.

The automotive industry has had a good decade. It is producing high-quality automobiles with great designs and more and more technology.

However, when you visit the websites of the major automotive players, the cars and SUVs you see at the top of the page are all gasoline powered vehicles.

To even find a hybrid or electric version, you have to search for it.

Like any business, the product they want you to buy receives the most exposure.

While most, if not all companies, produce a hybrid vehicle, and some have a fully electric vehicle, the auto companies are not presenting them as the next era in personal travel.

Right now, they are being treated as more of an after thought or an "also ran" type of vehicle that you purchase if you really want to.

If the auto companies have pushed the hybrids and EVs to page two, you can bet that's a good indicator of what is going to happen over the next few years.

A check with government information shows that Canadian fuel prices are "on par" with other countries and it lists all sorts of European states that are paying a similar rate for fuel.

Well, so what? You can also drive across most European countries in a day.

Increasing fuel prices will only lead to inflation and you can watch that inflation erode your weekly pay cheque – and that has already happened.

It is time to use the resources we have to stabilize the economy, not pay some Middle Eastern country to stabilize theirs.

Myriad Little Things

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



As is often the case my mind is a jumble of thoughts and feelings, so much so that it can be hard to focus on just one topic to discuss.

As October comes to an end, a month that is often beautiful and one where, for many families, there is a focus on being thankful, it seemed appropriate to just let my mind wander and to comment on myriad little things. Perhaps some will resonate with you – whether in a positive or negative way I'm sure you'll let me know!

I'll start with a positive.

The month of October saw the first day in many long months where not a single death was attributed to COVID. I'm thankful that at least one day resulted in ZERO deaths. It's a start and there is a long road ahead of us, but it's a positive sign of things to come. I hope. I'm also thankful for the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving, as I hope many of you also were. These have been difficult times for so many, and perhaps because I am one, particularly so for small business owners who have been hit hard and who (other than through hard work, determination and in some cases sheer luck) have had very little to fall back on in terms of income supports. As much as programs existed to supplement income, like all support programs, they met the standard of the bare minimum needed to survive. Similar to marginalized workers everywhere, there are no paid sick days for self-employed small business owners so if you still have a roof over your head and food on the table it was a reason to be grateful.

Speaking of small business owners, across the province and here in Caledon we just wrapped up "celebrating" Small Business Week.

Part of my celebration plans included the Mayor's "Virtual" Business Breakfast. Coffee in hand and computer at the ready I logged in only to hear many chattering voices in the background? It turns out the celebration of small business week was small indeed, with just 120 or so invited guests listening live and in person to hear our Premier speak. Yes, Doug Ford was in Town as was Minister Sylvia Jones and various others. I understand pandemic protocols and keeping in person events small, but it was just a tad disappointing to know the celebration of small business week had so few small business owners in attendance.

While on the topic of the Premier, I can't help but note, once again, his short-sighted vision of the future. Someone once asked me if the Premier can do "anything right in my opinion" and I'd like to clarify that I'm sure he has. Possibly. I can't think of anything right now, but I know he has a tough job and difficult decisions to make, so there must have been one or two that seemed appropriate.

His most recent pronouncement that vaccine passports will come to an end as early as January 17, 2022 however was not one of them. All this has done is provided a "light at the end of the tunnel" for those who refuse to be vaccinated. Now they simply have to wait two and a half more months and regardless of vaccine status they'll be free to walk amongst us. I wonder if the media will be reporting on any recent decline in vaccine uptake?

I was pleased to learn of the recent joint Council meeting between our Caledon council members and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. An important step in the right direction, the meeting featured a smudging ceremony and important discussions and reflections on topics such as Truth and Reconciliation. It also addressed climate change with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Council members calling on the Town to "hold its developers to higher standards and hold them accountable for any damage they do to the environment."

Explaining that Indigenous persons don't view land and water as resources but rather, humanize them, they expressed hope that they are "not compromised through future development." Let's hope that the recent MZO approving development of a 2.2 million square foot facility near Dixie and Old School Rd. doesn't compromise the land that we traditionally honour and acknowledge at the start of every town meeting.

On a happier note, with COVID numbers down, we are also finally seeing a return to some sense of normalcy with programs and services starting to ramp up for our seniors, at recreation centres and our libraries. It's time, or at least until January 17 of next year anyway, to get back out there and start enjoying all that the Town has to offer. Which brings me to my last rumination of the day. The Town of Caledon is a beautiful place to be in the fall. Each of our villages and hamlets has something beautiful to offer this time of year, not the least of which is the abundance of fall colour photo ops. Nature in abundance is one of our hallmarks. I only hope the proposed highway to nowhere won't pave over or otherwise impede the view.

Oh and Happy Halloween! It's the little things…

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Province and Town loosen restrictions on capacity limits as Ontario outlines new reopen plan

BY ROB PAUL

The Province of Ontario announced that as of October 25, capacity limits are being lifted in the vast majority of settings where proof of vaccination is required, such as restaurants, bars, gyms, and indoor meeting and event spaces.

This comes in response to continued improvements to key indicators, including ongoing stability in the province's hospitals.

The Ontario Government will also allow other settings to lift capacity limits and physical distancing requirements if they choose to require proof of vaccination.

Among the settings this applies to are personal care services; indoor areas of museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens, and similar attractions; indoor areas of fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals; and open house events provided by real estate agencies.

Coinciding with the province loosening restrictions, the Town of Caledon has also increased capacity limits in recreation centres, including the fitness centres at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton and the Southfields Community Centre.

Patrons are reminded, however, that they must still book recreation activities in advance and provide proof of vaccination along with a piece of government-issued identification. Visitors must also continue to complete the online screening questionnaire on the Town's website prior to entry.

In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government also released "A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term." The plan outlines the Province's gradual approach to lifting remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022.

"Thanks to our cautious and careful approach to re-opening, we are now in position to gradually lift all remaining public health measures over the coming months," said Premier Doug Ford. "This plan is built for the long term. It will guide us safely through the winter and out of this pandemic, while avoiding lockdowns and ensuring we don't lose the hard-fought gains we have made."

Ontario will slowly lift all remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including the Provincial requirement for proof of vaccination and wearing of face coverings in indoor public settings, over the next six months.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, Ontario has taken a cautious approach to reopening to protect the health and safety of Ontarians," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Our plan will ensure we replicate this success and take a gradual approach that will protect our health system capacity, prevent widespread closures, keep our schools open and support the province's economic recovery."

Following the plan, by November 15, the government intends to lift capacity limits in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including food or drink establishments with dance facilities.

If by January 17 there is not concerning evidence in public health and healthcare following the winter holiday and students returning to the classroom, the Province intends to begin gradually lifting capacity limits in settings where proof of vaccination is not required.

The proof of vaccination requirement may also begin to be gradually lifted at that time, and it intended to be lifted by February 7 in high-risk settings.

The final step of the gradual reopen is set for March 28 when the province intends to lift remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including wearing face coverings in indoor public settings.

Recommendations may be released for specific settings, if appropriate.

As Ontario moves towards reopening, Peel has seen a decrease in cases with 277 this week to bring its total to 117,921. The Region also saw one more death to bring its total to 1,022.

Caledon also saw a drop off in new cases this week with 10 to bring the Town total to 4,900 and there were no new deaths as the total stayed at 22.

Vaccination coverage in Peel is continuing to increase with 2,499,236 total doses administered and 16,516 in the last seven-day cycle (October 18 to 24). There are now 1,313,061 individuals with at least one dose, 1,180,156 individuals fully vaccinated, and 6,019 individuals who have received a third dose.

Of all residents in Peel, 72.8 per cent are fully vaccinated and 77.1 per cent have at least one dose. With children under the age of 12 not yet eligible for the vaccine, the coverage takes a significant leap when looking at the eligible population.

Of eligible residents, 88.5 per cent of adults (18+) have one dose and 83.8 per cent of adults are fully vaccinated while 88.3 per cent of those 12 and older have one dose and 83.4 per cent are fully vaccinated.

To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment.

To download or print a copy of your proof of vaccination, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#proof-of-vaccination.

To learn more about the official QR code system Ontario has implemented and to access yours, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof.



Grant sponsors Monica Bond and Jacelyn Alphonso from Hometown Realty presented the $1,500 booster grant cheque alongside DCF president Gord Gallaugher and executive director Michele Fisher to Caledon Meals on Wheels executive director Christine Sevigny. **PHOTO BY PAULA BROWN**

Dufferin Community Foundation presents 2021 Booster Grants to local charities

BY PAULA BROWN

The Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) has provided a needed boost in funding to three charities benefiting Dufferin County residents with the presentation of their 2021 Booster Grants.

The local foundation presented Hospice Dufferin, Caledon Meals on Wheels, and Easter Seals each with a $1,500 cheque, outside the Orangeville Courthouse on October 20.

The funds from the grant program, which totalled $4,500, are sponsored by local businesspeople and are distributed to support existing projects with proven success or new projects that show best practices in the field.

"We are grateful to Hospice Dufferin, Easter Seals and Caledon Meal on Wheels for the crucial support that they provide to families, children and individuals in Dufferin County," said Gord Gallaugher, president of DFC. "Any boost that they get from these grants is multiplied many times over in terms of the impact on people's lives."

Dufferin Hospice will be using the funds to support the purchase of audio-visual equipment, which will allow them to design a series of online or DVD sessions for people experiencing bereavement. The series will provide knowledge and skills around the grief journey as well as strategies to help people cope.

The pilot project, Bereavement 101, will reach approximately 165 local clients each year and may be rolled out to 24 other hospices in the Central Region of Ontario, according to a recent press release from the DCF.

Caledon Meals on Wheels is applying the awarded funds to their subsidized meal and grocery program. The program aids seniors and people with disabilities living in Caledon, Orangeville and surrounding Dufferin County facing financial challenges by giving hot meals, frozen meals, or grocery items at partially or fully subsidized rates, through the Lord Dufferin Centre. 100 per cent of the proceeds will go to subsidizing food costs for clients until March 31, 2022.

Easter Seals is allocating the funding to in-home equipment for children and youth with physical disabilities in Dufferin County, who have been isolated and underserved as a result of the pandemic. Equipment is focused of mobility and safety, dignity, and social inclusion.

There are 12 families in Dufferin County who have requested the support, according to the DCF's press release.

This year, DFC marked the fourth year of providing additional funding aid to local non-profits with the Booster Grants program.



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by Jessica Abdalla, LIFE for Youth Program Graduate



When I heard about the LIFE for Youth program at Caledon Community Services (CCS), I was a recent University graduate and working at - what felt like - a dead-end job.

I was applying to jobs left and right and while I had had a few interviews, things weren't looking very promising. It was a desperate place to be in - I wanted to leave, but I also needed the income my job provided. That's when my sister told me about the LIFE for Youth program.

She had been enrolled in the program for a few months and explained how she was getting paid to learn and grow in her skills as a graphic designer. The program facilitators helped her craft a strong resume, prepare for the job interview process, empowered her to make and keep good habits and so much more.

I saw my sister's confidence growing; she was happier and doing something she loved. I didn't know a program like that existed, but now I'm so grateful that it does.

I called Mary Falcone, Manager, Youth Program, right away to learn how I could take advantage of the program and left my job to enroll. Mary and Joanne Huggins-Bailey, Youth Employment Specialist, took care of me the way I would hope someone would.

You learn a lot! I took a deep dive into what I was interested in, what I was good at, what I was happiest doing and what I was looking to improve on, and received customized courses based on my unique needs.

During my placements, I applied what I learned, my skills and my interests into helping the community within CCS and landed a job I'm passionate about at the end.

The real work experience I gained was invaluable to filling gaps in my resume. I'm excited that a lack of experience will no longer be a roadblock to achieving my employment goals, as I continue my career journey.

I love that I've found work that I'm passionate about and that I'm continuing to learn and grow. The work experience, skills and outlook I gained here I don't think I could have gained anywhere else. This program allowed me to have the financial security and support to take the time to breathe and ask myself what I want for my future. I'm no longer in that desperate place thanks to LIFE for Youth!

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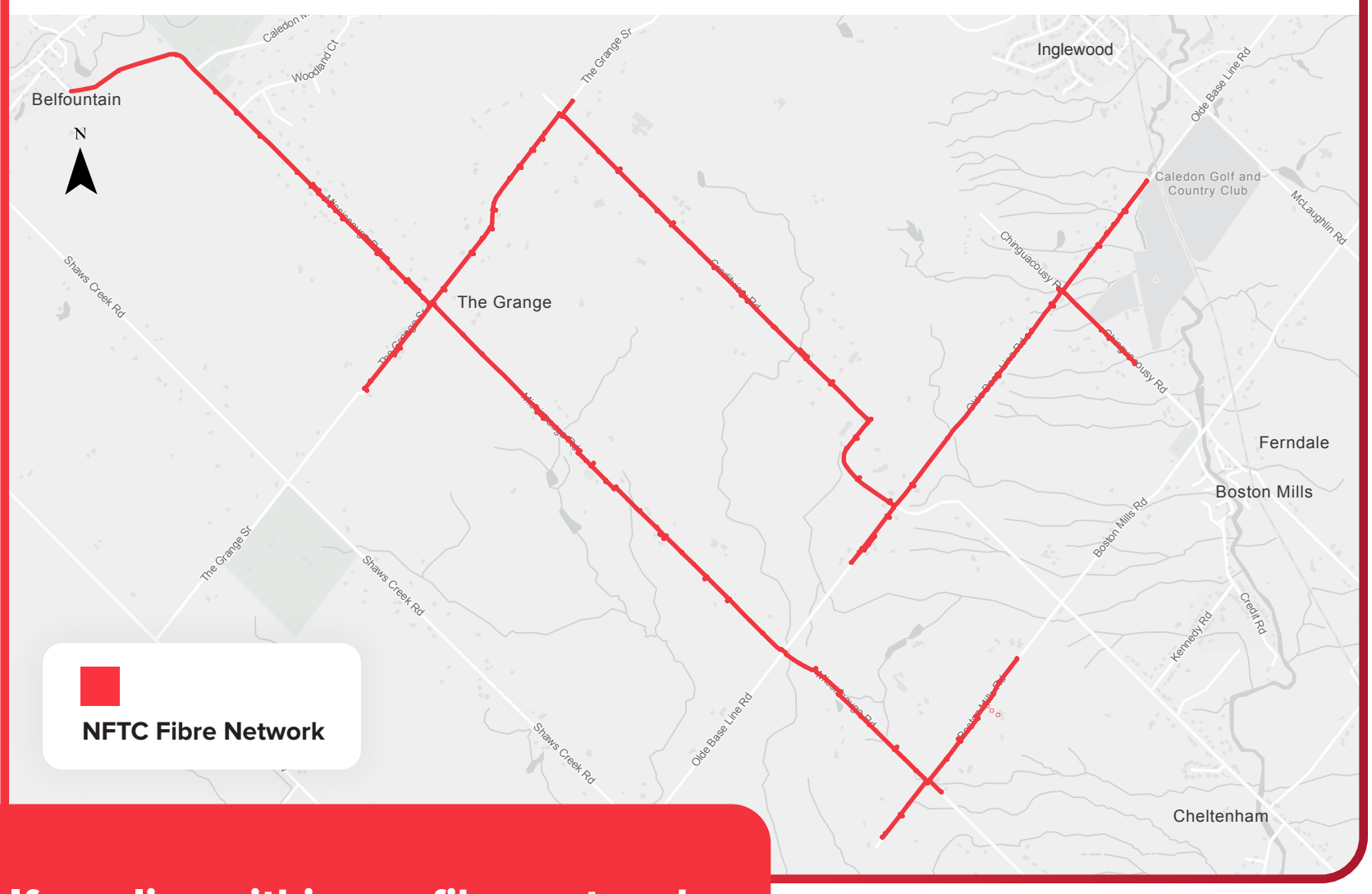
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York United draw Atletico Ottawa, winless in last five games

BY ROBERT BELARDI

A late 80-minute header from Chrisnovic N'Sa secured the point as York United keep their playoff hopes alive following a 1-1 draw from Atletico Ottawa.

It wasn't one of the prettiest performances from the Nine Stripes, but it was enough to earn a point for their fourth straight match.

At least that's the positive side of things, but as for the problems and the improvements column, there is still plenty left to do with three games left.

This was a perfect matchup for York United to earn the three points against a second-to-last place Atletico Ottawa side playing for pride.

However, it was the Ottleti who created more chances, and 15 minutes in the boys were rewarded.

Antoine Coupland's shot from just outside the 18-yard box deflected off of York defender Matteo Campagna and went right past Nathan Ingham's trailing leg to make it 1-0.

Of course, with 10 minutes left to go, the Nine Stripes tied the match. A lovely ball from the right side of the 18-yard-box from Noah Verhoeven found N'Sa soaring above the defence and he potted home the tying goal.

On the day, York United once again struggled to find the back of the net and it was Atletico Ottawa who found themselves with the upper hand.

Ottawa put forward 21 shots on goal with seven hitting the target, shooting almost at will against a timid York side.

York dominated possession holding 57 per cent of the ball, and their 13 shots had two hit the target.

It wasn't a pleasant day offensively and even the One Soccer commentators for the match pointed out how York United were unwilling to change things up formation-wise. Chances seemed rare and it was clear that York didn't know exactly what to do with the ball in some cases.

Ahead of the match, head coach Jimmy Brennan said it was a must-win game and Atletico Ottawa is a tough team because you don't know what team you're getting on that day.

He said his side were going to be on the front foot and in this case, only produced one goal.

Prior to the Atletico Ottawa bout, York United have been one of the top teams in the league for shots put forward each game.

York United lead the entirety of the Canadian Premier League with 246 total shots on the year and rank second for goals forward with 31.

Although the numbers are there, as mentioned in previous weeks, the results must arrive. It's time as the boys cannot let any more crucial points slip away if they want to be in a playoff spot.



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York is currently one point behind the HFX Wanderers for fourth place with three matches to go.

They're on the road this Saturday to take on Pacific FC. Kick-off is at 6 p.m. EST.



Nightmare starts to the season for Caledon's Hockey Clubs

BY ROBERT BELARDI

All three of Caledon's hockey clubs might be bellowing out a roar of discontent to start the campaign, but luckily it is still just the first month of the season and there is time to right the ship.

So far, this 2021-2022 OJHL/GOJHL/PJHL campaigns have seen one Caledon team record a win. That was the Caledon Golden Hawks in the first game of their season, as the boys defeated the Huntsville Otters 6-2 on home turf.

This past week was anything but. Some close calls and some far from it. Let's take a look.

Caledon Admirals

The Caledon Admirals put forward two of their highest scoring games so far this season but once again struggled to keep the puck out of their own net.

The Admirals fell to the Trenton Golden Hawks 7-5 at home last Thursday, and lost to the Cobourg Cougars 6-4 on Saturday before heading out on the road to fall 5-2 against the North York Rangers on Sunday.

Ryan O'Toole and Luke Perovic gave the Admirals a 2-0 lead early before Jake Campbell got the Golden Hawks on the board.

O'Toole scored his second and Jake Barkley added a fourth for the Admirals as the boys led 4-2 at intermission.

With Trenton coming back in the second period and the game heading into the third tied at 5-5 the Admirals couldn't get on the board in the final frame and conceded twice to fall 7-5.

In the next loss, the Admirals' leading scorer Sebastian Bulovs' two goals couldn't propel the boys past the Cougars despite the Admirals outshooting their opponent 27-24.

On Sunday, it was quite the tough loss as the Admirals were outshot 47-19. Goaltender Owen Porter stopped 42 of 46 shots he faced in quite a stellar performance to give his team a chance to win.

Caledon Bombers

The Caledon Bombers couldn't get past the Ayr Centennials as the boys fell 5-4 (SO) coming down to a grudge match of a shootout to decide the winner.

The Bombers were inches away from earning their first victory of the season in a hard-fought bout against a Centennials team that is now 4-2-1 on the year.

In the first period, Andrew Reynolds got the Bombers on the board just under four minutes in the contest. Brayden McDonald tied it up for the Centennials before Tyler Bortkiewicz potted in his second goal of the season to give a 2-1 lead after first.

Skipping over to the third period, and the Bombers now up 4-2, David Anderson and Eli Palfreyman put two goals James Norton to tie it all up at four.

Centennials forward Ben Moldenhauer was the lone-scorer in the shootout.

Heading over to Cambridge last Saturday for a date with the Redhawks, the Bombers outclassed 5-2.

Tanner Bibby and Andrew Britton got things started on the score sheet just over a minute into the game before Ben McChesney got within one near the end of the period.

The Redhawks, put forward three goals in the second period as Luke Bibby got his sixth of the season while Nolan Milne got his fourth and Michael McKnight got his third enough to put the Bombers away.

Caledon Golden Hawks

The Huntsville Otters got their revenge since the first game of the season at home last Friday, taking down the Golden Hawks 4-1. The Golden Hawks then came back home to take on the Orillia Terriers and were stymied 3-0.

The Golden Hawks only held a lead for three minutes and fifty-two seconds over the two games in the week.

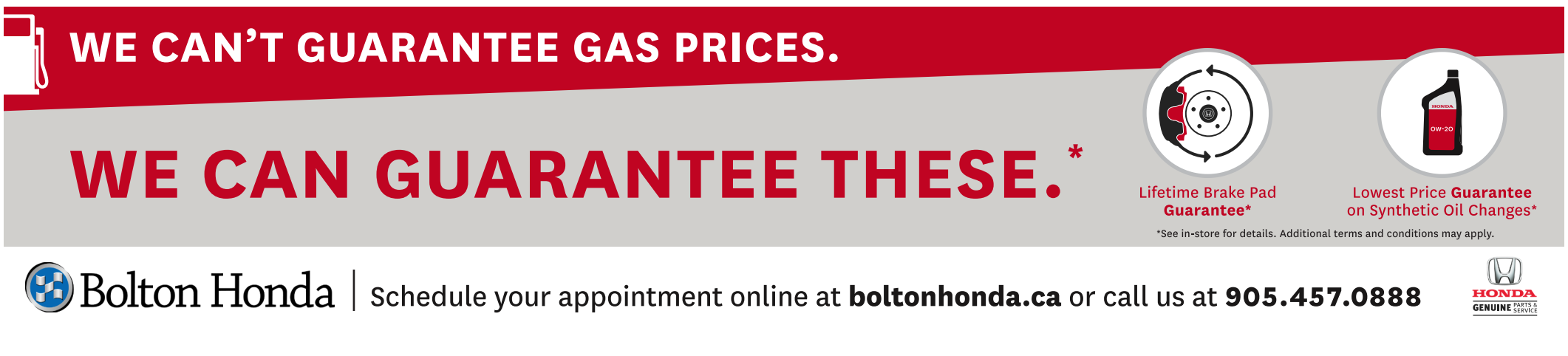
Luke Camara's second goal of the season came 6:59 into the first period.

At 10:52, Otters' Tye Lindeman put his second of the season in and the rest is history for the Golden Hawks.

All three clubs are in action this week.

To keep up with all three Caledon clubs, visit ojhl.ca, gojhl.ca and thepjhl.ca.





Bolton United Church hosts talk on reconciliation to get guidance from Indigenous Reverend Nancy Best

BY ROB PAUL

On Friday evening, Bolton United Church hosted a community event over Zoom as part of their Let's Talk Seminar Series called "How Can We Journey with our Indigenous Siblings Towards Healing?"

The talk was led by Reverend Nancy Best of Navan-Vars United Church, who is of Mohawk heritage and combines those teachings into her Christian faith.

The talk was organized by Bolton United's Minister Eleanor Scarlett as part of her efforts of continuing the conversation on truth and reconciliation for the Indigenous community in her congregation and the surrounding community.

"Following the discovery of the graves in Kamloops, I challenged my congregation to lament and not to act in wanting to do something, but to lament and to pray," said Scarlett. "Most of our congregants don't know to lament, but I think Bolton has understood and learned. I think tonight, Bolton, Palgrave, and all the rest who are with us are hoping that we will get some direction in where we go from here with how we move forward in healing."

Given the atrocities that Indigenous people have suffered through throughout Canada's history, Best spoke candidly about the need to continue mourning the losses and the generational trauma the Indigenous community has dealt with stemming from the settler's arrival.

"I would suggest that we stay in lament," said Best, "As an Indigenous person speaking on behalf of the people planning our gathering, we are not ready to come out of lament. We have cancelled our meetings twice because they have been within days of uncovering graves of children. On our planning committee there are residential school survivors and there are Sixties Scoop people.

"In the 60's, unfortunately it was decided it was better to take Indigenous children away from their families and their homes and their culture and have them adopted by white people. Just further continuance of the sacrilege of trying to crush and annihilate our culture. One of our group members was actually adopted by a couple in the Netherlands; not only did he grow up not knowing he was Indigenous, but he grew up not knowing he was Canadian. To hear these stories is incredibly painful and, to be honest, we're not ready to move on."

Something Best made a point to highlight was that when these injustices are spotlighted in the moment there's support, but often it is people looking for a quick fix before moving on. She hopes going forward there is more thoughtfulness put into reconciliation efforts both by the government and non-indigenous communities.

"I was quite horrified by how many non-Indigenous people wanted to jump up and make it better," said Best. "It can't be made better overnight, it's a process and it's a changing of hearts and of minds and of direction. We just don't feel the government is there yet and until people are educated in ways of how to help everybody move on. It's not just us, it's all of us as people and as Canadians that we all have to move on. That's why for us having the buffalo restored to unfenced places was the biggest thing that's been done for us in I don't how long.

"That was brilliant, and I think that came from the conservationists and not the government. I have to also say that we have a huge sense of hope now that we have an Indigenous governor general (Mary May Simon) and we are so proud as a community of her. She's just so representative of the calmness and the careful consideration before she speaks, and she optimizes what we all strive to be. We think she's going to be the one who will do a lot of healing."

One of the most important things non-Indigenous people can do in their truth and reconciliation efforts is to continue to educate themselves on what Indigenous communities have gone through in Canada and educate others, particularly the youth, says Best.

"As far as action, I'd suggest reading Indigenous authors so that you hear our viewpoint and I would suggest reading Indigenous children's authors to your grandkids," she said. "In a practical sense, the United Church of Canada has a healing fund. With the healing fund, all the money goes to reconciliation projects and things that have come up as a result of Sixties Scoop and residential schools. The grants are decided by a committee of Indigenous people, so, it's money that is 100 per cent in Indigenous hands going to Indigenous people."

Best also said it's important to support local causes to help those Indigenous who are struggling as a result of the generational trauma.

"The other things I encourage too is supporting your local Indigenous centre because the greatest number of Indigenous people do not live on reserves," she said. "Unfortunately, many of them live downtown in our cities and many of them are homeless and many of them are addicted—I speak about that from personal experience because my brother died in a shelter in downtown Ottawa. Read, educate yourself, but still, we are not quite ready to move ahead yet, but this is a good step for all of us."



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Peacefully at Wellington Terrace LTC in Fergus on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Andjelka (Angela) Gardilcic (nee Radosavljevic), passed in her 91st year. Angela loved spending time with her family, gardening at the cottage and winters in Florida. Born in Zemun, Yugoslavia on January 1, 1931, she and her son immigrated to Canada in 1963 to rejoin with Eduard. Eduard Gardilcic was her beloved husband for over 73 years. Dearest mother of Ivan and Lynne Gardilcic of Caledon East, awesome grandmother to Diane Gardilcic and her husband Rob of Uxbridge, and Dave Gardilcic and his wife Mattie of Caledon East. Proud great-grandmother of Cameron and Andrew. Angela leaves us to join her parents Nikola and Draginja, and her siblings Bata, Luka, Seja and Mita. She has left a space in our hearts. May she rest peacefully in eternity until we meet again.

Private graveside service will be held on Friday, October 29th at the Park Lawn Cemetery in Toronto. The family will be receiving family and friends at their home in Caledon East at 1:00 on Saturday October 30th.

As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to Wellington Terrace in Fergus, Ontario. Condolences to the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

OBITUARIES

BESTWARD, Marietta (nee Turnbull)



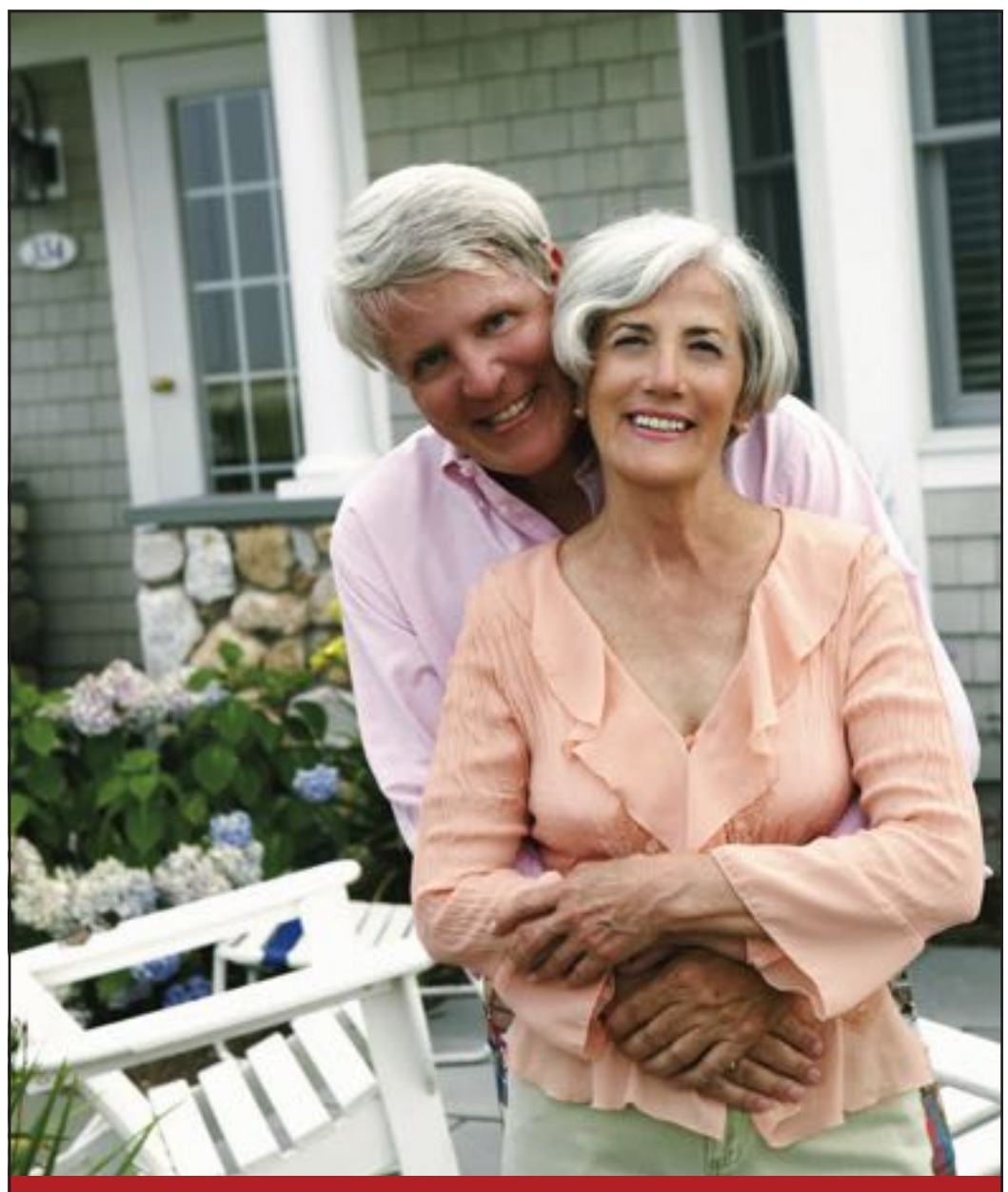
It is with profound sorrow that the family of Marietta (Marty) Bestward announce her passing at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Oct 24, 2021. With Jeff Sipple, her beloved fiancé of 26 yrs. and her children by her side, her battle with cancer was finally ended. She is the cherished mom of Robert Bestward, Krystal (Tony) Racanelli, and Lisa (Shawn) Sipple; Loving grandmother to Damien Bestward, Kierra and Gabriel Racanelli.

Adored sister to John Turnbull (Marilyn Hughes), Sharon,(Wayne) Turnbull-Schmitt and Brenda(Cecil) Hunter. Marty will also be greatly missed by her nieces, nephews, and many friends. Memorial donations to Cancer Society or Cancer Research would be appreciated.

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Our Readers Write

Volunteers "stepping up" efforts to oppose 413

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Please consider the following points.

- Approximately 400 acres of greenbelt would be lost, as the six-lane mega-highway winds its way from Highway 401 through Caledon to Vaughan. It will have particularly devastating impact on the Nashville Conservation Tract on the east edge of Bolton.
- The highway would open up the region to sprawl and the proliferation of even more warehouses in Caledon.
- It will cost $6 billion plus and will have no impact on regional congestion. Scarce government dollars would be diverted from public transit initiatives and commuters would be less inclined to use whatever public transit is available. As a result, the highway will eventually become just as congested as any other in the Greater Toronto Area. Drivers will be stuck in traffic and most likely they will also be paying tolls.
- The Provincial government hasn't said the highway would be a toll road, but it hasn't denied it either. That is something the trucking industry needs to bear in mind. Apparently, truckers aren't using Highway 407 to avoid the tolls. So, why would they drive a few kilometres north just to access another toll highway?
- The highway's proposed route is in south Caledon. But this issue is of direct concern to residents in Belfountain, Alton, and Inglewood and other communities in the northwest where the pits and quarries are located. It takes a lot of gravel to construct a highway, especially one of this magnitude. That means more gravel truck traffic in those areas for a very long time, perhaps two to three years, or however long the construction would take to complete. Most likely, there will also be accelerated pressure to enlarge existing pits and quarries and approve new ones.
- Consider the real reasons the government is trying to ram this project through. Earlier this year, a joint Toronto Star/National Observer investigation revealed that eight of Ontario's most powerful land developers own thousands of acres of prime real estate near the proposed route and that four of them are connected to Doug Ford's Progressive Conservative government through party officials and former Tory politicians now acting as registered lobbyists.

For more information on Highway 413, visit environmentaldefence.ca/report/paving-paradise.

And for more information on the November 13 Day of Action in Bolton contact the writer at: danoreilly@sympatico.ca.

DAN O'REILLY
CALEDON

Stop big sprawl, says Le Forestier

In Peel Region we are in danger of losing 19,000 acres of farmland.

Our greenbelt lands, prime farmland, nature and watersheds are at risk of being swallowed up due to inappropriate development, lazy, archaic zoning bylaws and short-sighted planning.

The land around Campbell's Cross Creek and other upper tributaries of the West Humber River, which provide some of the last remaining habitat for the endangered redside dace should not be the collateral damage of lining the pockets of over-privileged developers lining up to support Doug Ford's campaign trail.

In Durham Region, more than 20,000 acres of land is threatened. In Halton over 10,000 acres of land are in developers' cross hairs. In Hamilton, more than 3,000 acres of farmland are at risk despite massive public organization and advocacy. In York, more than 5,000 acres are at risk.

These plans are largely sprawling subdivisions that will not address the housing emergency, the homelessness emergency or the climate emergency.

What are our elected councils actually doing to represent the Public interest?

The GTAW Highway 413 is another part of this big sprawl.

Residents of all areas need to speak up. The world is in crisis. We need councillors to promote and support vibrant livable and climate friendly communities with local action and local decisions.

Please let your councillors know you do not support the Big Sprawl. And if they do? Vote them out.

JENNI LE FORESTIER
CALEDON

MP's column was "partisan rant"

MP Kyle Seeback's opinion piece, "It's time to return to work, Justin Trudeau'', Thursday, October 21, 2021, was more like a partisan rant than a parliamentarian's "Report from Ottawa" as the column is titled.

First, it's Prime Minister Trudeau to you, Mr. Seeback.

Secondly, it's a rich position coming from the Conservative Party of Canada, masters of prorogation, complaining about holdups in getting politicians back to work for Canadians.

While most Canadians can agree that the $600 million spent on this unnecessary election could have been better spent on providing clean drinking water to our First Nations and fulfilling all of the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Report, one fact is clear: The Liberals won, increasing their seat count by 2, and the Conservatives lost, losing two seats.

Seeback's claim that a CPC government would have returned to work much sooner is pure speculation.

You are our MP, Mr. Seeback.

Give us some meat and potatoes instead of blowing smoke in the wind.

SKID CREASE
CALEDON

Caledon Townhall Players: Over the River and Through the Woods

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

The gates have opened and the community theatres in our area are too opening again.

First up is the Caledon Townhall Players (CTHP), now coming into its 58th season, with their opening production, Over the River and Through the Woods, by Joe DiPietro, on November 5.

A veteran member of CTHP of over 30 years, director Kim Blacklock said she is pleased with how the rehearsals are going and thrilled to be welcoming audiences back into the theatre, albeit with all the COVID protocols. Blacklock directed the show for the first time in 2002.

Producer Heidi Kachel had noted that there was such a good reaction to the show the first time around that it was decided to revive it in 2019, for production in May 2020.

"But we were all shut down before then," says Ms. Blacklock. "I had just started rehearsals [early 2020], when we were shut down. Then we got notice that we might be able to stage it in November this year. Four of the six actors [who were going to perform in it last year] came back. We cast the other two roles and we open on November 5."

Over the River and Through the Woods, is about a family in New Jersey: a young man, Nick who has Sunday dinner with his four grandparents every week, as their only relative living nearby. These Italian grandparents are portrayed with very humorous dialogue and the exchange amongst them and their grandson may well remind audience members of their own families.

At one point, Nick arrives with the news that he has been promoted to a bigger and better job in Seattle. In a rare mood of discord, they express reasons for him not to go, including an introduction to an attractive young nurse as a possible love interest to him keep close.

How that works out is for you to discover by coming to see the show.

"We have all seen different things in it for those of us who had grandparents," said Ms. Blacklock.

Originally written in 1994, Joe DiPietro did some re-writing on Over the River and Through the Woods and the final version was ready in 1998. The play ran in the off-Broadway John Houseman Theatre for 800 performances over two years.

The last show of the Caledon Townhall Players was their February production in 2020. They had had a good season thus far, with audience attendance at 70 per cent, Ms. Blacklock told The Citizen.

"Happily, between donors and all that, we've managed to keep the lights on," she said. "The Town helped with the hydro. Even though we shut down and everything was turned off, we still had to keep the building warm."

In December, 2020, they had an online auction, to which people donated items. They put it all online and got back just over $2,000.

Even more to the point, as she added, "We wound up with people who didn't know about us but found out about us through the auction and now we have people wanting to buy tickets. So, that was good. Especially with COVID, people were home a lot more and online more. We got the word out through social media – every little bit helps."

Two more plays are on track as the rest of the Theatre Company's season: Norm Foster's Kiss the Sun, Kiss the Moon and the Farce of Nature by the collective Jesse Jones, Nicolas Hope and Jamie Wooten.

Ms. Blacklock commented, "It's still kind of surreal being back but it will be good to see our patrons again."

For tickets for the show, which runs on select dates and times between November 5 and 13, call 905-927-5480 or simply email info@caledontownhallplayers.com.

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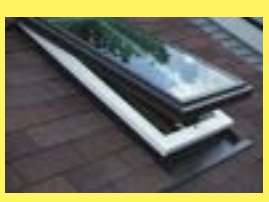
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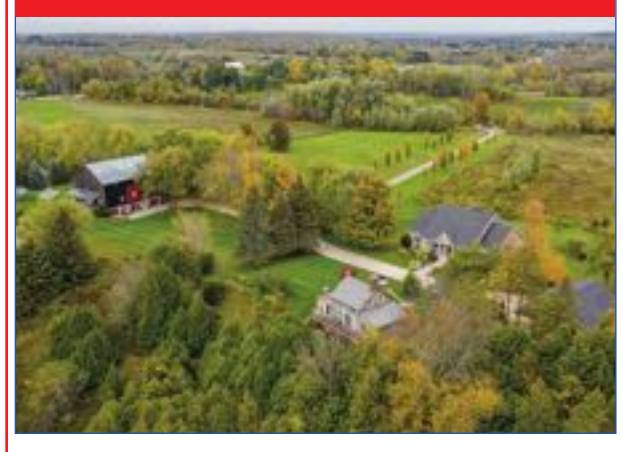
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Gould Team increasing accessibility this Halloween with sign initiative



October 31 is going to be much busier this year compared to 2020 – when Ontario was seeing nearly 1,000 new cases of COVID-19 each day, and Public Health officials were advising everyone to stay home that lived in hotspots. Currently, the 7-day case average is 406, and provincial Public Health officials are saying it will be safe to trick-or-treat next Sunday (October 31).

HOWEVER, when it comes to accessibility or mobility for trick-or-treating, everyone's not on equal footing. There are over 300,000 children in Ontario who have special needs, or mobility issues, according to the Ministry of Education, who may require extra assistance.

With this in mind, the Gould Team and RE/MAX Orangeville – RE/MAX (115 First St.) has distributed 200 large lawn signs within Dufferin County that read "Accessible Trick or Treating". The signs are meant to notify families of children with special needs that the homeowners have made their handing out of candy accessible. Oftentimes, this is as easy as moving the candy bowl outdoors, where it can be easily accessed and handing it out from there.

"With trick or treating happening this year… we thought it would be cool if homes that want to participate in the program would allow us to put a lawn sign saying that their home is accessible for trick or treaters," says Jerry Gould of Gould Team – RE/MAX.

"It's very simple – let's get the candy distribution centre to the foot of the driveway or beyond any obstacles."

Not only does this help get more candy to children who may have mobility issues, but it also makes the homeowner feel more involved in Halloween night.

"The homeowner gets to really feel like they're participating in the evening, they get lots of fresh air, and also it may it may prevent crowding on their stairs or in front of their doors, which often happens," Mr. Gould explains.

In addition to the accessibility signs, the Gould Team, as always, is handing out glow in the dark trick-or-treat bags, which help kids stand out in the dark, improving their safety.

For the signs, this is the first year RE/MAX has distributed them to their franchises to improve accessibility for children during Halloween. The Gould Team, however, took the initiative one step further and custom-made the accessibility signs themselves. Since the start of the pandemic, the Gould Team has done graduation signs for high school graduates and "slow down" signs for parents of children on busy streets. Making the accessibility signs seemed like a logical next step, according to Mr. Gould.

He notes that it's an important initiative for ensuring no one in Dufferin County feels excluded from trick-or-treating due to a mobility challenge or other constraint.

"It's making sure everyone can enjoy Halloween this year because Halloween, I know when my kids were younger, was such a big thing for us," says Mr. Gould. "I think there might be a pent-up demand for it this year."

There are still a few signs left, and the Gould Team would be happy to hand them out ahead of Halloween night. To reach Mr. Gould regarding the accessibility signs, call 519-217-7653.

Apart from the sign initiative, the Gould Team is involved in sponsoring other charitable initiatives or organizations throughout the year.

When looking at their team of realtors, they are award-winning, having just received the highly coveted Career Award, which is called the RE/MAX Circle of Legends Award, for being among the top sellers of residential and commercial properties, throughout Canada and around the world.

Going forward, Mr. Gould says as we enter the fall and winter, if anyone has any questions about the current real estate market, he would encourage them to give him a call at 519-217-7653.

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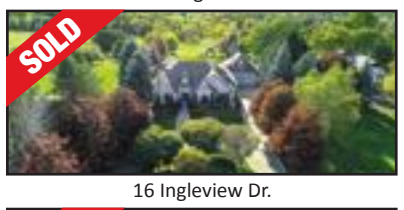
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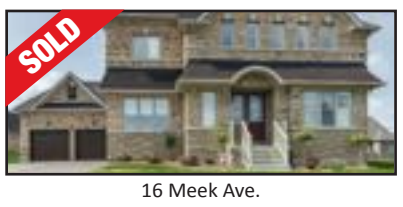
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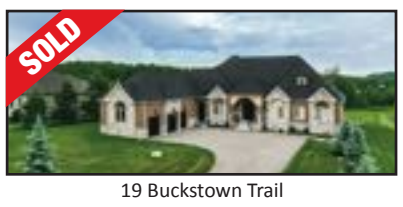
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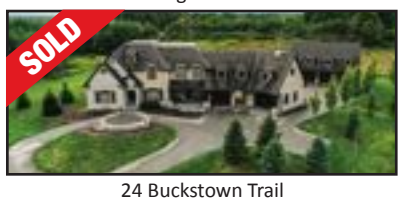
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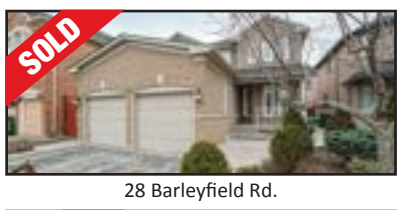
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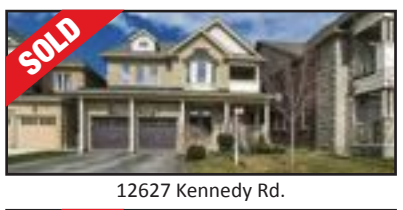
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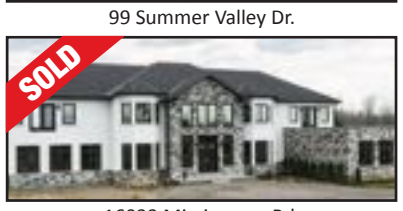
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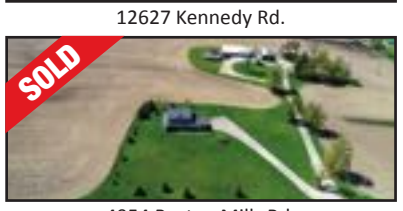
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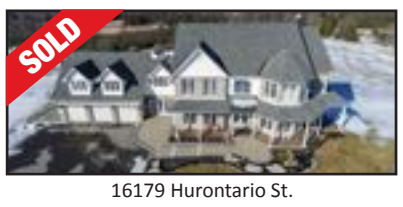
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(NC) It's no surprise that Canadian winter weather can be unpredictable. That's why it's good practice to ensure that you — and your home — are ready for whatever rolls in with the cold temperatures.

With the Farmer's Almanac calling for above-normal levels of rain and snow this year, make sure your home is ready by following these three tips:

1. CHECK YOUR FURNACE.
Make sure your furnace is in good working order by booking a furnace inspection before the coldest part of winter hits. Wait times can be longer as we get deeper into the season, and that's the worst time to make do without. Regular maintenance and inspections can save you money in the long run.

2. INSULATE DOORS AND WINDOWS.
Keep the warmth in by installing or replacing weather-stripping or weather-strip film. When you turn your heaters on, ensure your baseboards are clean and test each one to see that they're working properly. Heat rises, so start with the basement first.

3. EMPTY EXTERIOR PIPES.
Water expands in the cold, so when severe cold snaps hit, pipes can be at risk of bursting. To avoid having your water pipes freeze and burst, empty all exterior taps, and shut off the valves until next spring.

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How to choose the right lighting inside your home

Lighting in a home serves both practical and aesthetic purposes. It's easy to maneuver around a well-lit home, reducing the risk of slips and falls, and the right lighting can help homeowners create their desired ambiance, which typically changes depending on which room you're in.

When choosing lighting for their homes, homeowners must walk a fine line between appearance and functionality. A fixture in the foyer that instantly impresses visitors likely won't prove as awe-inspiring if it's installed in the living room. When choosing lighting for a home, some general rules about what works in each room can help homeowners make the most informed decision.

KITCHEN

Kitchens are often the busiest room in a home, so lighting here can be especially important. A kitchen often benefits, both practically and aesthetically, from different types of lighting. For example, pendant lighting above kitchen islands can make meal preparation easier and safer, but such lighting likely won't work in breakfast nooks and informal dining areas in the kitchen. Recessed lighting works best in such areas. In kitchens with no island, under-cabinet lighting can be used to illuminate countertops and simplify meal preparation.

FORMAL DINING ROOM

Many people enjoy the look of chandeliers in formal dining rooms, and such fixtures can be installed directly above the dinner table. The interior design experts at Better Homes & Gardens advise hanging chandeliers roughly 33 inches above the table in dining rooms with eight-foot ceilings, adding three inches for each additional foot above eight feet. Darkened dining areas may be ideal in restaurants, but homeowners may want to split the difference at home and choose dimmable chandeliers for their dining rooms. This allows homeowners to dim the lights for romantic dinners but turn them up for family gatherings with lots of people around the table.

LIVING ROOM

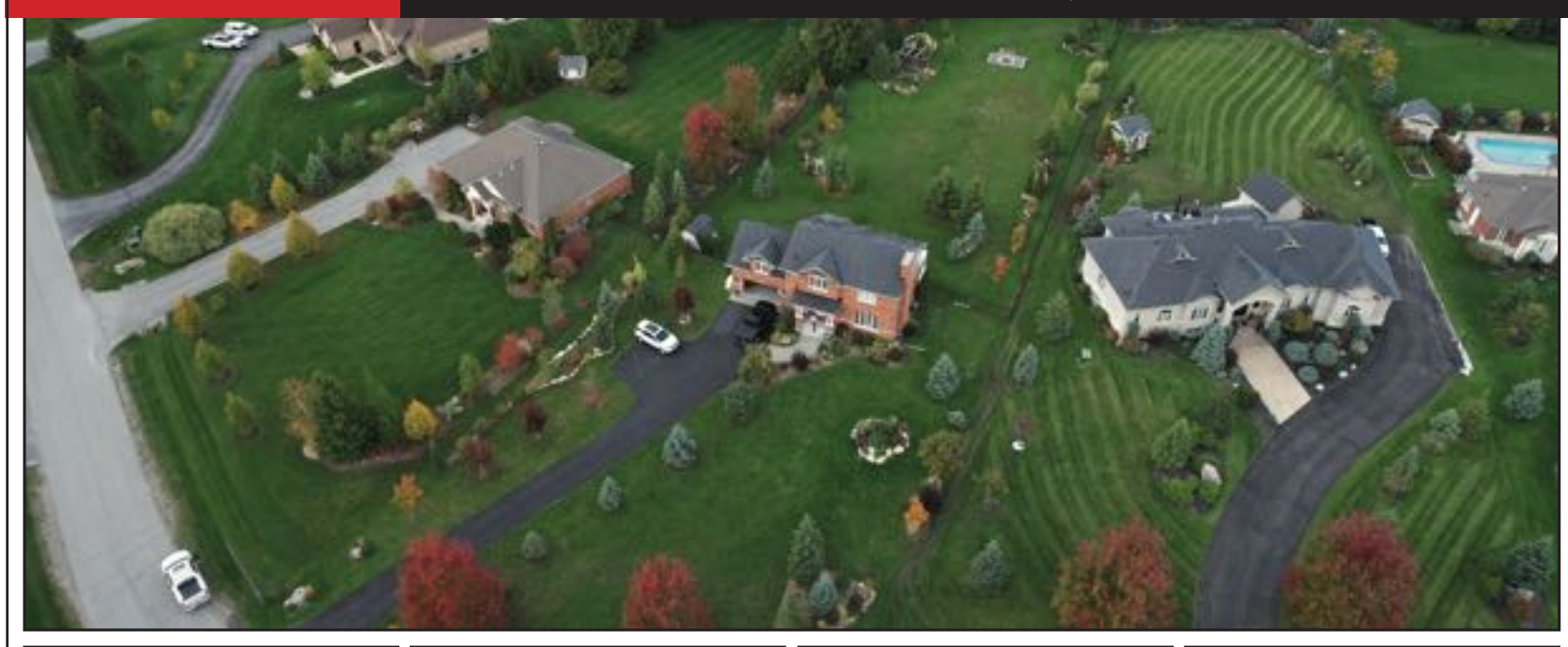
Adaptability also is important in the living room, where homeowners may host anything from movie nights to book clubs to parties for the big game. It can be a tall order to accommodate such a wide range of activities, and many homeowners come down to deciding between recessed lighting and track lighting. If the living room currently has neither style, homeowners should recognize that it will cost considerably less to install track lighting than recessed lighting. Better Homes & Gardens notes that flexible track lighting provides ambient, task or accent lighting, and track lights can even be moved to change lighting schemes at any time, making them a budget-friendly option for homeowners whose living rooms are multi-purpose spaces. Recessed lighting also works well in living rooms, especially ones with low ceilings. That's because recessed lighting is installed into the ceiling, meaning it does not take up any visual space in the room. That can help living rooms feel bigger.

BEDROOM

The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that bedroom lighting should provide enough light when getting dressed, but also be able to be toned down as residents prepare for their bedtime routines. Both portable and installed lighting can be used in bedrooms to serve these various functions. Recessed fixtures that dim can ensure there's ample light to get dressed in the morning, but they also can be dimmed at night as residents try to get ready to sleep. Portable nightstand lights can make it easier for couples sharing a bedroom, allowing one person to stay up and read while the other goes to sleep.

Homeowners have many options and many needs when choosing lighting for their homes. A professional consultation with a lighting expert or interior decorator can help homeowners find lights that provide both practical and aesthetic appeal.

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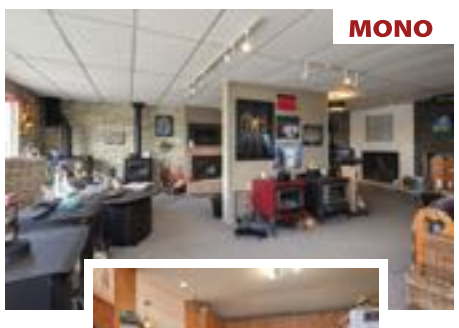
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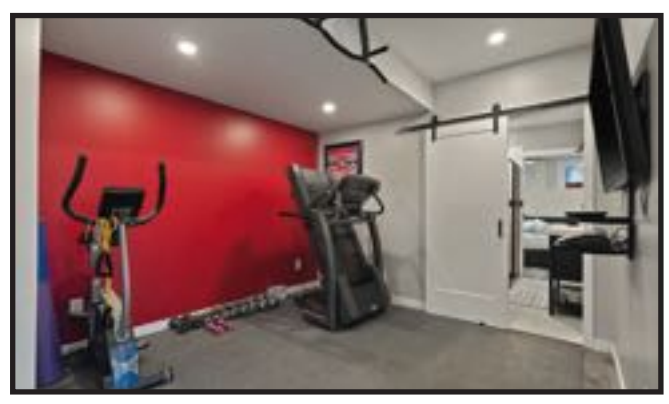
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How is the fall market doing?

It is still a seller's market in Dufferin County and the surrounding region, however going into the fall, things have slowed down somewhat as the traditionally less active winter market approaches.

WHILE HOMES are still selling quickly when the for sale sign is placed on the front yard, the period between placing a home on the market and attaching the 'sold' sign is taking a few days longer than in previous months.

While the market, in general, has levelled off, there are still neighbourhoods and certain areas that are still receiving multiple offers on different homes and offers that are over the asking price.

At the current time, there seems to be no real certainty as to why particular areas are hotter than others. However, rural properties and homes which have an outstanding presentation with additional amenities are definitely garnering more attention, with many out-of-town buyers taking a particular interest.

The practice of holding offers now seems to have been on the wane over the past year. Many Real Estate agents are now accepting all offers at any time.

There are still neighbourhoods that attract more attention than others. The reasons vary, but some older established areas have gained a reputation as desirable places to live and when a house does go on the market, it immediately attracts a lot of attention.

While the fall season is generally busy in terms of real estate transactions, the market does tend to pick up after the Thanksgiving holiday and keeps busy right up to the Christmas season.

From there, the market usually softens up during the winter months beginning in January.

In Orangeville and the surrounding area, home prices have now levelled off. The super hot market of the previous year has cooled.

Many transactions are now going back to negotiated prices, and the turnaround time on a sale is now longer than it was this same time last year.

When the market was at its peak, home sellers were not accepting any conditions on a sale. Now that has also reversed, and people are again negotiating.

With interest rates still low and inventory in the region also rather scarce at the current time, it is still a good market for sellers.

While there was a big rush of people from outside the region looking to buy in the area, that trend has cooled as many homeowners simply gave up after being discouraged when they were faced with bidding wars every time they tried to put an offer on a house.

However, there is still considerable interest from buyers from larger centres, especially when it comes to rural properties.

– Written by Brian Lockhart

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TRICK OR TREATING: FUN FOR ALL

As the fall progresses and we get close to Halloween, the REMAX Gould Team, in Orangeville is taking part in a special program to make sure every child can participate in trick-or-treating once the annual holiday arrives and children are knocking on your door.

In Canada, there are over 40,000 children and youth who have mobility issues that make trick-or-treating very difficult.

Over the past year-and-a-half, we have been restricted when it comes to social outings. Those restrictions placed an even heavier burden on people who are already limited when it comes to movement.

The Gould Team would like to help by ensuring kids with mobility issues can still take part in the fun on October 31.

Making your home accessible does not require a lot of effort or expense.
It is a simple as relocating your candy dispensing area to the front of the driveway so people can avoid the steps on your front porch. This can also make it an extra fun night if your neighbours take part and you turn it into a real neighbourhood social event.

Or you can simply be willing to walk down the steps of your front porch to distribute candy.

You can be a part of this REMAX and Gould Team initiative by placing an Accessible Trick or Treating sign on your front lawn to let parents and kids know you are willing to take the extra effort to make sure every kid can take part in Halloween this year.

The Gould Team is also distributing glow-in-the-dark trick-or-treat bags that will make children more visible when walking in dark areas on Halloween night.

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Staging your home the right way

Dufferin Real Estate Market Update

Dufferin Statistics (excluding Orangeville) - September

	September, 2021	September, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	55	99	-14.14%
# of Sales	52	78	-33.33%
Average Sale Price	$1,150,905	$899,010	31.36%

Dufferin Statistics (excluding Orangeville) - Year to Date

	Jan - September, 2021	Jan - September, 2020	% Change
# of Sales	565	507	11.44%
Average Sale Price	$1,103,441	$811,382	36.00%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale	85
Divided by Sales per Month	52
Months of Inventory	2

There is currently 2 months of inventory on the Market in Dufferin (excluding Orangeville). In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

September 2021 vs. September 2020
The number of active listings in Dufferin (excluding Orangeville) decreased by 14.14% in September 2021 over the same month in 2020. The number of homes sold decreased by 26 homes or 33.33% in September 2021. Average sale prices increased by 31.36%.

Year to Date 2020 vs. Year to Date 2019
The number of homes sold increased by 58 homes in September 2021 over the same month in 2020. Average sale prices were up by 36%.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE EVERYTHING.

When putting your home on the market for sale, you want to give the best first impression you can when potential buyers arrive to tour the house.

Staging a home for presentation to potential buyers doesn't mean removing all your own furniture and replacing it with high-end pieces that give a showcase home appearance.

It means putting your home in its best light and giving buyers the chance to envision your home as their own.

A professional stager can offer advice and help you make subtle changes that can impress first-time viewers.

Currently, just about every home on the market will be staged, at least to some degree. Sometimes that does mean bringing in rented furniture, and other times it just means eliminating some pieces and doing a general clean-up.

A stager will work with a homeowner to use the available furniture to create a pleasing appearance and possibly give a better flow to traffic patterns in the home.

The whole idea of staging a property is to make it appeal to the widest number of viewers.

One way to do this is to de-personalize the home. This means taking out items like family photos, personal awards, paintings, and anything that puts a name to the current owners.

By doing this, a potential buyer won't have the impression they are in someone else's home, but rather look at it like it is their future home.

You want to provide a 'neutral' impression for anyone who enters through the front door.

There is, however, a delicate balance when it comes to eliminating furnishings. You don't want to strip too much away and give the impression of a cold and hollow place.

A stager will also make a recommendation about the best use for certain rooms. While you may have decided your dining room makes a better home office than a place to eat and entertain, a stager may suggest turning that back into a dining room during viewings.

Presenting a bright and airy appearance is also very important – especially at this time of year when sunlight is limited.

Before viewing, you should open the window coverings to allow as much light in as possible and turn on the lights so viewers aren't introduced to a dark house.

You should also be aware of unpleasant odours. If you know people will be arriving to see the home, it's probably not the best day to start cooking your famous cabbage soup or Boston Blue Fish chowder.

There are many subtle details you can also look at, like reducing clutter on shelves and tables. Take a look at your bathroom and make sure the countertop is clean and clear, the toilet seat is down, and towels are hung properly and tastefully.

There may be times when a stager will suggest you make some colour changes in the home. Colours can be a very personal thing, and not everyone may like the colours you have chosen to paint your walls.

While you may enjoy your hot-pink dining room that blends into a dark green living room, some viewers will be put off by such bold colours and will only think of the amount of work it will take to turn those rooms into something they will enjoy.

A stager may suggest re-painting in a neutral colour to avoid the shock of such bold colours in a room.

You can take advantage of the seasons when staging a home by decorating to reflect the time of year.

That doesn't mean you should be buying hay bales, corn stalks, and pumpkins for the fall season, but some minor touches will add a homey touch to your home's appearance.

Staging a home will provide an appealing interior appearance, but it doesn't stop on just the inside.

You must also take note of the outside appearance of the house and the curb appeal. The first impression a potential buyer will get is when they pull into the driveway and see the house for the first time.

You want your lawn to be well-trimmed, your shrubs and trees, well attended, and your yard and driveway free from any kind of clutter. Make sure your porch is swept, and the kid's toys are put away.

The same curb appeal guidelines apply to your backyard as well.

When it's time to put your home on the market, properly staging and presenting your dwelling to potential buyers will make a huge difference in their impression of the home.

By providing the best first impression, your chances of a quick sale will improve dramatically.

Written by Brian Lockhart

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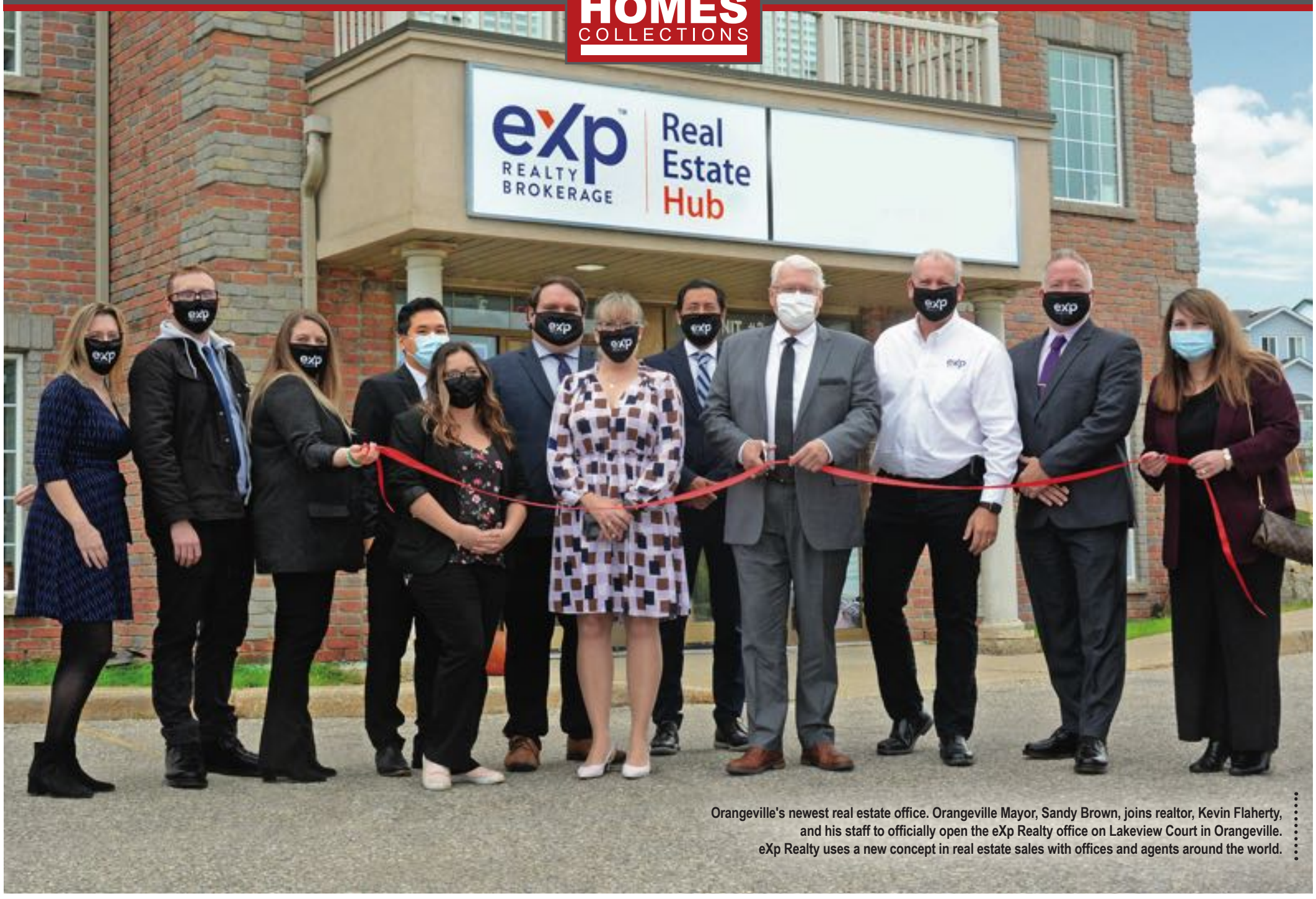
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Orangeville's newest real estate office. Orangeville Mayor, Sandy Brown, joins realtor, Kevin Flaherty, and his staff to officially open the eXp Realty office on Lakeview Court in Orangeville. eXp Realty uses a new concept in real estate sales with offices and agents around the world.

Kevin Flaherty eXp Realty

Orangeville's newest brokerage experiences rapid growth

Orangeville's newest real estate office has opened with an innovative and high-tech approach to selling property and is attracting Realtors at a rapid pace.

Real estate broker, Kevin Flaherty, has established an eXp Realty Hub office to serve Orangeville and the surrounding region. We have grown from 12 Realtors to 30 Realtors in just six months, and many more are about to onboard with us said, Kevin Flaherty.

Already established in the industry, Kevin Flaherty was the overall top producing Realtor in his former brokerage for 10 straight years out of over 1,800 other Realtors. Mr. Flaherty brings over 30 years of experience and dedication to his clients with an innovative approach to marketing called "Video Narrated 3D Animated Online Showings". While Mr. Flaherty has been providing this service for over 10 years, partnering with eXp Realty for international exposure takes his services to the next level said, Flaherty.



Through its cloud-based system, eXp Realty is changing the way real estate is bought, sold, and marketed to potential customers.

This new way of doing things eliminates the old brick-and-mortar franchise-style brokerage model and moves the real estate industry into a modern, more efficient system.

eXp Realty is a global, cloud-based brokerage and is a publicly-traded company that is operating in 18 countries. eXp Realty has created an agent-centric model that takes out all the unnecessary expenses. Doing this allows the company to give back to its agents in various ways such as offering health care options, retirement options, ownership in the company, 5 ways to make money, high-end tools such as KVcore, over 40 hours of live high-end training per week by highly successful "Icon Agents" in an online 3D world and much more.

Just as companies like Netflix, Airbnb, and Uber have moved online, eXp Realty has now taken real estate online. eXp Realty is not a franchise and utilizes advance technology to keep its agents connected in a virtual 3D world. Flaherty says it is like being on a university campus with a virtual avatar that looks like you. You can walk around and go to lecture halls or into offices where over 600 staff members also appear as avatars and are there to help you. Unlike other brokeragesthatare"independentlyownedandoperated" Flaherty says he can now collaborate with any of the over 67,000 eXp agents in 18 different countries who all work for the same company.

However, eXp Realty recognizes that many brokers and agents still want office space for when it is necessary. eXp agents, therefore, get a free global membership to Regus shared office space who has numerous offices throughout the GTA however didn't have one in the Dufferin/Caledon area. Mr. Flaherty opened the Orangeville eXp Realty Hub office to cover this area for agents who partner with him at eXp Realty.

Their system for online showings makes it easier for potential buyers to understand the exact layout and features of a home without leaving their own abode. This cuts down on unnecessary showings from buyers who are not interested while at the same time giving the home more exposure to buyers who are, said Flaherty. The program also details the homes surrounding area and highlights the benefits of the location.

Kevin Flaherty and eXp Realty are here to provide superior service, expertise in the industry, and help you get your home sold quickly and for top dollar. Sellers can see a sample of a Video Narrated 3D Animated Online Showing and learn more about what marketing their home will get at www.flaherty.ca/sellers Realtors who would like to learn more about what eXp Realty can do for them and their clients visit www.PartnerWithFlaherty.ca

The new eXp Realty Hub office is located at 170 Lakeview Court, 3A in Orangeville.

– Written by Brian Lockhart

MARKET UPDATE

Orangeville Statistics - September

	September, 2021	September, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	32	53	-39.62%
# of Homes Listed	62	98	-36.73%
# of Sales	47	81	-41.98%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	108%	102%	6.06%
Average Days on Market	10	11	-9.09%
Average Sale Price	$796,479	$865,510	15.40%

Orangeville Statistics - Year to Date

	Jan - September, 2021	Jan - September, 2020	% Change
# of Homes Listed	717	613	16.97%
# of Sales	591	482	22.61%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	106%	101%	4.95%
Average Days on Market	10	16	-37.50%
Average Sale Price	$796,868	$884,659	23.96%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale	32
Divided by Sales per Month	47
Months of Inventory	0.7

There is currently .7 month of inventory on the Market in Orangeville.
In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

September 2021 vs. September 2020

The number of active listings in Orangeville decreased by 39.62% in September 2021 vs. September 2020. 36 fewer listings came on the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board in September 2021 vs. September 2020, which is an decrease of 36.73%. The number of homes sold decreased by 34 homes or 41.98%. The average days on the market decreased from 11 to 10 days. Average sale prices were up by 15.40%.

Year to Date 2021 vs. Year to Date 2020

The number of homes listed in Orangeville, year-to-date increased from 613 to 717, which is an increase of 16.97%. The number of homes sold increased by 109 homes. The average days on the market decreased from 16 to 10 days. Average sale prices were up year over year by 23.96%.

Peel - Caledon Statistics - September

	September, 2021	September, 2020	% Change
# of Active Listings	109	225	-51.56%
# of Homes Listed	55	227	-34.60%
# of Sales	113	158	-28.48%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	102%	98%	3.03%
Average Days on Market	13	16	-18.75%
Average Sale Price	$1,372,267	$1,192,298	31.85%

Peel - Caledon Statistics - Year to Date

	Jan - September, 2021	Jan - September, 2020	% Change
# of Homes Listed	1,644	1,565	5.05%
# of Sales	1089	888	22.66%
List Price vs. Sale Price Ratio	103%	98%	5.10%
Average Days on Market	12	22	-45.45%
Average Sale Price	$1,431,338	$1,084,030	31.97%

Buyers Market vs. Sellers Market

Current Number of Homes for Sale	109
Divided by Sales per Month	113
Months of Inventory	1

There is currently 1 month of inventory on the Market in Caledon.
In a Buyers Market, there is normally more than 6 months worth of inventory.

September 2021 vs. September 2020

The number of active listings in Caledon decreased by 51.56% in September 2021 over the same month in 2020. The number of listings that came on the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board in September 2021 vs. September 2020 decreased by 82 homes or 34.60%. The number of homes sold decreased by 45 homes or 28.48%. The average days on the market decreased from 16 days to 13 days. Average sale prices were up by 31.85%.

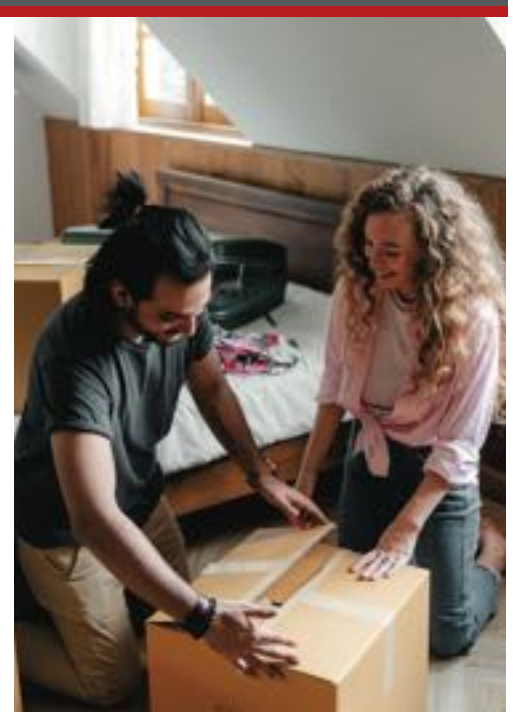
Year to Date 2021 vs. Year to Date 2020

The number of homes listed in Caledon, year-to-date increased from 1565 to 1644, which is an increase of 5.05%. The number of homes sold increased by 203 homes or 22.66%. The average days on market decreased from 22 days to 12 days. Average sale prices were up by 31.97%.

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MOVING TIPS to make your life easier



(NC) Fall is a popular season for moving, and many people across Canada have decided to relocate or find a new home that better meets their needs during the pandemic. Whether you're planning a move across the country or down the street, follow these tips for a smooth experience:

DECLUTTER EVERYTHING.
A new home is a fresh start, so why not take inventory of all your stuff to see what you really need? The fewer things you have, the less you need to pack, move, unpack and find a new place for. Well before your move, clear out old clothing, digitize family photos and have a garage sale for unwanted items.

CREATE AN ESSENTIALS BAG.
After a long day of moving furniture and boxes, the last thing you want to do is launch a search party for the things you'll need for your first night. So, pack a bag with the essentials like pyjamas, fresh clothes for the next day, toiletries, medications and snacks. Make one for each family member.

SWITCH YOUR PROVIDERS.
Find out who your utility, cable and internet provider will be and make the switch early for a seamless transition. Remember to check with your new telephone provider to see if you can keep your current phone number. Depending on where you're moving to, you may be able to keep your number if you transfer services from landline to landline, landline to mobile, mobile to landline and mobile to mobile.
To keep your phone number, don't cancel your service before switching. Tell your new provider that you want to keep your number and they'll take care of the transfer for you — they'll ask for some personal details to set up your account and ask you which services you want to keep, remove or change. This is a great time to shop around for a better deal.

If you simply want to cancel, know that you don't need to provide 30 days' notice before cancelling your phone, mobile, internet or TV services.

INVEST IN THE RIGHT TOOLS.
It can seem like a smart idea to pack and move everything yourself, or to get old boxes from the grocery store. But at the time, the stress and headaches of boxes falling apart on the go, or debating the best way to load your vehicle mean it might be worth it to pay the cost for hiring movers or buying sturdy packing boxes and supplies. Do your research early and decide what will help you most on the day.

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VILLAGE HIGHLIGHT

CHASING GHOSTS:
The lost town of Ballycroy



A town where a quick fist and liquid courage provided nightly entertainment

While thousands of commuters pass through the intersection of Highway 9 and 50 every day, few realize that on top of the hill on the northwest corner of the crossroads was once a thriving little town with a colourful cast of wild-west type characters and a rather dark history if you look deep enough past the written archives.

It was called Ballycroy – named after the hometown in Ireland of the original settlers who found it a good place to start a mill in the 1820s.

After a good run of around 55 years, the town was, for the most part, abandoned.

The main street is now overgrown and mature trees stand where businesses thrived.

If you know where to look, you can find remnants of where some of the buildings once stood, but for the most part, Ballycroy only exists as a footnote in Ontario history.

The only original building still standing and occupied is the general store and post office along with a barn on the property.

It was a thriving business in its day with a second-floor meeting and dance hall and the main house that also served as a hotel.

The business prospered, as more people moved into the town, it became a bustling little community.

By 1870, there were two churches, two general stores, a mill and complementary businesses, a millinery shop, post office, doctor, veterinarian and a blacksmith.

It had all the trades and skills you needed to keep a town running. There was also a small race track and fairground, but most notably, there were four hotels and a liquor store – a lot of alcohol for a town of 200 people.

The thing about Ballycroy that stirred up resentment among its residents was that most, if not all, of its residents, were Irish.

That in itself was typical of early 18th century immigrants to Ontario. But when you have a town that is filled with Irish of the Catholic faith and throw in a bunch of the Protestant faith, well in those days it could spell trouble - and it did.

The fact that the Protestant side decided to build an Orange Lodge in the middle of town did little to heal any local bad feelings that might have already brewed among the local populace.

The Fehely Hotel was one of the more notorious establishments in town.

It was more of a flophouse than a hotel as it contained a second-floor single room where imbibers could sleep off the effects of a night of drinking rather than try to stagger their way home on a freezing winter night. The current landowner had to tear the old place down several years ago when it just got to the point of being beyond repair. “It wasn’t much of a hotel,” he said. “It was a saloon.”

You could see the years of wear on the floorboards of the hotel except for one long stretch at the end of the room that still had the original finish – and that was where the bar had been.

On nights when the Orange Lodge held their meetings, the Lodge members would make the trek as a group for security reasons. The Fehely patrons would keep an eye out for any stragglers, and if you were unlucky enough to be caught alone on the street and of the wrong religious affiliation, you’d better be prepared to use your fists.

There were several legendary brawls on the streets of Ballycroy, no doubt fueled by the hooch served in the hotels.

The other main hotel in town was the Small Hotel, owned by proprietor Peter Small. It was more of an upscale establishment known for its fine dining, liquor and the famous ‘January Ball’ that attracted people from as far away as Toronto for a mid-winter soiree.

Mr. Small also operated the race track that featured betting and horse-trading.

Tragedy struck on April 29, 1875, when the Small Hotel caught fire and burned to the ground along with a couple of nearby out-buildings.

Mr. Small and his family escaped the flames, but three young women who worked as milliners in the hotel perished in the flames and are buried in the cemetery at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Colgan.

You would think one fire is bad luck, but two fires within a couple of months might make you more than a little nervous when you blew out the candles and went to bed.

When the hotel was destroyed, Mr. Small and his family moved to another building on the property.

That building also went up in flames two months later with the family again making a narrow escape.

The family remained in Ballycroy until 1879 when Peter finally decided it was best to leave town while they were all still healthy. They moved to Toronto, where Small operated another hotel before becoming a Divisional Court Bailiff later on.

A third fire in 1878 at the Beamish hotel was no accident as it was discovered that it was set with some kind of incendiary device.

Although the blaze was extinguished before it could cause major damage, owner Richard Beamish figured it would be best to sell and get out of town before an arsonist had a second chance.

When fire destroyed Ballycroy’s Small Hotel and several other buildings in April of 1875, it also destroyed much of the heart of the small but bustling frontier town.

The cause of the fire was never determined, but arson was considered, especially given that local entrepreneurs were known to be protective of their competing businesses.

When it was discovered that Peter Small held $21,000 in mortgages on the hotel – a huge sum of money at the time – the rumour mill went into overtime.

Mr. Small finally decided to leave town two years later, never to return. Local stories still pass on the tragedy of the three girls who perished in the hotel fire.

They were milliners – hat makers – who lived on top of Peter Small’s hotel. Except that they were hardly girls. Mary Fanning was 32 years old, Bridget Burke 28, and Margaret Daly the youngest at 24.

You have to read between the lines of this story for a more historical take on this tale.

In the 1870s, most pioneer women were already married and had children by age 20.

Mary, at 32, would have been considered an old spinster in her time.

Why a town of only 200 people required three hat makers, all living above a hotel leaves open a few other questions - but those answers are lost in time.

The three women were buried in St. James cemetery in Colgan with the grave marker easily located behind the church.

Not everyone in Ballycroy had a rough and tumble time making a living. In fact, many businesses prospered.

Businessman John McClelland opened a successful general store and ran the post office.

Apparently, he got along with all of his neighbours regardless of religious affiliation.

His large home featured an upstairs dance hall and meeting room and also doubled as a hotel. It is the only standing building left of the town and is easily identified by its large frontier-style facade.

Mr. McClelland’s son eventually took over the store.

Over the next 100 years, it was bought and sold many times.

When the railways of the 19th century started connecting the nation in a way that was never before possible, the decision was made to run the line being built between Hamilton and Allandale south past Ballycroy to Palgrave.

That decision forced many businesses to leave Ballycroy to take advantage of the opportunities the railway offered.

From there, the town slowly disappeared.

The Orange Lodge was finally declared dormant in 1943, and the post office closed in 1951.

All that is left of the main street is an overgrown path that slopes gently down through a wooded area and a single sign with the town’s name that lets visitors know that this place once existed.

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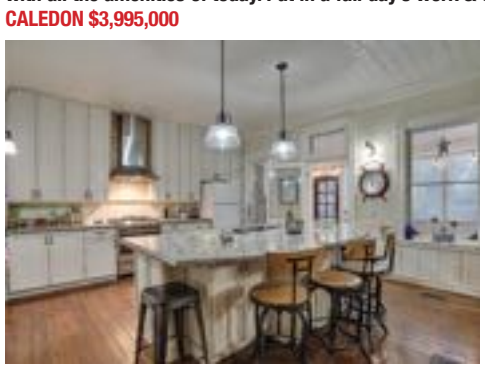


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Over 20 acres on a rural cul de sac. Gated entry up winding drive leads to this 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath homestead in the hills of Mono. 4 levels offering daily postcard views! Vaulted ceiling in open concept main floor & w-out basement allows natural light to flow throughout! Generator hook up, oversize garage, handy workshop & Bunkie give the hobbyist room to play! 2 road frontages, trails through forest & hills lead to a meadow with room for crops! 2nd entry makes harvest access easy too! Managed Forest Tax rebates keep the bills low, as does the high efficiency heat pump combined with insert fireplace! The life you've dreamed about is right here, come & see! MONO $1,599,900







OVER 7 ACRES IN THE STUNNING MULMUR AREA

3+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished lower level with separate entry, built in 2 car garage, workshop, newly paved driveway, all this in a raised bungalow. The home as been upgraded inside & out! In the last few years: new roof, new kitchen, new lush broadloom (with hdwd underneath) Generator, windows, new well & septic field too! Beautiful large all season sunroom directly off the renovated kitchen gives you wonderful amounts of room for the entire family. The lot has gardens, large grassy area for kids to play & towering pine forest with trails all around. Secondary exit at the back of the lot which leads to a sideroad. Great work & play scenario with a separate entry to the office downstairs. A well cared for & immaculate home like this only comes around so often. MULMUR $1,409,000





SOLD IN 5 DAYS FOR $500,000 OVER ASKING PRICE!!!! BUT WILL IT CLOSE???

Sounds impressive doesn't it. You might have seen a few ads boasting the similar types of results (This Brokerage included!)
The real estate market continues to soar. And the big questions continue to be asked: When will it slow down? Will there be a crash?
To the first question, the answer is quite simple. It will slow down when the inventory of homes for sale becomes balanced to meet the Buyer demand. Beyond that, its guesswork at best.
In past discussion, the topic of the World's best economists predicting the burst of the Real Estate market has shown that the most experienced and sage will say all the right words yet still be out to lunch.
But what if there is a down turn? In 2017, the Fiery Real Estate Surge of the spring was quickly doused by the Ontario Governments Introduction of the Foreign Investors Tax and the tightening of lending rules.
Many real estate transactions did not close during that downturn, and if you experienced that or if you have ever experienced problems with a real estate closing, you can attest to the fact that it is extremely stressful.
Now, please understand that for the most part, most deals close! Generally, people abide by the contract they signed. But sometimes… Things happen. I can hear it now "what things?"
Usually it's financing, or more precisely the buyer's lack of finances in time for the closing. There are many variables that may affect the financial ability of a Buyer to close a transaction.
Did the financial Institution appraise the property for an amount that was within the parameters of the Buyers equity position? Has something changed in the Buyers financial
position since the agreement was signed? In fact there are many reasons that a Bank may decide to not finance a transaction. This is where the expertise and knowledge of two professions become integral:
Your Real Estate Lawyer and a Mortgage Broker. A Good Lawyer will act on your behalf, advise you on your rights and the options at hand. More often than not, people only think about the
Mortgage Broker from the perspective of the Buyer, but in this situation a Mortgage Broker for you as a Seller can be just as important. Perhaps you bought a home with the idea of using
all the funds from your house sale and now that sale is not happening in time or at all. And in times when prices are rising so rapidly,
as a Buyer and a Seller you should have a Mortgage Broker on your side, keeping you apprised of your financial situation.
But what can Sellers do? What would happen if the Buyer does not show up on the Closing day? Is there anything that can be done to protect them?
It's a question that every seller should ask their Realtor. After 30 years of helping to buy and Sell Real estate in this area, with a team of combined
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