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TOYS FOR TOTS – Employees across Amazon's Peel Region fulfilment, delivery and sort centres – including Bolton – celebrated after raising more than $86,000 in toys and monetary donations for Toys for Tots, an annual toy drive organized by Peel Regional Police and the Salvation Army. Shavon is pictured above with some of the donations now making their way to families in need. For more, see Page 17. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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Ontarians 18+ eligible for vaccine boosters Monday after three-months

BY BROCK WEIR

All Ontarians who received their second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine at least three months ago will be eligible for a booster shot this Monday, December 20.

The expanded eligibility was announced by Premier Doug Ford on Wednesday afternoon in what he described as a "call to arms" to fight the Omicron variant.

"As we combat the spread of the highly contagious Omicron variant, nothing matters more than getting these booster doses into people's arms," said Ford. "I am issuing a call to arms. We need every member of Team Ontario to stand tall and do their part as we work to protect our hard-fought progress and keep Ontarians safe."

On Monday, residents 18+ who meet the three-month threshold will be able to book their vaccine through the Ontario Booking Portal (covid19.ontariohealth.ca), their local health units, and participating pharmacies and primary care settings.

Eligibility expands earlier in some select settings this Friday for anyone 18+, including pharmacies and "other channels" for walk-ins after the three-month interval.

Individuals aged 50+, and those who are currently eligible, who have already booked their appointments according to the six-month timeline can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 to re-book at an earlier date.

"As we continue to learn more about the Omicron variant, we need all hands on deck to help limit transmission and protect our hospital capacity," said Health Minister Christine Elliott. "A third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine offers additional protection against the Omicron variant, and I urge everyone to get their booster dose as soon as you can. If you haven't received your first or second dose of the vaccine, now is the time."

Additionally, effective Saturday at 12.01 a.m. 50 per cent capacity limits will be introduced at indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 or more, including sports and recreational fitness activities, entertainment facilities such as cinemas, meeting spaces, museums, festivals and gaming establishments.

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Bolton's Lions roar for the final time with hospital donation

BY ROB PAUL

About two years ago, the Lions Club of Bolton made the tough decision to call it quits due to dwindling membership. The remaining six members decided they would take the funds they had left and donate it to Headwaters Health Care Centre as a last hurrah.

Then, the COVID-19 pandemic changed everything, and it delayed the donation from 2019 until just last week when they were finally able to meet and donate the money in a safe manner.

"We shut down just before the pandemic because we had so few members and just couldn't function anymore," said member Steve Derbyshire. "We've always donated money and so we decided to earmark the money for Headwaters. When the pandemic hit, we just didn't think it was the right time to do something with everything going on."

When the Lions Club of Bolton members gathered on the evening of December 8 at Casamici's for dinner they handed out their last donation, a $6,934.36 jumbo-sized cheque to Danielle Gibb, Acting Executive Director at Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

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Ontario implements additional COVID precautions in long-term care

BY ROB PAUL

As the Omicron variant continues to spread in Ontario, the provincial government is taking further action to protect long-term care and retirement homes.

The temporary measures will help to reduce the risk of transmission during the winter months and protect the progress the Province has made in stopping the spread of the virus and its variants throughout these settings.

Effective immediately, all general visitors to a long-term care home will need to be fully vaccinated to enter. In addition, the Ministry of Long-Term Care will be directing all long-term care homes to increase infection prevention and control (IPAC) audits

"Our priority is to protect long-term care residents from COVID-19. Faced with rising rates of community infection and the emerging threat of the Omicron variant, we are immediately implementing further measures to protect our most vulnerable based on the best available scientific and medical advice," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care. "These further measures build on the ones already taken, including mandatory vaccinations, priority for third doses and randomized testing—and will provide the best level of protection possible."

After moving his weekly COVID briefing up from Thursday to Tuesday, Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, spoke about the decision.

"As we continue to learn more about the Omicron variant and see its impacts on other jurisdictions around the world, it is critical we provide those at greatest risk from COVID-19 in our congregate care settings with an extra layer of protection against this new enemy," said Moore. "By strengthening public health measures in these settings, we can ensure our most vulnerable are kept safe and shielded from the threats posed by Omicron and other variants of concern."

With Ontario consistently seeing over 1,000 new cases per day and the test positivity steadily increasing, Moore was asked about the potential of school closures and moving students back to online learning as well as what to do throughout the holiday season.

"It's my hope to keep schools open as long as we can," he said. "I think Ontarians have been prudent and reasonable and you should be doing a risk assessment based on your own personal health, your risk of having an adverse event or outcome associated with Omicron, and the vaccination level of the community around you.

"You can assume Omicron is becoming the dominant strain in the coming days or weeks, and take appropriate action based on your personal circumstances, family circumstance, and your community. I do trust Ontarians to make the right decisions and limit their number of contacts as the risk goes up. We will have further advice coming this week on potential maximum numbers for gatherings, but as you know, the smaller, the better."

With the increase in third dose boosters, Peel has now administered 2,660,941 doses of the vaccine. 1,352,011 individuals have received one dose, 1,222,835 have received both doses, and 86,095 have received their third dose booster.

In terms of vaccine coverage, the whole Region now has 76.8 per cent two-dose coverage and 81.3 per cent single dose coverage. For adults (18+), 81 per cent have both doses and 85.8 per cent have at least one—the number improve when looking at those 12 and older with 88.1 per cent double vaccinated and 91.6 per cent with one dose.

This week in Peel, there were 593 new cases of COVID-19 to bring the total to 120,436. There were no new deaths with the total remaining at 1,033.

In Caledon, there were 53 new cases this week—nearly double the number of new cases in the previous week—to bring the total to 5,060. There were no new deaths in the Town as the number remained at 22.

To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment. To schedule a third dose booster, visit covid19.ontariohealth.ca.

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/.

Strike ends, waste collection in Peel resumed December 13

BY ROB PAUL

The strike impacting waste collection in the Peel Region—which would have affected the vast majority of Caledon—has come to an end.

The labour dispute involving one of Peel's waste collection contractors, Emterra Environmental and its employees of the Labourers' International Union of North America (LiUNA) Local 183 has resolved.

The strike began on December 6 and ended December 9 with regular waste collection services for strike-affected residents in Peel resuming this past Monday, December 13.

"Emterra Group is pleased to have reached a new collective agreement with overwhelming support from its employees and the Labourers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 183 that will allow waste, recycling, organics, and yard waste collection to resume in Peel Region," said Brad Muter, Chief Operations Officer, Emterra Group. "The agreement was ratified by employees this morning (December 9). We are pleased to have negotiated this fair and equitable agreement that recognizes the contribution of each and every valued employee. Emterra Group is proud to serve the residents of Peel Region as one of its recycling and waste management partners since 2016. We are committed to providing the same dependable service that our customers have come to expect and would like to thank them for their patience and understanding."

For residents affected, if their waste wasn't picked up last week, it will be this week. They are encouraged to leave their items curbside through this week for pickup.

"We are pleased to hear that Emterra and its union has reached an agreement and that they are able to provide normal waste collection to residents starting Monday," said Norman Lee, Peel Director of Waste Management. "For residents in the strike-affected areas, we thank you for your patience this week and ask that you continue to follow the instructions provided, as Emterra works to finish collecting the remaining garbage and organics in these areas. We encourage residents to visit our website or social channels for additional information."

Upwards of 175 workers were on strike and 150,000 households were projected to be impacted with Emterra Environmental providing waste collection for two thirds of homes in Peel Region.

The strike came about due to wage disparity issues after months of negotiations surrounding a new collective agreement between LiUNA Local 183 and Emterra Environmental.

"We were forced to take these measures after Emterra has refused to provide fair and equitable compensation for all of its workers," Jack Oliveira, LiUNA Local 183 Business Manager. "Our members continued to provide an essential service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It is simply not fair for two workers with the same duties to have such a disparity in wages."

For more information regarding waste collection in Peel for those who were affected, visit peelregion.ca/waste.

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Average Caledon households to see tax increase of $104 in 2022

BY ROB PAUL

Town Council passed the 2022 budget at the December 14 Council meeting.

The budget focuses on recovery, resilience, and growth to serve the communities current needs while planning for future growth.

The final total operating budget for the Town of Caledon in 2022 will be just over $120.8 million. In 2021, the approved operating budget was $114.6 million.

"The budget public engagement survey conducted in September indicated that residents want us to maintain, if not improve service levels—the 2022 budget does just that," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "It achieves our two-part goal to provide programs, services and infrastructure that meet today's needs and make key investments to build for tomorrow and beyond."

The approved 2022 budget has an overall tax rate increase of 1.97 per cent. This includes Region of Peel and school board tax impacts for homeowners.

The new tax rate will impact the typical household by approximately $104 per year.

"As the Town looks to return to business-as-usual in 2022, we are making investments to maintain and/or improve services, while holding tax increases under the rate of inflation," said Myuran Palasandiran, Chief Financial Officer. "As a Town, we strive to balance affordability for residents and businesses while continuing to fund the Town's strategic goals."

This 2022 budget aims to help provide enhanced resident services and infrastructure necessary to meet the needs of the community. There are several key focuses of the budget, including roads, facilities, parks, fire and emergency services, and planning for growth.

$28.7 million will go towards the Roads Capital Program and $3.1 million for the Bridge Capital Program. This will include work such as road reconstruction or rehabilitation, asphalt roads maintenance, surface treatment, design and environmental assessments of various roads.

Funding for facilities will go towards the continuation of the Caledon East Community Centre expansion as a multi-year project to include a pool, library, additional meeting spaces, a new gym, fitness centre, walking track and community rooms. As well as the continuation of the expansion of the Caledon Senior's Centre, Rotary Place, in Bolton, which will include additional programming and large group gathering spaces.

"The budget public engagement survey conducted in September indicated that residents want us to maintain, if not improve service levels—the 2022 budget does just that."

$4.3 million will go towards a partnership with the Peel District School Board to build an artificial turf and indoor dome facility at Mayfield Secondary School, which will allow the Town to host various types of sporting events and activities. A further $200,000 will go towards building the Town's first outdoor classroom that will complement activities at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness and the Caledon Seniors Centre.

$1.2 million in the budget is for various park improvements including playground upgrades, and $5.8 million in new parks such as Mayfield West II Community Park, Southfields Community Park, and another phase of Johnston Sports Park.

Part of the budget is set for hiring five new full-time firefighters for the Valleywood Fire Station as recommended in the Council approved Fire Master Plan update. With $7.7 million in funding for the multi-year project to expand Palgrave, Mono Mills and Alton Fire Stations and $3.1 million in funding to complete the final phase of the Fire Training facility to support the Town's firefighters.

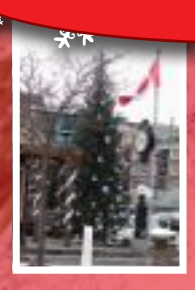
$1.6 million in funding is going towards planning for the future of Caledon through the Town's 2051 Official Plan Review and Master plans to best serve the community.

To learn more about the budget and to review the presentations, visit haveyoursay-caledon.ca/.

A final budget document will be posted online in the coming days.

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LIFE-ALTERING INJURIES IN HIGHWAY 10 CRASH

Officers from the Caledon OPP responded to the report of a multi-vehicle collision resulting in serious injuries in the Town of Caledon.

"On December 14, at approximately 1:35 p.m., officers were dispatched to the intersection of Highway 10 and Charleston Side Road for the report of a multi-vehicle collision," say Police. "For unknown reasons, two southbound vehicle collided at the intersection. As a result of the collision, one of the vehicles struck a building on the southeast corner of the intersection.

"A driver of one vehicle sustained life-altering injuries and was transported to a trauma centre. The other involved driver sustained non-life threatening injuries."

Collision Reconstructionists from the OPP Central Region Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Team are assisting with the investigation.

Highway 10 and Charleston Side Road were closed for over 8 hours for the collision investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or who may have dash camera footage is asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment - (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

STRUCK PEDESTRIAN

Officers from the Caledon OPP responded to the report of a pedestrian struck on Dixie Road, in the Town of Caledon.

"On December 13, 2021 at approximately 6:55 a.m. officers were dispatched to Dixie Road north of Mayfield Road for a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian," say Police. "A pedestrian was walking northbound on the shoulder when they were struck from behind by a motor vehicle. The vehicle did not remain at the scene. The suspect vehicle is identified as a black Volkswagen Jetta 2018-2021 model year. The damage should be to the front right side headlight and surrounding area.

"The pedestrian, who sustained numerous broken bones, was able to contact emergency services and report the collision on their phone. The pedestrian was transported to hospital."

Dixie Road between Mayfield Road and Old School Road was closed for the investigation.

Anyone who has information about this collision, was in the area at the time, or has dash-cam footage is asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 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.

STUNT DRIVING

An officer from the Caledon OPP stopped a high-speed vehicle on Kennedy Road in the Town of Caledon.

"On Monday, December 13, 2021 at 12:30 p.m., an officer from the OPP Caledon Detachment was conducting speed enforcement in the area of Kennedy Road and Snellview Boulevard due to concerns from the public about speeding vehicles in the area," say Police. "The officer observed a vehicle travelling at excessive rate of speed going southbound, receiving a speed reading of 110km/h. The area is a posted 50kmh/h speed zone.

The driver, a 33-year-old from Brampton, was charged with Stunt Driving. The driver received an immediate 30-day driver's license suspension and the vehicle was impounded for 14 days."

The charges have not been proven.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP are appreciative of a civilian motorist who called in erratic vehicle resulting in impaired driving charges.

"On December 13, 2021 at approximately 11:05 p.m. officers were dispatched to Highway 410 north of Mayfield Road in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "A motorist observed another vehicle driving in an erratic manner and out of concern contacted police. The vehicle was intercepted and stopped by officers from the OPP Caledon Detachment RIDE Unit. The driver was arrested at the scene."

Kateryna Correia, 37, from Toronto, has been charged with the offences of:

- Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with Over 80mgs of Alcohol in Blood

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in February 2022.

The charges have not been proven.

A Bolton man was arrested and charged with impaired driving during a Festive RIDE spot check in Bradford, according to South Simcoe Police.

"On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at approximately 8:00 p.m., the South Simcoe Police Service was conducting a Festive RIDE program at the intersection of Canal Road and the southbound Highway 400 off-ramp," say Police. "Police observed a vehicle on the off-ramp approaching the RIDE check. The vehicle stopped and police spoke to the driver who was subsequently arrested.

"As a result of the investigation, a 60-year-old Bolton man was charged with Operation While Impaired - Excess Blood Alcohol. His licence was suspended for 90 days and his vehicle impounded for seven days."

The charges have not been proven.

On December 12, at approximately 9:35 p.m. officers from the Caledon OPP were dispatched to The Gore Road near Castlederg Side Road, in the Town of Caledon.

"A motorist observed another vehicle driving in an erratic manner and out of concern contacted police," say Police. "The vehicle was intercepted and stopped by officers from the OPP Caledon Detachment RIDE Unit. The driver was arrested at the scene."

Gonzalez Guerro, 49. from Mississuaga, has been charged with the offences of:

- Operating a Motor Vehicle with Over 80mgs of Alcohol in Blood
- Fail to Comply with Undertaking

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in February 2022.

The charges have not been proven.

"On Sunday, December 12, 2021 at approximately 2:39 a.m., officers responded to the report that a motor vehicle had gone off the road and struck a house on Landsbridge Drive in the Town of Caledon," said the Caledon OPP. "The driver showed signs of impairment at the scene and was arrested. The driver also sustained minor injuries and was transported to hospital. There was no significant structural damage to the residence."

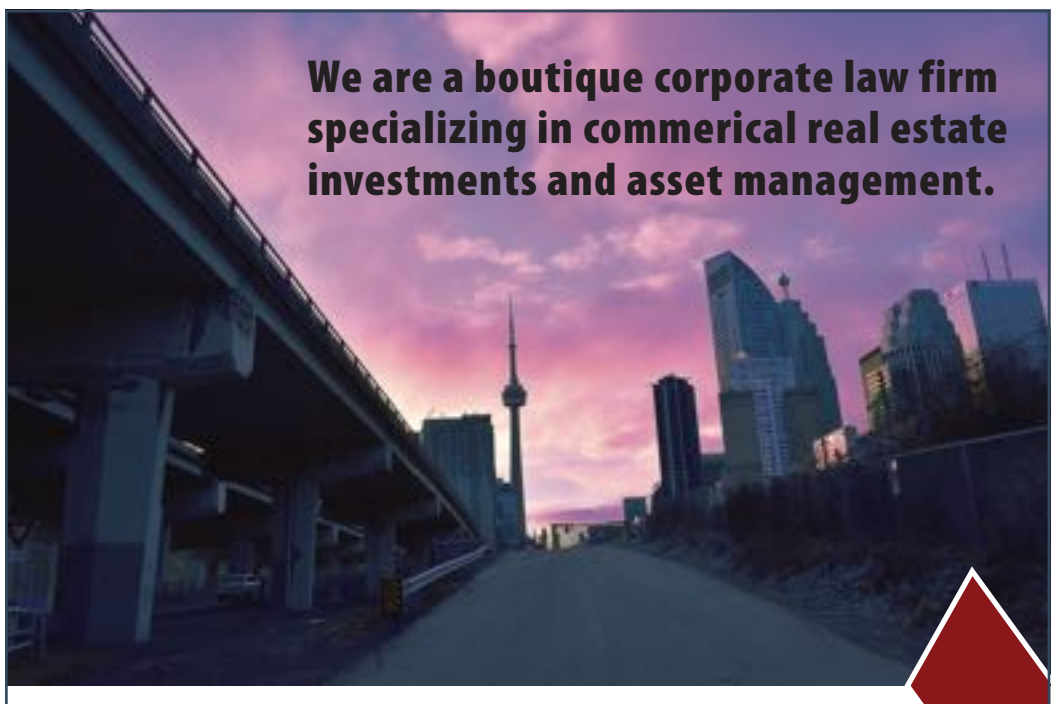
As a result of the investigation, Isabella Romani, 19, from Woodbridge, has been charged with:

- Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Operating a Vehicle with Over 80mgs of Alcohol in Blood
- Young Driver Blood Alcohol Concentration Above Zero
- Novice Driver Blood Alcohol Concentration Above Zero
- Careless Driving
- Drive with Cannabis Readily Available

The accused is scheduled to appear in Orangeville Provincial Court in February 2022.

The charge has not been proven.

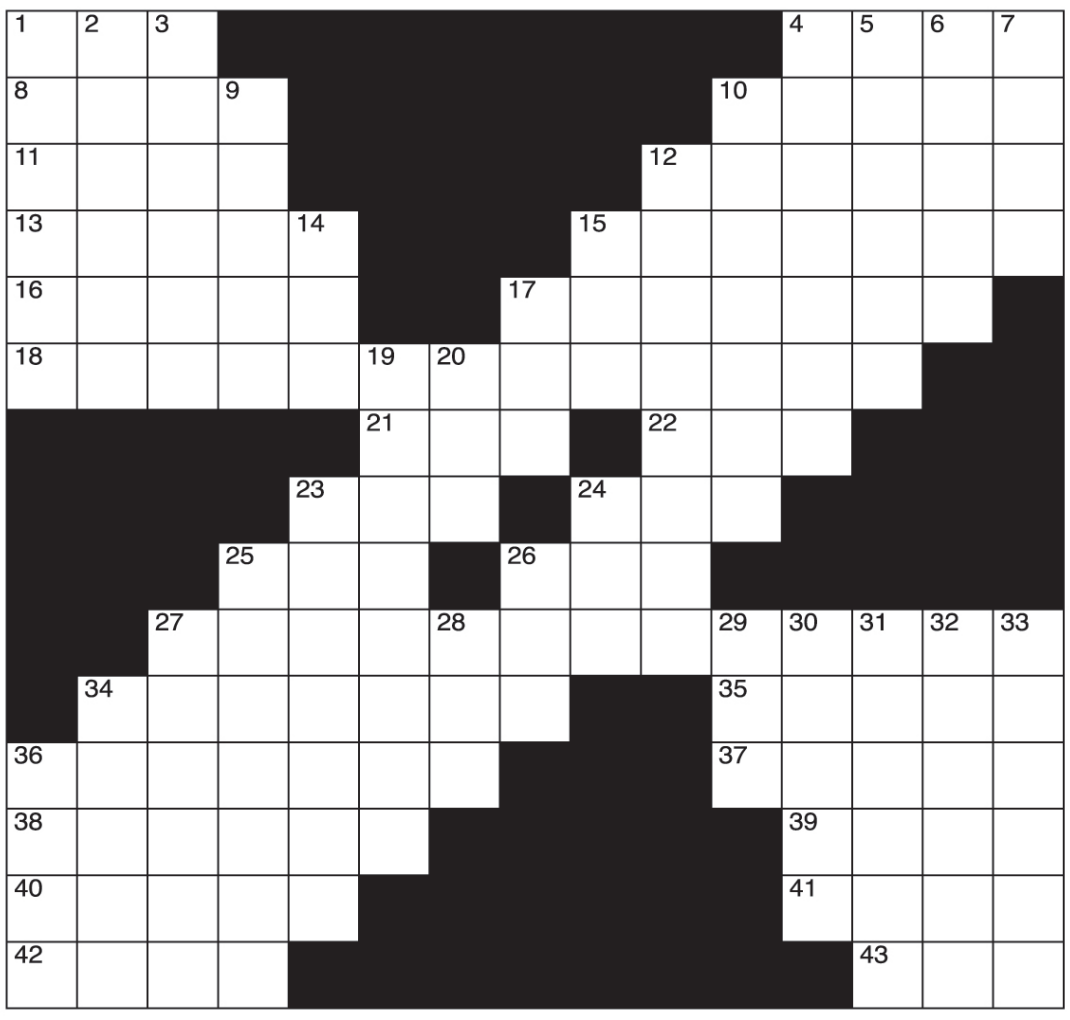
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24. Golf score
25. Moroccan mountain range
26. Wrinkled dog breed: Shar __
27. 20th century sex symbol
34. Remedy for all diseases
35. Bluish greens
36. Moved swiftly
37. Type of units
38. Madames
39. Indian religious god
40. Potentially hazardous asteroids
41. Leak slowly through
42. An association of criminals
43. A way to push content (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Town in central Brazil
2. Large burrowing rodent
3. Nerve cell
4. Estimating
5. Bakers use it
6. Regions
7. Small lake
9. Environmentalist nun
10. More kookie
12. Announce officially
14. Israeli city __ Aviv
15. Title given to friar
17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Buildings
20. Pouch
23. They steal on the high seas
24. It's mightier than the sword
25. Going off on a tangent
26. Monetary unit
27. Young woman
28. Type of bulb
29. Type of drug (abbr.)
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PUBLIC'S HELP SOUGHT TO IDENTIFY THEFT SUSPECT

Officers from the Caledon OPP are asking for the public assistance in identifying a suspect in theft and attempted residential break and enter in the Town of Caledon.

"On Friday, December 10, 2021 at approximately 3:00 a.m. an unknown person in the area of Harvest Moon Drive and Frank Johnston Road was observed removing the license plate from a vehicle park in a driveway," say Police. "The suspect then attempted to gain entry into a residence close by.

"The OPP Caledon Detachment is asking for the public's assistance to identify this suspect. Residents in the area are being asked to review their doorbell and residential surveillance footage and contact police if they observed this suspect or unknown vehicles."

Anyone who has information about this incident, or footage is asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 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.

TOW TRUCKS FAIL INSPECTION

Officers from the Caledon OPP Traffic Unit conducted inspections of tow trucks as part of the new OPP Provincial Tow Program.

"Over this past weekend, December 10 - 12, 2021 members form the OPP Caledon Detachment Traffic Unit conducted inspections of 25 tow trucks as part of the requirement to obtain a Towing and Secure Storage Operator license with the Town of Caledon," say Police. "These inspections are also part of entry for tow trucks and operators to qualify for inclusion in the OPP Provincial Tow Program which comes into effect on January 1, 2022.

"As a result of the inspections, several Highway Traffic Act and Town of Caledon By-Law offences were identified, such as excessive window tinting, improper dolly tires, and back-up warning systems being broken."

The OPP is launching a Tow Program as part of its commitment to enhance public safety and help mitigate the increase in criminality in Ontario's towing industry.

The new OPP Tow Program includes significant changes to the way the OPP requests services from and interacts with Tow & Storage Service Operators (TSSO). It also introduces a list of requirements TSSOs must meet before they can provide tow and storage services for police-requested legislated tows. These are tows for which police have legislated authority (e.g. vehicle impoundment for impaired driving, stunt driving, or evidence). The program also applies to tows requested by OPP officers on behalf of members of the public who need a tow.

Among the new requirements, TSSOs must submit an annual application to provide tow and storage services to the OPP for the calendar year. Applicants will need to provide information relating to ownership, registration, licence, vehicle, equipment, insurance and other details in the application. A signed release that authorizes the OPP to conduct a criminal history background check will also be required.

The application package, new list of mandatory TSSO equipment, guidelines for providing towing services to the OPP and other information are available at www.opp.ca.

Dufferin-Caledon communities to receive over $7.6 million in funding for 2022

BY ROB PAUL

The Ontario government is providing additional help to build and repair local infrastructure in Dufferin-Caledon.

The investment is part of the government's plan to build Ontario by getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure projects that support economic recovery, growth, and job creation.

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, has announced a significant increase for Dufferin-Caledon with communities receiving more than $7.6 million in 2022, across 10 municipalities to address local community infrastructure needs. 2022's grants under this investment are more than double last years. In 2021, Dufferin-Caledon communities received more than $3.4 million.

As part of the grant, the Town of Caledon will be receiving $3,144,160 after receiving $1,413,316 in 2021.

"Our government appreciates how important it is that community infrastructure remains safe and reliable, and that local municipalities have what they need to create jobs, attract economic growth, and provide services that we rely on every day." said Jones. "This substantial increase in funding in 2022 will help build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure across Dufferin-Caledon."

The announcement from December 9 is part of the government's additional $1 billion investment to help build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure in small, rural and northern communities. The multi-year funding is being delivered through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and will bring the government's total investment to nearly $2 billion over the next five years.

"Our small, rural and northern communities will be at the forefront of our efforts to build Ontario for the future," said Premier Doug Ford. "With this investment, we are saying 'yes' to helping these communities build and repair the vital infrastructure they need to keep their communities working for decades to come."

Funding allocations will be based on a formula that recognizes the different needs and economic conditions of communities across the province. The new formula will include an increased funding minimum of $100,000 for all communities per year, up from $50,000 over previous years.

"Communities are the heartbeat of this province, and we know they are facing unique infrastructure needs and challenges, especially as we navigate through the pandemic," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "Our government has been with them every step of the way. When we were told more funding supports were needed, we listened and acted in a meaningful way by providing the largest OCIF increase since the start of the program. By doing so, we're providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities to repair, upgrade, and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier, and more reliable for all."



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones

The Province's investment in OCIF is part of the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario. The plan lays out how the government will build Ontario's future with shovels in the ground for highways, hospitals, long-term care, housing, and high-speed internet.

To ensure all families, workers and businesses in the province have a better and brighter future, our government's planned infrastructure investments over the next decade total more than $148 billion. The OCIF supports local infrastructure projects for communities with populations under 100,000, along with all rural and northern communities.

For 2021, approximately $200 million in funding was allocated to 424 small, rural and northern communities. Municipalities may accumulate the funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

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Exchange continues to see strong support from Caledon community, but can always use more

BY ROB PAUL

One of the most important services that Caledon Community Services (CCS) runs is the Exchange, a food support program that goes beyond donation.

It's a place where community members are able to chip in and help those in need, as well as come up with ideas to make a difference and reach out for support themselves.

The holiday season is generally a time when food banks see an increase in donations with people in the giving spirit and knowing that support is as important as ever for families who may not have the means to stock up on food.

The Exchange is no different, and thanks to the people of Caledon, it's been a busy start to December.

"So far this week, it's been the busiest time of the year for the Exchange," said Donna Cragg, CCS Director of Communications and Marketing. "They've collected over 12,000 pounds of food and what's collected this time of year will usually last several months—it will cover January and February."

Obviously with the pandemic impacting everything since March 2020, the Exchange has dealt with changes, but Cragg says the community hasn't wavered in their support, they've just had to adapt and donate in a different way.

"2019 was a typical year, but 2020 was a little different because there were periods of time where we weren't accepting donations because we couldn't process them safely—we didn't have volunteers in and there was disinfecting protocols and we weren't 100 per cent certain so we weren't accepting. So, in 2020, the food donations were down, but gift cards and cash donations went up reflectively which actually gave us more flexibility because of the things we can't accept from the community like milk and eggs. For that stuff, we have to go directly to local grocery stores to bring them into the Exchange, so we know they're stored properly and that's where the gift cards and donations of funds come in really handy. Those supplement the food donations to ensure we can always provide people the fresh and nutritious food that they need. The support has been the same, it's just shifted in terms of what's available for them to do. The community is always incredibly generous here in Caledon."

The holiday season often lends to the mentality of reaching out to those in need, but that type of thoughtfulness doesn't disappear in Caledon when the holidays end, it continues all year.

Cragg says the Exchange "definitely" receives enough support still even with the pandemic.

"I'm always amazed how the community comes together to support their neighbours in need, specifically schools, church groups, sports teams, and individuals fill up the shelves this time a year for several months," said Kim D'Eri, Manager of the Exchange.

"If there's a period time where donations are down and the shelves are a little bare, the response from the community as soon as we share that info on social is pretty profound and immediate," Cragg said.

Having a way to stay connected to the community, without being able to necessarily see people in person due to the pandemic, has been paramount in continuing to get the word out about services and need for donations at the Exchange. Cragg credits social media for being a resource that allows for more interaction given the circumstances.

"We rely on social quite a bit, but our community is fortunate to have print papers too because we like to utilize those since it reaches a segment of the community who may not be on social. We have a lot of seniors in this community, and we want to make sure there's equal access to information that can help them or allow them to help, no matter how they consume media. Social has led to a lot of widespread support, and that's why we rely on both."

With other easily accessible ways to help those in need, some food banks have seen less support through their organizations with an increased trend of support through other ways to give back like GoFundMe, but for the Exchange the support hasn't lessened as a result.

"We haven't noticed a significant overall impact on us, though, there's an uptick when there's an immediate need—there's been 'GoFundMes' that get huge support when it's immediate," Cragg said. "I think, overall, the people in Caledon just dig deep for those in need because they want to help, and they give from the heart. We haven't been [impacted] negatively, even when certain sports teams can't do what they'd normally do because of restrictions, they find a way to still do something amazing. It's really a great community to live and work in, it's one of the things that attracted me to work at CCS. The support we get, and all the other organizations doing good in the community get, doesn't stop because this community cares. Our experience has been so positive despite the difficulties."

One trend that Cragg and the team at the Exchange have noticed throughout the pandemic is an increase in how people have been donating online, something she thinks is attributed to strong senior support as well as more people being at home these days.

"One trend we've noticed this year is an increase in online donations coming through desktop," she said. "That's interesting to me because it could be due to having a larger senior population with less seniors using mobile devices, or it could be people spending more time at home and the desktop being more accessible. Normally almost everything donated online is via mobile, but this year we're finding it's quite a difference with primarily desktop donations."

Unlike other food banks, the Exchange is more than a place that provides food for those in need; it's become a staple in the community thanks to what it offers and the other community organizations that are involved. It's also become a way for those in need to get help in a way that allows for more food options to ensure healthy and nutritious meals.

"The food support program in Caledon was a cupboard at 18 King Street, and it was a traditional food bank model where people would come in and get a pre-packaged box of food," she said "What we noticed at CCS was that the next time they'd come in, they'd bring stuff back because there family wouldn't eat it or they couldn't use it. There are problems with that because, for one, they're not getting what they need and it's not as dignified as it could possibly be, and it's not as fulsome in support for what the people in Caledon could use. That was the impetus for the Exchange; we wanted to create a space that was a different model, more dignified, and allowed people to come in and fill their own bags or boxes.

"We've had to switch that up in recent times due to COVID, but the model was that they would come in and shop for themselves. It allowed them to have the option to choose and make sure they had what their family could enjoy. We have freezer and fridge capabilities so we could stock it with eggs and milk that are basic necessities. We wanted it to be just like going to a grocery store, they could come in and take what they needed. It's also a place where we open it up—we had up to 27 community partners using the space—and allow other people to provide services.

"Peach Ranch would come in and use the kitchen and do events together where they'd make food, and our senior's program—seniors helping seniors—would come in and spend Thursday's doing exercises, crafts, and make a meal together. Sports groups and corporations would come in and help with food sorting and it just became quite the community space," she said. "It's a central feature that's so important to us because it serves the Caledon community so well. It was recognized provincially as a community hub, which was amazing, because not many were recognized at the time."

Currently the Exchange's greatest food donation needs are cereal, kids' snacks, juice boxes, condiments, crackers and fresh veggies/fruit. With the holiday season leading to an increase in food donations, Cragg thinks the best way for people to help right now would be through donating funds or gift cards to help with the donations that can't be made through food.

"Right now, our food shelves are pretty full, so financial donations are encouraged because the flexibility they provide as a way to supplement the food donations," said Cragg.

To reach out for support from the Exchange, appointments can be booked Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Food donations can be dropped off in the black bin with the blue lid at the backdoor Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Exchange is located at 55 Healey Road in Bolton. For more information about the Exchange and how to seek support or donate, visit www.caledonexchange.org/.





PUBLIC NOTICE

HAVE YOUR SAY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2021-0007, RZ 2021-0013, and 21T-21002C

A Public Meeting will be held to consider proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

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

Meeting Date: **January 17, 2021**
Public Meeting Start Time: **7:00 p.m.**

To listen to the Meeting (but not participate), you may call 1-833-311-4101, Meeting Access Code: 2632 488 5472#. Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit **caledon.ca/notices** or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

You can also ask questions or provide comments by:

- Submitting written correspondence to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit **caledon.ca/development** for more information.

APPLICANT: Rice Commercial Group on behalf of Tullamore Industrial GP Limited.
LOCATION - WARD 2 : 12245 Torbram Road
Part of Lot 17, Concession 6 (EHS), Road Allowance Between Lots 17 & 18, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 18, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 19, Concession 6 (EHS), Part of Lot 20, Concession 6 (EHS), Except Parts 7 - 18 of Plan 43R-9315, Part 1 of Plan 43R-12084, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-1832, Parts 1,2,3 & 4 of Plan 43R-5852, Parts 1,3,4 & 9 of Plan 43R-1415, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-13428, Parts 1,2,3 & 4 of Plan 43R-15152, Part 1 of Plan 43R-15403, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-18964, Parts 3 & 5 of Plan 43R-19786, Part 1 of Plan 43R-27937, Parts 1 & 2 of Plan 43R-29084, Parts 1,2,4 & 5 Expropriation Plan PR-2385790 North side of Mayfield Road, east of Torbram Road and west of Airport Road,



The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

PROPOSED CHANGES:
The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment to expand the settlement boundary and re-designate the lands from Prime Agricultural Area and Environmental Policy Area to Prestige Industrial, General Industrial and Environmental Policy Area. The proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision seeks to facilitate the development of an industrial park consisting of 5 industrial blocks, a future development block, a stormwater management pond, environmental block, and internal streets. In total, the development is planned to include 12 industrial, warehouse and distribution buildings, with a total area of approximately 458,475 m2 (4,934,983.83 ft2). The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to rezone the subject property from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone (EPA2) to Prestige Industrial – Exception XXX1, XXX2, XXX3, and XXX4 (MP-XXX1, MP-XXX2, MP-XXX3 and MP-XXX4) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone (EPA2).

LEAD PLANNER:
Aleah Clarke on Behalf of Development and Design, Planning Department, Town of Caledon
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision, additional information and material, please visit **caledon.ca/notices** or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY:
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Multi-Tenant Landowners:
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Notice Date: December 16, 2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Bolton Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Update

Meeting date: Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7 p.m.

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Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.1)(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:
TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon will be holding a virtual Public Meeting under Section 28 of the Planning Act to consider an updated Bolton Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The purpose of the virtual Public Meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Plan, which relates to certain lands within the community of Bolton.

PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE:
A Community Improvement Plan is a document that is developed under Section 28 of the Ontario Planning Act and is primarily used by municipalities to promote revitalization within the community

The existing Bolton Community Improvement Plan was adopted by Council in 2009 and was intended to be a 10-year document. The Town has undertaken an update of the Bolton Community Improvement Plan to ensure that the plan remains relevant and successfully serves the community.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information on how to participate, please visit **caledon.ca/notices** or contact the Economic Development Division. Please note that there are deadlines by which the request to participate need to be made.

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- Contacting Economic Development staff or the Project Lead during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Economic Development staff. Visit **caledonbusiness.ca** for more information.

STAFF LEAD:
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Economic Development Officer
Customer Service and Communications Department
416-460-4177
sandra.dolson@caledon.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
A copy of the proposed revised Community Improvement Plan and related information and material will be available for inspection via the Town's public engagement website, Have Your Say Caledon at: **haveyoursaycaledon.ca/boltoncip.**

For further information contact Sandra Dolson by email at Sandra.Dolson@caledon.ca by telephone at 416-460-4177. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Division and will become part of the public record.

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Notice Date: December 16, 2021



Town Facility Closures

Starting at noon on December 24, Town Hall will close for the holidays and reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 for regular business at 8:30 a.m.

For a complete list of facility closures visit **caledon.ca/news.**

Community Rink Volunteers Needed



Help us keep our community active this winter. We're looking for volunteers to support several community skating rinks around town. You will be responsible for maintaining the ice surface from January until March (weather dependent) and communicating with a Town-appointed liaison on the status of the rink throughout the season.

Contact us if you're interested by January 7, 2022: **recreation@caledon.ca.**

Coming Soon!

Caledon residents will soon be able to call 311 to access municipal services. Instead of calling the Town's 10-digit customer service number, just call 311. This will make it easier for residents to find information they need, faster.



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Brock's Banter

Counting – and distributing – our blessings

BY BROCK WEIR

The holiday season is in full swing.

The decorations line our streets. Santa has come through to give a teaser of things to come – and, of course, take more than a few wish lists from kids who were able to safely get up close to the jolly man in red.

Office Christmas parties, for better or worse, have either already happened or are just on the cusp of rolling out. If you've got a gift list from family members, you've probably checked it twice, and have found the time to scratch a few items off while the going is good.

If you go in for such things, the tree has likely been up for at least a couple of weeks while the more proactive among us already have a few bits, baubles and knick-knacks wrapped, bowed, labelled – works of art, taped up with love, all ready to be torn open by Christmas morning.

As we go around admiring the decorations, municipal Christmas trees, and the dazzling lights and decorations festooned on our neighbours' homes – or, at least, the ones that were festooned before Saturday's windstorms; as we watched Santa ride out of Town on his way back to the North Pole to finish up his mysterious work in time for Christmas; as we safely stumble back from the office parties, out of practice from last year's hiatus; as we brave the onslaught of humanity at malls, if shopping local for the odd item is simply not possible; and as we sit around the tree admiring the handiwork of our more creative and visually-talented family members, we're all hoping for a return to some degree of normalcy.

For many of us, this will be the first time since 2019 we have celebrated the holiday season beyond the family members outside of our late, lamented bubbles. We're looking forward to seeing the smiles on the faces of loved ones in-person as they open up their gifts, when doing so over Zoom last December left more than a little to be desired. We're looking forward to breaking the proverbial bread sitting around a table groaning with some of our festive favourites. We're looking forward to relaxing after the meal, perhaps talking about our hopes and dreams for the year ahead. And although we're probably not looking forward to contending with the mess left over at the end of Christmas Day, Boxing Day, or whenever you're able to celebrate, there will be some degree of satisfaction in a job well done.

Of course, we're all hoping for the best as new cases of COVID-19 continue to ramp up.

We might be rethinking the guest list to keep numbers safe and manageable.

We might be climbing up the family tree to see who is and who isn't vaccinated to see who's welcome in an effort to minimize any risk as we return to gatherings.

We might be mulling alternatives to the traditional family gatherings once again, looking for options a little warmer and more meaningful than talking to each other from the confines of a Brady Bunch-esque square on a computer screen or tablet.

In short, we're doing our damndest to make the best out of an uncertain situation.

Despite the emergence of the Omicron variant, we deserve a safe bit of happy. We've earned it. It took a lot to get to this point. But we also have to remember that having these problems to ponder and sort out is, in its own way, a privilege.

It's an uncomfortable reality that compiling a gift list might be beyond the wildest imaginations of some members of our community. A table laden with a traditional Christmas dinner might only be something to reminisce about.

Keeping at least a fraction of the magic alive with family, friends, and loved-ones online simply isn't an option for community members for whom their only access to our online world is a pre-booked hour or two at a well-worn computer at a public library. These family, friends, and loved ones, to some, might be ghosts of distant memories, either long-since departed or out of touch for any variety of reasons.

Thankfully, we also live in a community that takes the season of giving well-beyond the confines of our own circles.

This is a time of year when organizations go above and beyond to ensure the magic of the holidays can be experienced by everyone, regardless of their means. They take the time to compile lists that some families wouldn't even dream of drafting. They pool their resources to plan dinners and fellowship for people in shelters, transitional situations, or would otherwise be spending Christmas at home alone, more often than not rejecting any suggestion of shining a light on their good works – and certainly not in the pages of a newspaper. They mobilize their communities to buy a little extra when they go to the grocery stores, collect the items, and quietly deliver them to area food banks and like organizations.

And, even if it is an individual taking a single can of soup to groups serving those in need, or whatever is in their personal budget to spare, these small acts add up to something much larger, and something we can not only be proud of but be a part of as well.

With just over a week until Christmas, there is no shortage of ways to discover how you can have an impact, and there is no shortage of ways to put this impact into action.

But here too COVID has had an impact.

It seems from my own observation that in addition to donating anonymously to food banks, shelters, and charities, with your contributions distributed to those of highest need with equal anonymity, a certain degree of pre-existing shyness has been rubbed away over the course of the pandemic.

Neighbours have less hesitation sharing stories of need from their own neighbourhoods, personal stories of struggles, of lost jobs, of local families unable to make ends meet for the first time for any variety of reasons. Essentially, it's a matter of putting a face to where your contributions might be going.

But, more often than not, people are still uncomfortable doing so.

Whether it's a call out to the community over social media, or even a Go Fund Me campaign, there is admittedly some degree of gratification to know exactly how your donations are making an impact, but it is important to also remember that for every loud voice in the community, organizations are serving those who, for whatever reason, are either hesitant or unable to speak up on their own behalf.

It might be a busy season for all of us, but we can't let them get lost in the shuffle.



Putting our "First World" woes in perspective

by Mark Pavilons



As we enter the holidays and emerge from our burrows, we face some new and old challenges.

These hurdles, however, are solely First World issues, and are so petty and trivial in the grand scheme of things.

Recently I misplaced my keys, that one key chain containing all the important metal widgets. But this one was special: it has a mini-Swiss Army knife and my No Frills shopping cart token!

I remember being frantic for most of the day, pondering what I would do without these precious baubles. I thought of the massive pain of replacing these lost keys and the stress it would bring me.

And then, as the hours passed, I collected my thoughts and merely took it in stride.

"If that's the worst that can happen to me today, I'm so damn lucky," I thought to myself. There was a happy ending to the story when my aging brain cells kicked in and the hiding place of the previously lost keys was revealed.

But the lesson was not lost on yours truly.

Most of our minor, daily annoyances are really diddly. Waiting in line for gas, missing out on Black Friday sales, having to settle for a different kind of processed cheese slices.

We are living in a very bountiful country and province. We really want for little.

And yet, we're still preoccupied with the non-sequitur, the insignificant, trite and superficial. We're masters of the immaterial and friends of the frivolous.

I stress out all the time about bills, insurance rates and cost of living.

Do I really need snow tires? What kind of snacks should we get for the holidays? What cologne goes with casual everyday?

Again, the woes of the western world.

If you can read my column, you are more fortunate than the 3 billion illiterate souls on this planet.

If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back and a roof over your head, you are more fortunate than 75% of people in the world.

If you woke up healthy this morning, you're much better off than the 1 million people who will die this week.

And if you never experienced war, imprisonment, torture or starvation, you are luckier than 500 million people who are alive and suffering at this very moment.

I noticed a smell in my car that lingered for several days. It was that of a fresh, assorted sub sandwich. Must be remnants of a street vendor sausage on a bun my wife and I shared during chores recently. Made me hungry every time I got in my car.

Oh, that's right, I have a car. In fact, my family owns several. And I can go to the store to get a sandwich whenever I want.

There are billions around the world who cannot say the same.

As we gear up for the holidays and gift-giving, overabundance always springs to mind.

"That's what it's all about, isn't it? That's what it's always been about. Gifts, gifts … gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts! You wanna know what happens to your gifts? They all come to me. In your garbage. You see what I'm saying? In your garbage. I could hang myself with all the bad Christmas neckties I found at the dump. And the avarice. The avarice never ends!" Famous words from Jim Carrey's character in The Grinch.

In my family's case, it's never about wanting more. It's about making do and being frugal. But as parents, we have this never-ending desire to help our offspring, ensure their success and give them all they need for a good, head start.

Well, that head start is more uphill today than ever before. The pandemic didn't create economic uncertainty, but it sure kicked it in the nether regions.

The holidays are a time for sharing, spending time with family and counting our plethora of blessings.

The main one is simply being here. Again, we are the lucky ones.

Think about it. A "bent" or "broken" family tree generations ago and we could have ended up being born to poor, developing world parents. Or, the worst-case scenario – we wouldn't have been born at all.

But we are here, today, talking about these things. This very fact meant our ancestors survived – they overcame horrible odds; beat disease, starvation and the spoils of war; lived through The Plague or the influenza outbreak at the end of the First World War that claimed 50-70 million lives.

Generations of families perished and literally millions of family trees vanished from the history books.

But you and I survived, somehow. Our distant relatives escaped to continue on. Is this by luck, by design or some divine intervention?

Every day when our feet touch the ground and we get out of bed, we should be grateful. Sure, life is tough sometimes, maybe all the time. If it were easy, we wouldn't be talking about it all.

We are living in a society of haves and have-nots, with the gap ever widening.

Yes, I have burdens. But those don't prevent me from being generous or compassionate. They don't prohibit me from gathering donations, several times of year, for the less fortunate.

My oldest daughter made a special trip to London, ON, with a carload of clothes and toys for various shelters in that city. Who does that?

I think back to my parents, who maintained their door was always open. They were always ready and willing to welcome friends and strangers, offering them a meal and hospitality.

I am thankful for growing up with that mentality.

And I am blessed.

It's our responsibility to share the wealth, spread joy and help others count their blessings, too. If we all did this on a regular basis, who knows how far we can go.



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COVID Version 2.0, Pandemic Management For Dummies

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



I recently took the opportunity to read and reflect on my December 2020 musings in this space. As I suspected, memory served me well and I was lamenting the mismanagement of the pandemic at the provincial level and the looming lockdown.

What's so depressing about these recollections is that here we are almost exactly one year later, and with the arrival of Omicron on our doorstep, it appears we've learned virtually nothing over these past, long and difficult months.

Here we go again…but this time we have a guide with my soon-to-be released COVID Version 2.0 – Pandemic Management For Dummies.

It would seem, outside of the fact that vaccines now widely exist, people are more anxious than ever before. We're anxious for the world to open up fully, yet anxious that the world is opening up too quickly! We are 50 shades of anxious that lockdowns are looming once again. Kingston, currently home to a significant COVID outbreak, has already declared one, while others are anxious that we may not call a lockdown at all.

It's been implied that if we do shutdown, all signs point to it happening after the holidays – something my mother would have called "closing the barn door after the horse has already escaped."

This time last year, public health units were shutting down regions one by one which simply encouraged shoppers to travel out of their own region to complete their holiday shopping elsewhere.

This year it looks as though we're not closing down at all, although many schoolteachers are quietly preparing the kids for online learning in January.

I'm not sure any small business can afford any more time with a shuttered front door, and I know parents don't want their kids kept home, but now we do have tools in place to help manage this next wave - if only we would use them. Right now, no one appears to be taking the new variant seriously and many holiday shoppers are blithely out and about, including the infamous chin-mask wearing "covidiots" who must be an evolutionary throwback to a time when humans did in fact breathe through their chins.

(Yes, I'm being sarcastic. It appears I'll have to devote a whole chapter of Pandemic for Dummies to "How To Wear A Mask.")

We said it back in 2020 and we'll say it again here now: we should close the schools a week early and keep them shut for an additional week after the holiday.

In our new COVID Version 2.0 Pandemic Management for Dummies, we would update that guidance further by adding keep them closed for two weeks after the holidays. COVID, after all, appears to be spreading most rapidly amongst elementary school aged children who are only just now eligible to receive the vaccine but who are fully capable of spreading COVID. Outbreaks on several university campuses are also newsworthy, but not enough to get the attention of Mr. Ford and Minister of Education who will persist in having his picture taken all over the place, and with school children, unmasked.

As of time of writing (Monday), it appears nothing is enough to change the governments thought process related to making more booster shots available to those now eligible, or to lowering the eligibility for those boosters to those 18+ until after the Christmas holiday - at which point much of the damage will have already been done. In 2020, excuses and mistakes might have been avoidable, but perhaps also excusable. We didn't know any better. Now we do. All signs point to the Omicron variant as moving at an alarming rate, infecting outrageous numbers of people and at least one doctor at the science table is suggesting that the perception Omicron is a "milder" version of the disease is as yet unproven.

In Pandemic for Dummies, we would remind both the federal and provincial governments that those on the front lines; the doctors, nurses, epidemiologists etc. have shown time and again they know what they are talking about. Public health guidelines MUST be mandated to acknowledge that Covid is airborne. Access to rapid tests should be free just like it is in so many other parts of the world and even in other provinces right here at home. Handing them out to kids at schools like some sort of benevolent Christmas present is too little too late. We ALL should have had access to them months ago. If the unvaccinated can access them for free from employers simply for the privilege of showing up for work – they should be available to everyone with a sniffle who worries about potential spread. Booster shot access should also be wide open. We have them – let's use them. Oh, and let's actually pay our nurses appropriately for their continued efforts on the front lines by repealing Bill 124. When you know better, you do better. Except perhaps if you are a sitting member of the current conservative government.

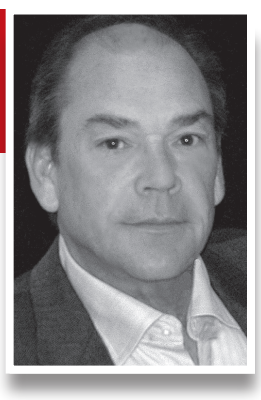
If it were mine to publish, the COVID Version 2.0 Pandemic for Dummies would include the most obvious step of all: vaccine equity and access for all. Disease knows no geographic boundaries as has been shown in wave after wave of COVID.

By the time a variant is identified, it has already crossed our borders and closing down air travel might slow its progress but not by much. What really needs to happen to finally bring this pandemic to an end is that everyone, everywhere around the world, has access to a series of COVID vaccine shots (including boosters.) Rich nations cannot vaccinate their way out of a pandemic if they do not also help the rest of the world.

Oh, and if you ask "but what about the cost?" I would simply respond, "What is the cost to us all, to the entire world, if we get this wrong again?"

You may be Canadian...

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



I think it's time to throw a little humour into this season which we will again celebrate for the second time under a cloud of restrictions and uncertainty.

If you're a born and bred Canadian, you know we all have some quirks that go along with growing up in the Great White North.

I used to work with a guy who wore cargo shorts every single day of the year. Even in the middle of winter he would show up for his shift wearing a heavy coat and shorts. Now that is a Canadian quirk.

You probably have at least one neighbour, maybe more, who has a snowmobile parked on a trailer at the side of the house or in the garage, and is praying for a heavy snowfall.

And most likely you know someone that will sit in a tent and fish through a hole in the ice in middle of January.

Comedian Jeff Foxworthy visited Canada recently to do a show at the casino in Windsor.

You may remember him as the comedian with the tag-line, "You might be a redneck..."

His observations go something like: "If you have two recliners AND a refrigerator on your front porch, you might be a redneck."

Mr. Foxworthy certainly did his homework before his visit to Windsor. I'm pretty sure he had some inside advice from north of the border when putting his show together because he really nailed a lot of what it is about to be a Canadian.

Here are some of his observations of what being Canadian is all about.

I'm pretty sure if you go down the list, you will or have found yourself in most if not all of these situations.

Here's what it means to be a Canadian:

If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you may live in Canada.

If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you may live in Canada.

If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you may live in Canada.

If "Vacation" means going anywhere south of Detroit for the weekend, you may live in Canada.

If you measure distance in hours, you may live in Canada.

If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once, you may live in Canada.

If you have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again, you may live in Canada.

If you can drive 90 km/hr through two feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching, you may live in Canada.

If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked, you may live in Canada.

If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you may live in Canada.

If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you may live in Canada.

If the speed limit on the highway is 80 km - you're going 95 and everybody is passing you, you may live in Canada.

If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you may live in Canada.

If you know all four seasons: Almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction, you may live in Canada.

If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car, you may live in Canada.

If you find -2 degrees "a little chilly", you may live in Canada.

I would like to add a few more observations.

If you change your summer and winter tires more often than you change your car's oil, you may live in Canada.

If you put vinegar on your French fries, you may live in Canada.

If your neighbours tap their maple trees in spring, you may live in Canada.

If yelling "car!" during a road hockey game is normal, you may live in Canada.

If you have a hockey goalie net readily available in your garage, you may live in Canada.

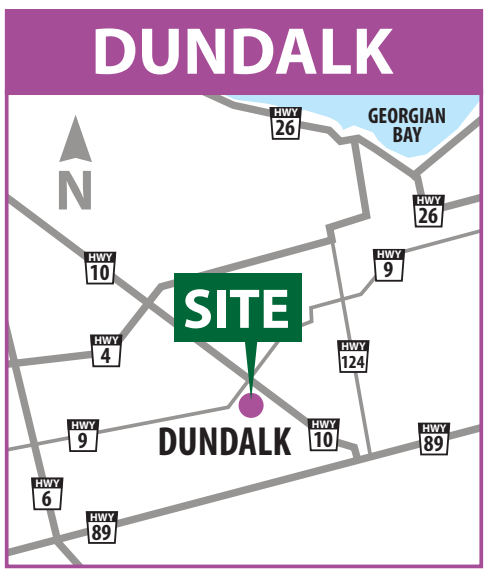
If you order a double-double at a coffee shop, you may live in Canada.

If you've ever cursed the snow plow for filling in the end of your driveway after you've just spent two hours shovelling, you may live in Canada.

If you're Canadian, you can probably identify with most if not all of the above observations.

I guess that's just what makes us members of the Great White North.









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The Lions Club of Bolton made its final donation in the form of a cheque for $6,934.36 to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation. The club decided to fold in 2019 due to declining membership.

PHOTO BY ROB PAUL

Lions Club of Bolton roars for the final time with hospital donation

Continued from FRONT

"It's the perfect time because we have a donor matching donations right now and so the $6,900 is going to be doubled," said Gibb. "All the money is going to go towards the hospital's needs, so we can't thank you guys enough. We're sorry it's the end of something wonderful, but we're so thankful for you."

Although it took multiple years to actually get to make their final donation, it worked out perfect for the Lions Club of Bolton. They unknowingly set their donation up to be matched to have it make an even larger impact.

"Pete Stewart was our treasurer and just said, 'I think it's about time we get rid of this money because we've been hanging onto it for almost two years!' With things opening up we decided now was a good time and when Danielle came down, she tells us that there's a donor in Mono Mills who's going to double any money coming in during the fundraising in November and December—we had no idea about this," said Derbyshire. "So, we're able to double the money to almost $14,000, the timing worked out pretty well. We got together with all our wives, they always helped out so much, and wanted to celebrate one final time."

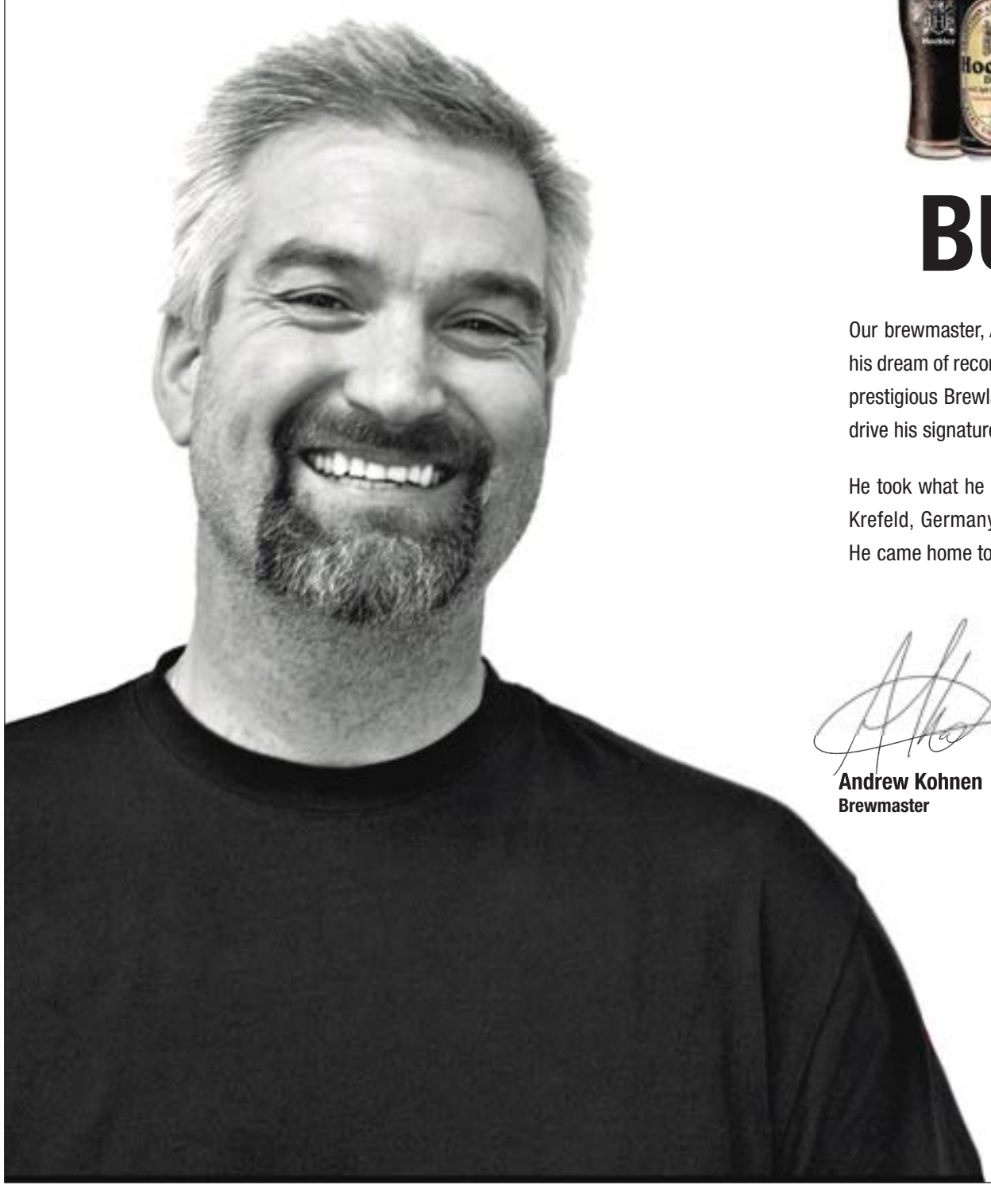
The group decided their final donation would be towards Headwaters because they saw the hospital as the best place to have the most positive effect with everything going on right now in healthcare.

"We'd given money to Headwaters before, right when they first opened up—I think we gave them $5,000 initially," he said. "We've given them money a couple times and we've always been involved in different community organizations. We'd given to the Santa Fund, Caledon Meals on Wheels, and stuff like that. But with this being the last one, we thought we should do it for the hospital because they're going to need it."

The Lions Club of Bolton was established in 1970, and many of the remaining members had spent years as members. Though it's emotional as it comes to an end, they were just happy to be able to make the Bolton community a little brighter over the decades.

"Pete Stewart, Bill Frame, and Doug Carins had been in it for about 36 years, and I'd been in it about 33 years," said Derbyshire. "Most of us grew up in Town—I can remember when Bolton was only 1,000 people, a four-way stop sign, and one cop in Town. With our history, we've always cared about the community and what we've done has always been for the community. It was always just a good thing to try and help in the community and look after things the best we could."





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Janes uses the Little Grey Work Horse to help those who fall between the cracks

BY ROB PAUL





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For over a decade, the Little Grey Work Horse has been helping out those who aren't necessarily in the spotlight.

It's been a way for community organizations that don't necessarily have the means to continue to get the extra support they need to remain a key part of the Caledon community.

The Little Grey Work Horse might just look like a trailer that can be hitched to the back of a vehicle, but it's become so much more to the community. It's become the shining light for so many that allows them to pursue their passions.

The owner of the Little Grey Work Horse is Caledon resident Harold Janes, who came up with the idea with his wife Wanda to collect items people would normally throw away and turn it into a fundraising opportunity to help out local charities.

"The Little Grey Work Horse is a small utility trailer that's four by six feet, and it's an old mini trailer that I bought around 2002 and it's been the Little Grey Worse Horse since 2007—that's when we started the charity," said Janes. "Originally, it was a fundraiser for the Bolton Sea Cadets; my wife was the president of the Caledon Navy League and we used it as a fundraiser.

"Then, it took off and we started doing other groups. We do Jason's Quest—Jason Scorcia's charity in Caledon that sponsors young children of single-parents to get them involved in Special Olympics—we also do the Caledon Seniors' Centre, the Bolton Sea Cadets, Sarcoma Cancer Foundation, Meaghan's Music Room, and GOALS (Growing Opportunities for Adult Life Skills). We usually split them up and focus on one at a time, it takes a couple months to get a decent donation for them—donations are usually between $2,500 and $5,000 by the time we get it done."

Janes is happy to have anyone drop off any item he can use for fundraising at any time, he encourages people to stop by 27 Goodfellow Crescent in Bolton and donate by putting items right into the Little Grey Work Horse.

"It's all old electronics that people drop off into the driveway right into the trailer, or people can donate empty beer containers and liquor containers, pop cans, household batteries and car batteries, Christmas lights, basically anything people don't want like that can be dropped off," he said. "I then cash in the stuff and donate the money. We don't pick it up for them, we just leave the trailer in the driveway for anyone to come by and drop something off into it. We're happy to have anyone drop something off at any time—24/7, 365, they can come—I've had people at 10 at night and 4 in the morning."

Thanks to connections throughout the Caledon community, Janes was able to find various organizations to partner with and help through his charity.

"When we were focused on the Bolton Sea Cadets, we used to have a lot of garage sales and people would bring electronics and they'd never sell," he says. "I used to have a guy come by and take the electronics for me, and then someone told me that I could sell them at the recycling depot. So, I started from there and it grew into taking other items that people would be getting rid of and I basically just would try and sell anything people would get rid of.

"Then we started doing other groups that we know well, like we've known Meaghan Zaremba from Meaghan's Music Room and Jason Scorcia for a long time and we know someone in Caledon East involved with Sarcoma Cancer. That's how it's kind of grown into what I'm doing now. I've got my groups now that I help—I can't help everyone, so I focus on these ones, and I just rotate through donating to these groups."

Though he does the heavy lifting, Janes credits the support from Caledon and various surrounding communities for being the ones to step up and take the time to donate old items.

"We've had tremendous support, I can't complain at all," he said. "If it weren't for the people who donate the stuff, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. The people of Bolton and Caledon have been fantastic. The surrounding community has been great too—we've had supporters in Nobleton, Brampton, Palgrave, Caledon East, Thornton, and we've gotten people as far as Barrie."

Seeing the support throughout the pandemic has been fantastic, says Janes, it's really given him and his wife the opportunity to do even more for the organizations that don't always have enough funding.

"During the pandemic it's exploded—normally it takes a couple months to raise enough money, but it was so big, especially last summer, that it would only take us a month," he said. "It was great because it helped the people who needed it most. We aim to pick the groups that fall between the cracks. Everyone gives to big name groups, but not as many people know of Jason's Quest or Sarcoma Cancer, they're trying to do research and they need funding, the Bolton Sea Cadets have always had trouble fundraising and GOALS is a group that struggles too. We want to help the people who fall between the cracks."

Despite doing this for over 10 years, Janes thinks he's still got a few more years left in him to help, especially because it's become his passion.

"We've never kept track because it's never concerned us what we give as long as we do give. I just really enjoy helping people. I'm getting older now. I'm turning 63, so, another couple of years and we'll see how it goes. I'm getting older and stuff is getting heavier, but it's been a lot of fun and I've met a lot of people. It's been a joy."

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CDS teacher inducted into Queen's Rugby Hall of Fame

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Country Day School teacher and long-time senior boys' rugby coach Sandy Townsend was inducted into the Queen's University Rugby Hall of Fame at the end of November.

A lover of the sport since his youth, Townsend said he was incredibly "pleased" to be inducted into his alma mater.

"As I've been saying to people, the reason I became involved over 14 years ago was certainly not to get into the Hall of Fame, but to improve the program at Queen's," Townsend said.

"I played there and graduated in 1981 and I loved every minute of it. I think by the time I came around and had time in my life around 2006-2007 I wanted to ensure that this generation of players had the same experience that I did."

The Kingston, ON native has had quite the journey through the sport over the years. Growing up playing rugby in high school in Oakville, Townsend's family moved to Alberta. He would go on to win three national junior championships.

Upon graduation, he deemed it a necessary move to attend Queen's and played for the Gaels winning an OUA medal in 1979 as a 1st XV scrum half.

At the fore of his teaching career, Townsend ended up landing a job in Montreal. He joined McGill University's rugby team and even the provincial team in Quebec leading his group to the 1992 Canadian Junior Championships in Calgary. He also won the 1997 Canada Summer Games.

Following these achievements, 1997 was also the year he came back to Ontario, moved to Aurora and joined The Country Day School.

"Even my first few years coaching here, I didn't have a connection with the university (Queen's) until about 2003 when a student chose to go to Queen's. That also sparked my interest in the program," Townsend said.

The player, Kai Sorenson, asked Townsend for some more practice time before departing to Queen's and Townsend happily did so. That same year, Townsend would lead CDS to the Senior Boys' rugby championship. Over his career, Townsend would eventually see other past players such as Bryn Davies, Zach Pancer and Keegan Myers all go to the university.

"The motivation to see all of these CDS students go to Queen's, I wanted to become involved in the program again."

Following the 100th anniversary of rugby dinner at Queen's in 2006, Townsend spearheaded the Queen's Rugby Booster Club in 2007 and became the program's chair for eight years.

This program provided essential financial support to bring in more coaches and staff and also played a part in the construction of Nixon Field (formerly known as Kingston Field).

"I honestly feel like I was just a guy at the right place at the right time. I don't feel like I was the centre of attention at all but just a guy trying to do a good job. Whether I was talking to Queen's or the coaches or the boosters, I was trying to connect people and get them all on the same page," Townsend said.

"When I look back on it, yes, I did it; yes, I'm proud of it; yes, I'm really happy about it, but I don't think I did anything special. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have done it all and I am incredibly humbled by the achievement."

Townsend led CDS to another championship in 2007, 2015 and 2017. He also led his boys to the CAIS National Title in 2017.

Aside from being involved with the schools, Townsend has also been a head coach at the Aurora Barbarians rugby club for around 20 years.

He continues to love the sport dearly. He is a dedicated and humble teacher who always wants better for his students and his players.



SANDY TOWNSEND

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Caledon hockey clubs earn more wins after rough season start

BY ROBERT BELARDI

For the first time this year, all Caledon junior hockey clubs earned at least one win in a week.

With Christmas just over a week away and with everyone feeling more and more festive by the day, it is a positive sighting to see smiles and cheers on everyone's faces.

The OJHL Caledon Admirals took down the Toronto Patriots 3-2 on the road giving the boys their third win of the year.

The Admirals got off the ground running early when Josh Sinanan put one past Robert Jr. Andreakos to open the scoring under three minutes in.

AP player Dawson Doner put another one in just over the ten-minute mark and boys found themselves with a 2-0 lead heading into first intermission.

McKay Hayes broke the deadlock for the Patriots but Sinanan had other ideas of his own.

Assisted by Sebastian Bulovs and Liam Kennedy, Sinanan restored the two-goal advantage going into the final frame. Patriots forward Johnathan Mead added a late goal in the final minute of the period and the Admirals hung on.

Admirals netminder Cale McWilliams stopped 38 of the Patriots' 40 shots in the victory.

After this Saturday night thriller, the Admirals took on the North York Rangers on the road last Sunday afternoon on short rest. The Admirals fell to the second-place team in the South Division 10-2.

Sinanan scored his third goal of the week in this one. On Thursday, the Admirals host the Rangers at Mayfield Arena. Puck drop is at 8:00 p.m. The boys will also take on the Mississauga Chargers on Saturday and the Wellington Dukes on Monday on the road.

Over in the GOJHL, the Caledon Bombers Jr. B club took down the Ayr Centennials 5-4 on the road in their lone victory of the week last Thursday.

Remy Dalben opened the scoring just 1:45 into the game before Andrew Reynolds made it 2-0 with just over two minutes to play.

Just 16 seconds after scoring the second goal and with momentum on their backs, Centennials forward Mason Wright put his eighth of the season in and it became a 2-1 game. Matt Mueller tied the game up with the only goal in the second period so it all came down to the third.

Down 4-3 with just seven minutes remaining, the Bombers pulled off a few moments of magic as Andrew Reynolds and Leighton Cooke put home two goals to give the boys the win.

Owen Porter stopped 33 of 37 shots and Centennials goaltender Jacob Steinman stopped 36 of 41 Bomber shots faced.

Coming back home to Mayfield the next night, things didn't go the Bombers' way as the Kitchener-Waterloo Siskins came to town to spoil the party with a 3-1 victory.

Dalben scored the lone goal for the Bombers putting home his team-high 14 goal. The Bombers will host the Cambridge Redhawks this Friday at 8:00 p.m. before taking their talents to Brantford to battle the Bandits this Saturday.

In a rare three-in-three, the Bombers will be putting their conditioning to the test as the boys must go to Listowel this Sunday to fight the Cyclones. The boys won't have a game until December 30 after that.

Over in the PJHL, the Caledon Golden Hawks had their match against the Orillia Terriers postponed last Saturday, so all the boys had to focus on was taking down the Alliston Hornets.

The Golden Hawks defeated the Alliston Hornets 4-3 on the road giving this group their sixth win of the year.

The Hornets broke the deadlock first thanks to Duncan Grube's 19 goal of the season.

In the second period, the Golden Hawks tied it up early thanks to Noah Crispo's goal. With Mitchell Smilsky and Rhys Brown giving the Hornets the 3-1 lead, Golden Hawks Luke Camara put his seventh of the season past Rod Lewis to put the Golden Hawks within one.

The Golden Hawks fired 15 shots on target in the third period and Ben Snow gets the credit for the tying goal on the power play.

Going into overtime, recently acquired forward from the Schomberg Cougars James McLean, scored the game-winner.

The Golden Hawks will host the Midland Flyers this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and the Penetang Kings this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. before Christmas break.



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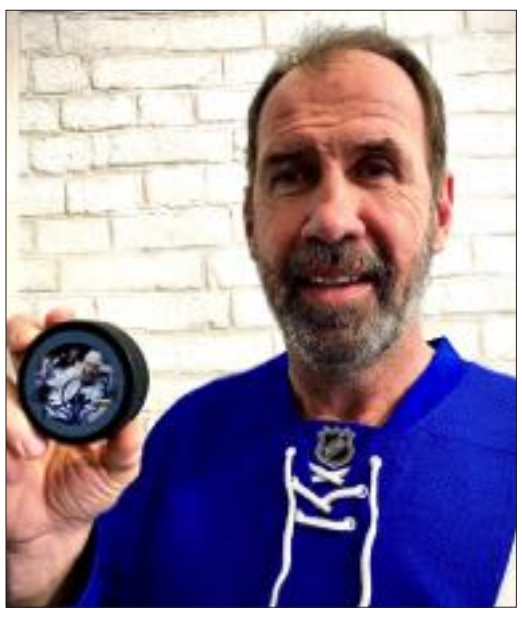
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"Who Gives a Puck?" fundraiser focusing on shopping local



Jamie Macoun holds up an autographed puck.
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BY SAM ODROWSKI

Small to medium size businesses have been hardest hit economically by COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, demonstrating the importance of shopping locally.

An initiative to motivate Orangeville and area residents to shop in their community is Blackstock Ford Lincoln's "Who Gives a Puck?" awareness campaign, where any resident can drop by the dealership and show a receipt of $25 or more spent at a local non-essential business to receive a hockey puck autographed by NHL superstar Jamie Macoun.

Those who show their receipts will also be entered into a weekly draw for two tickets to see the new #34, Auston Matthews, play at the ScotiaBank Arena, running for the next 11 weeks.

In addition to Blackstock Ford Lincoln, which is located at 207155, Highway 9, receipts of over $25 can be brought to Bad Dog or Quick Lane, both located at 670 Riddell.

The idea behind "Who Gives a Puck?" is to support the local businesses who suffered during past COVID-19 lockdowns, said Jim Carson, who organized the campaign and owns Blackstock Ford Lincoln.

"For car dealerships, we were deemed an essential service and didn't have to close but the businesses like restaurants and the retailers, the gift stores, those that had to close, those are the ones that need the most support now," said Carson.

"The point I want to try and get across is that people really need to eat, shop and enjoy local."

Instead of online shopping or going to large corporate chains like Costco, check to see if what you're looking for can be bought by a small business.

And if a store doesn't have a certain item in stock, most of the time they can order it in and you can pick it up within a reasonable period of time.

"Just think about what you're purchasing, and is it available locally? Try to just change your habit, if you are one who's buying online," said Carson. "Also, don't make the assumption that your local retail stores can't supply it for you or have it."

Returns are also no concern when buying locally, instead of online shopping where you have to ship it back to the supplier.

"If it shows up damaged, they handle that all for you. If it's the wrong item, they handle it for you," Carson noted.

Another benefit of looking locally first before buying something is knowing that you're supporting businesses who support our community such as youth sports teams or donate towards community projects, and create local jobs.

Small businesses made up 98 per cent of all employer businesses in Canada in 2020, and 58,000 of them became inactive in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses also conducted a survey with over 4,000 business at the start of this year, with one in six business owners saying they're seriously considering shutting down permanently.

The data for how many businesses shut down in 2021 remains to be seen, with a few weeks left in the year, but with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, there's no better time to shop local and show your support.

"Who Gives a Puck?" runs for the next 11 weeks, and showing a receipt of $25 or more is valid from non-essential businesses in the Hockley area, Mono, Grand Valley, Alton, Hillsburgh, Caledon and Orangeville.

Coach marks 1,000 games on the bench

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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A local hockey coach is celebrating a hockey milestone and was honoured for his commitment to the game during a special ceremony on the ice in Schomberg.

Tottenham's Sandy Bell, currently with the Schomberg Cougars, is well known in Junior C hockey circles as a dedicated coach and volunteer.

On Sunday, November 28, Sandy was on the bench for his 1,000th junior hockey game when they played the Caledon Golden Hawks.

The Schomberg Cougars Hockey Club honoured this achievement with a surprise on-ice acknowledgement that included a trophy and a custom Schomberg Cougars jersey embossed with the number 1000.

"Sandy is one of the most dedicated hockey volunteers I have ever had the pleasure of meeting," said Schomberg Cougars president, Randy Hull. "I am proud to call him my friend and honoured that he returned to his Cougars family to celebrate this amazing milestone."

Sandy joined the Schomberg Cougars in 2002 as an assistant coach.

During his first year with the club, they won their first conference title after knocking out the Fergus Devils, and Erin Shamrocks in the playoffs, then winning the final over the Stayner Siskins to claim the title.

Sandy remained with the team through the 2012/13 season taking on the roles of both assistant coach and head coach.

He then went on to spend seven years with the Caledon Golden Hawks.

Sandy returned to the Cougars last season and is currently enjoying a successful season with the hockey club as they challenge for the Provincial Junior Hockey League's Carruthers Division title.



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Helen passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 5, 2021, with her family by her side. Born December 23, 1925, Helen grew up in Newmarket before moving to Toronto in her teens. She and her family moved to the house they built in Caledon in the 70's where she resided for the rest of her life.

Helen could be found in the mornings with a cup of coffee, looking out the patio doors into her back field where deer, fox, wild turkeys and various other creatures would wander by. She loved spending time with her family, gardening, looking after horses and the various other livestock they kept. She loved taking long drives with her husband Bob to wherever the car wanted to go. Her life was filled with being the quintessential mother and grandmother. While primarily a stay-at-home mom, Helen, during WWII did "war work" and also worked for several years after the war at Remington Arms where she assembled and test fired rifles. Helen was pre-deceased by her husband Robert (Bob), her children: Carol, Ron and Sharron, her brothers: Ed, Keith and Ross, and her grandson Michael.

She will be greatly missed by her son Doug (Dana), her nephew Ross, her grandchildren: Derek (Lisa), Brent (Maija), Ashley, Nadalen (Dana), Angela and Carolyn, her great grand-children: Holden, Phoebe and Eleanor, and her extended family and friends.

Arrangements entrusted to MacIntyre Family Funeral Home where a private family service was held on Tuesday, December 14th at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Caledon East Public Cemetery. Following the service a recording was posted for viewing at www.macintyrefamilyfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations can be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Donation cards are available at the funeral home or you may send the family a condolence at www.macintyrefamilyfuneralhome.com

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LEAN, James



Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the age of 83. Beloved husband the late Joyce Lean (2003). Dear father of Donna Langford (Fred), Robert (2020) (Dulcie), Pam Rigby and James (Michelle). Cherished by his special friend Ginny King. Loving grandfather of Tim, Gerry, Carrie, Emilee, David and Alyssa. Great-grandfather of Madilyne, Ethan and Connor. Remembered by his sister Mary Silvester (Grant). Predeceased by his brother Ken and his sister Fran. James will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends. Private Graveside Service will be held in the Spring at Shelburne Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of James in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

ITEN, Stephen Theodore (Mock)
July 15, 1955 - Dec. 3, 2021

Steve, in his 67th year, joined his father, Theodore (Ted) Iten, in peace, with loved ones by his side. Sharing in this deep loss are his wife, Kim Iten (Buller); mother, Irene Iten; sisters, Yvonne (Bill) Iten-Scott, Ursula(Euan) Iten-McGrath, Cathy Buller, Kelly Buller and best friend (brother) Bernie McNeil. Greatly missed by 10 nieces and nephews and their children.

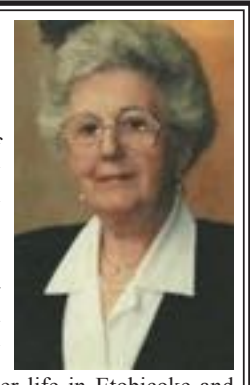
Steve dedicated himself to his work at Orangeville PreCast. He had finally parked his forklift (Heidi) for the last time on November 5, 2021, retiring after 50 years of service. A unique soul, Steve built everlasting friendships that will hold fond and colourful memories.

Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Ontario SPCA would be appreciated.

A tree will be planted in memory of Stephen in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

STEWART, Dorothy Doreen (nee Cameron)
October 10, 1923 – December 2, 2021



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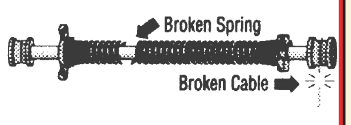
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Amazon donates more than $86,000 towards Toys for Tots

BY ROB PAUL



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This week, Amazon employees across 11 fulfillment, delivery, and sort centres in Peel Region gathered to celebrate the season of giving through a donation of more than $86,000 in toys and monetary funds to Toys for Tots, an annual toy drive organized by Peel Region Police and the Salvation Army.

"Toys for Tots registrations are up 50 per cent this year, and that means we need more toys to bring more holiday cheer to more families," says John Halbert, Director of Ontario Distribution at the Salvation Army. "It is a big honour for us to help parents give their children a toy on Christmas morning. As of Monday, we've distributed 88,000 toys in Southern Ontario and, in total, we will distribute nearly 140,000 toys this year with Amazon's help."

Amazon has a long-standing commitment to helping those in need in the communities where it operates, especially around the holidays. Over the past two years, the company and its employees raised approximately $210,000 in toys and monetary funds for Toys for Tots.

This year's donation event saw Amazon team members from across Peel Region, including YZ1, YYZ3, YYZ4, YYZ7, YHM5, YHM9, DOI5, DTO9, DTY4, DOI6 and DOI3 come together for a fun-filled afternoon of spreading holiday cheer.

"During the pandemic, everyone is experiencing mental stress, including children, so we really want to support them and let their parents know, there's someone who's looking out for them during the holiday season," said Mandeep Brar, Associate at Amazon's YYZ7 fulfillment centre in Bolton.

Last year, Amazon donated approximately $130,000 to this drive and contributed 22 bulk boxes filled with toys. The donations come from both Amazon and its associates.

"Nearly 10,000 children were assisted by Toys for Tots last year and I believe it will increase in 2021," said Constable Jana Marchese, Peel Regional Police. "Toys for Tots helps a lot of families by relieving the struggle and stress on those families unable to provide toys for their children. Amazon's donation will help the most vulnerable children in our community wake up to something magical on Christmas morning."

Other charities Amazon supports include Breakfast Club of Canada and the organizations affiliated with Amazon Future Engineer, including Canada Learning Code, Kids Code Jeunesse, TakingITGlobal, and FIRST Robotics.

"It's been an honour and a privilege working with Amazon, who is helping give a hand up to the community in need, during this special time of year," said Imran Hassan, Chair of Peel Crime Stoppers. "We look forward to continuing to grow this initiative. We have a long runway, and we look forward to working closely with Amazon and all of its partners in 2022 and beyond."

In 2020 Amazon donated more than $10 million to charities and not-for-profit organizations across Canada, including charities that address their focus on "Right Now Needs" like food, shelter, and basic goods for children and their families.

"I think it's important that all kids get a great holiday gift, so at least once a year, they get to feel extra special," said Cathy Scollay, Associate at Amazon's YYZ3 fulfillment centre in Brampton. "For me, if I can make that day a little bit better, that's my goal."

"It definitely brings a smile to your face when you know that every child is going to have something special, and it doesn't matter where it came from, so long as it came from the goodness of peoples' hearts and good intentions," adds Marissa Smith, Amazon YYZ1 fulfillment centre Site Leader in Mississauga.

Amazon's donation will be distributed by community-level Salvation Army chapters to children between the ages of six and 10 years old. Additional personal care items, including diapers and wipes, will be donated to families with younger children.

"I'm very proud and lucky to have the teams that we did collaborating and raising over $86,000 in toys and financial contributions this year for Toys for Tots," said Doug Rajala, Senior Regional Loss Prevention Manager, Amazon Canada and Latin America. "Associates came together to make personal contributions to this cause, recognizing how important it is to help those throughout our communities, especially those who are most vulnerable, around the holiday times."

Town prosecutes trucking op, resulting in $1 million fine

BY ROB PAUL

The Town of Caledon has successfully prosecuted an illegal trucking operation, resulting in a precedent-setting $1 million fine.

On December 9, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Toronto Region) sentenced Darzi Holdings Ltd. for contempt of court, with a fine of $1 million, following a finding of guilt on February 8, 2021.

"This is a huge victory that signals to those who violate our by-laws that the Town takes enforcement seriously," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "It's also a win for all the legal operators in the Town who have invested over the years to build legitimate, competitive businesses. They want a level playing field, and we will continue to go after those who try to sidestep our by-laws."

The prosecution in this case began in 2018, prompted by complaints concerning debris, mud tracking, the importation of fill and grading without a permit and the illegal parking and storage of commercial motor vehicles and contracting equipment at the property on Coleraine Drive within the South Simpson Industrial Secondary Plan Area in Bolton.

The property owner was charged and pleaded guilty in 2019 to contravening the Town's zoning by-law and was fined $36,000 in penalties. Following the property owner's failure to bring the property into compliance the Town successfully pursued a civil injunction.

When the uses continued despite the court injunction, the Town asked for a finding of contempt for the breach.

The court found the property owner to be in contempt and sentenced them to a $1 million fine, stating: "In my view, a fine of $1 million, as sought by the Town, will serve some of the ends of denunciation and general deterrence. The Town asks for $1 million fine. Despite my reservations as to the adequacy of this quantum, I assess a fine of $1 million payable by the defendants jointly and severally."

As similar incidents increased across Caledon, Council established an Illegal Land Use Task Force in 2020 with the goal of addressing the more than one hundred identified cases of illegal storage/parking of commercial vehicles.

The Task Force is comprised of municipal law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and zoning specialists. As a first step, the Task Force notifies offending operators and works with them to achieve compliance, but where that is not successful, the Town takes enforcement action.

During the Town Council meeting Tuesday, Council also passed a motion directing illegal land use enforcement staff to work with industry partners to investigate solutions to address the lack of appropriately zoned lands to support the logistics industry including truck/trailer storage and other uses.

Since July, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers have inspected approximately 300 locations and found approximately 180 properties where at least one tractor trailer or commercial vehicle is parked or stored.

Council was reminded that a corporation can be liable to fines of up to $50,000 upon first conviction and $25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted.

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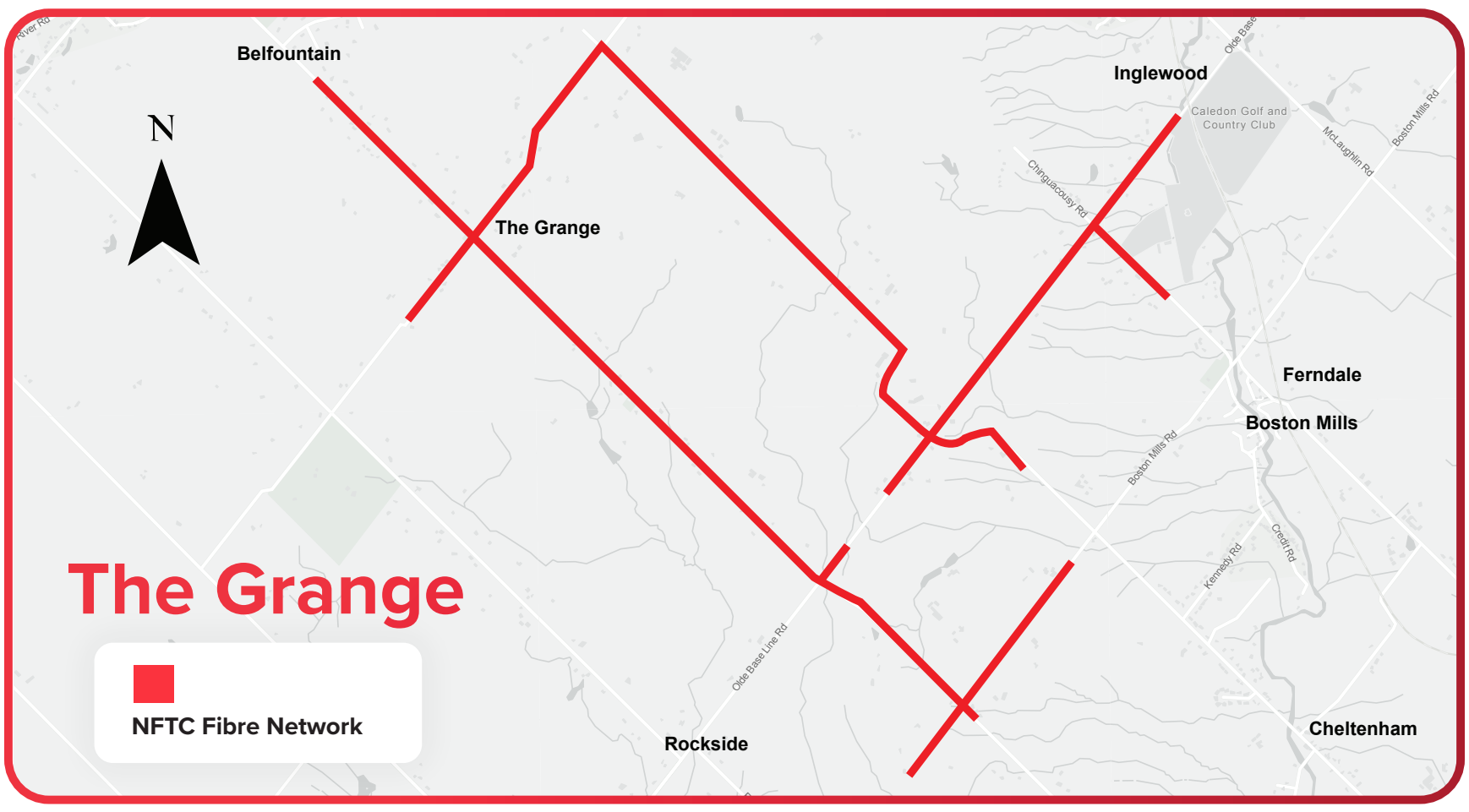


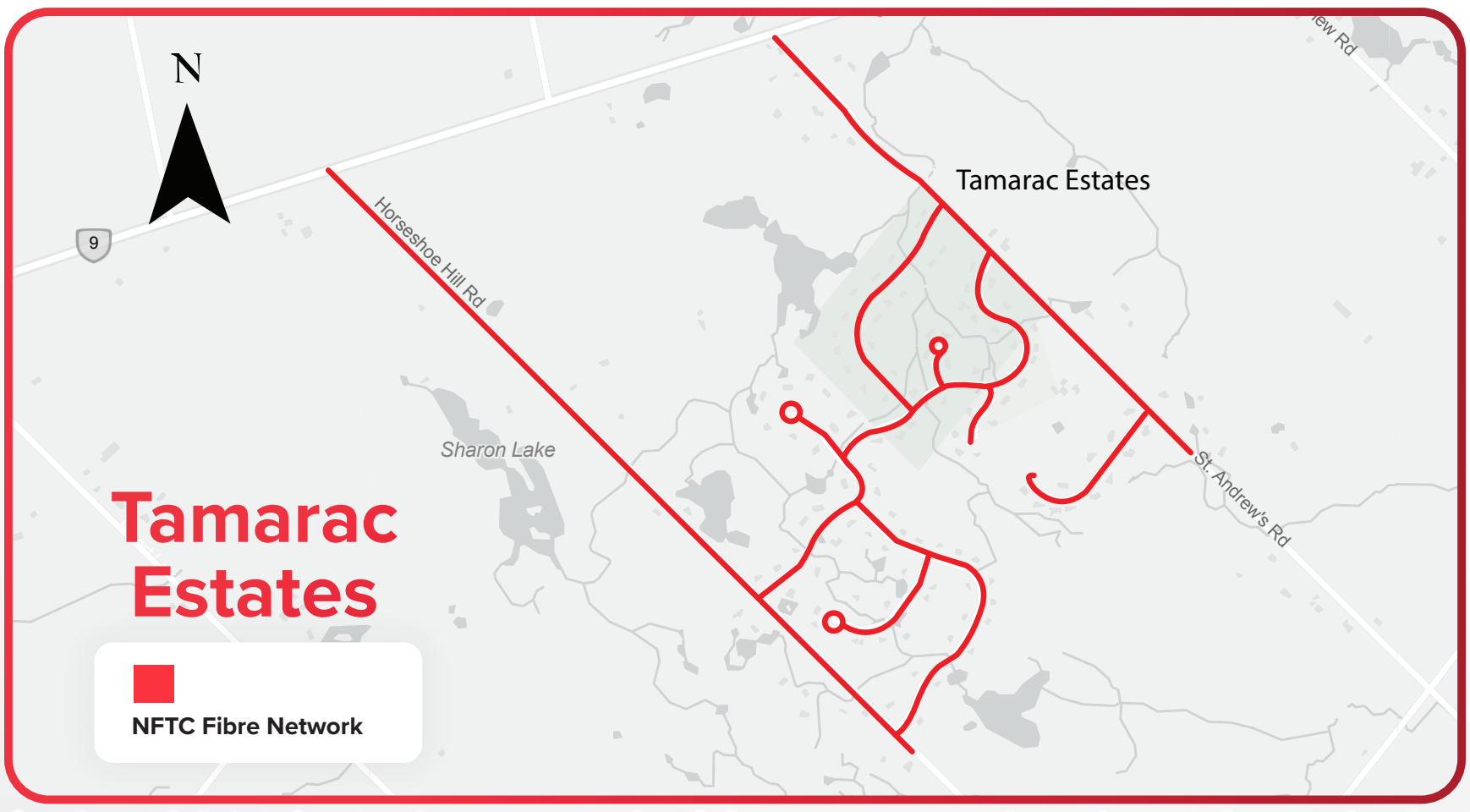
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