



Happy Canada Day Dufferin-Caledon!

We have much to celebrate here in Dufferin-Caledon, as we mark Canada's 155th birthday. Life has been slowly, but surely returning to normal following more than two very difficult and immensely challenging years. Despite this, our community has emerged stronger because of the care and compassion we witnessed through simple acts of kindness, as well as the outstanding efforts of many extraordinary community heroes and community groups.

On Canada Day, we come together to celebrate this strong sense of community in Dufferin-Caledon and what it means to be Canadian, which includes our shared values of mutual respect, equality, and peace. We also pride ourselves on being a welcoming, compassionate, and inclusive country. We embrace our differences and believe they make us stronger and more united, which is one of many reasons Canada is simply the best country in the world!

Canada Day is also a time to celebrate our rich culture, history, achievements, and our land. Canada's natural heritage is unparalleled, as is its people. This Canada Day, reconnect with old friends and make some new friends too by attending any of the fantastic Canada Day community events taking place across Dufferin-Caledon.

See inside for details on how to win a large Canadian flag!

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Enter to Win a Large Canadian Flag!

Hopefully you've received my Canada Day newsletter by now, which includes a Canadian flag poster on the inside to help with your Canada Day celebrations. I would also like to invite you to participate in my 2nd **annual Canada Day contest** for my constituents who proudly display their flag poster and post a photo of it to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter along with the hashtag **#CanadaDayDC22**





Here are some examples of a few constituents who proudly displayed their flag poster in 2021. Hopefully these photos may inspire you.
I can't wait to see the creative ways you display this year's paper flag.

Contest entrants will have an **opportunity to win one of five 3'x 6' Canadian flags** from my office. Winners will be selected by random draw. If you don't use social media, no problem. You can still participate by e-mailing the photo of your flag poster at **kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca**

No matter how you decide to celebrate this wonderful holiday and our magnificent country, show your Canadian pride and everything it represents to you on July 1st.

Happy Canada Day Dufferin-Caledon!

KYLE SEEBACK MP
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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
LE JUBILÉ DE PLATINE DE LA REINE

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Recognizing Community Service in Dufferin-Caledon

Nominate a Community Champion Today!

Do you know an unsung hero in our community who's made Dufferin-Caledon a better place through their selfless service? If so, **let me know**. This fall, I will be recognizing **70 community champions** with a commemorative **Platinum Jubilee lapel pin** to recognize their exceptional contributions to our community.

In honour of **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of loyal service and unwavering dedication to Canada**, I want to **recognize constituents who also dedicate themselves to community service** and in doing so, make our community and country a better place.

You can help me with this initiative to celebrate these community champions by sending me a message which includes the following:

- The **full name of the resident of Dufferin-Caledon you wish to nominate** for the Platinum Jubilee lapel pin;
- A **brief summary of their contributions to our community**, including the name(s) of the local organization(s) where they've volunteered their time;
- The **impact of their efforts on our community**; and
- **Your name and contact information**, including your telephone number (in case I need to contact you for more information)

Your nomination of a local community champion can be sent to me by e-mail at **kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca** and must be received by **August 15, 2022**.

In the fall, I will host an event where 70 of Dufferin-Caledon's community champions will be recognized for their outstanding service during a special ceremony at which time, they'll receive their Platinum Jubilee lapel pin.

Please send me your nominations today and help me honour those who go above and beyond to serve our community and country.



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Robert Fines receives Caledon's Senior of the Year award from Mayor Allan Thompson and members of Caledon Council.

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Robert Fines named Caledon's Senior of the Year

Fines was nominated for the award by Caledon Meals on Wheels' Executive Director

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Robert Fines has been named Caledon's Senior of the Year for his years of generosity to the Caledon community.

On June 28, a ceremony was held at Caledon's Town Hall in Caledon East for Fines.

Mayor Allan Thompson gave a speech thanking Fines, then presented him with the Senior of the Year award alongside members of Caledon Council.

Thompson also shared words from Caledon Meals on Wheels executive director Christine Sevigny, who nominated Fines for the award but was unable to attend the ceremony due to an important family commitment.

"Bob Fines is a long-time corporate community supporter of Caledon Meals on Wheels, as well as many other charitable and non-profit organizations. His generous support always seems to come just at the right time," said Thompson on behalf of Sevigny. "As the executive director, it was an honour to nominate Bob Fines for the award. On behalf of Caledon Meals on Wheels, our staff, dedicated volunteers, and grateful clients, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Bob Fines for all he has done to help us continue to deliver nutritious food, and health and wellbeing services, to the community."

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Jones appointed Deputy Premier, Health Minister

BY PAULA BROWN

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones has been appointed as Ontario's newest Health Minister.

Premier Doug Ford unveiled his 30-person cabinet last Friday, June 24, during his swearing-in ceremony at Queen's Park as the 26th Premier of the Province.

Jones is taking over the role of Minister of Health from Christine Elliott, who did not seek re-election.

Jones was also named Deputy Premier.

"We're ready to unite behind a positive vision. Ready to unite behind a plan for the future of Ontario," said Ford. "I truly believe, I feel it in the bottom of my heart, that this is the government that must represent everyone."

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Mary Maw (second from left) and staff from the Albion-Bolton branch of the Caledon Public Library.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Albion-Bolton library staff excited to welcome people back to newly-renovated branch

Branch had been closed since February 2020 due to COVID-19, renovations

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A new chapter has begun at the library branch in Bolton.

On June 20, the Caledon Public Library (CPL) proudly reopened its Albion-Bolton branch to the public. The branch had been closed since February of 2020, due to both the COVID-19 pandemic and renovations.

The renovations are now complete and CPL communications manager Mary Maw gave the Citizen a tour of the refreshed branch on June 24, explaining the changes implemented over the past couple of years.

People have missed coming into their hometown library branch, said Maw, and the staff have missed welcoming them in just as much.

Maw said the branch has been busy since it reopened, especially in the evenings. She's been especially happy to see students visiting and hanging out — they seem to be enjoying the reading area on the first floor that features trees and natural light from the outdoors.

In a June 17 media release, CPL's chief librarian and CEO Colleen Lipp commended Albion-Bolton library staff for their hard work while the branch was closed. While people could not come into the branch during the closure, people could still check out items and come and pick them up at the library branch door.

"It's been a long and complex project…" said Lipp. "Library staff deserve endless praise for providing such a high level of service during the construction and pandemic restrictions. We are also grateful for the community's patience as we worked to improve the branch."

The inside of the Albion-Bolton library branch now has a completely modern feel, and after one walks through the entranceway they are greeted by a bright, open room. The service desk at the branch is now right by its entrance, and it's been redesigned. Private meeting rooms have been added with technology to facilitate hybrid online/in-person meetings and presentations.

Meanwhile, all public spaces on both floors of the library have been treated to new paint, carpets, and furniture. Maw said the comfy new chairs are the perfect place to sit and read.

There is ample space left open on branch walls for local artists — who can become part of CPL's Artful Caledon program for free — to display their work.

Maw emphasized the modern library offers more than books too. At the Albion-Bolton branch people can get musical instruments, seeds for their garden, and even a GoPro camera, for example, all as part of CPL's "Library of Things" initiative.

Maw said improvements at the Albion-Bolton branch represent the CPL's commitment to adapt and provide a place where Caledon residents of all ages can come together to learn and connect.

She added branch renovations contribute to the Caledon Public Library Board's mission to have CPL be the heart of the Caledon community.

Maw has been working for the CPL since its last master plan was implemented, and said it was cool to see the things planned for the Albion-Bolton branch years ago come to fruition.

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the Albion-Bolton branch reopening is planned for July 18 and the public is invited to attend.

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Caledon East's Rock Garden Farms fundraising in memory of Orangeville teen

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local farm is fundraising to help kids go to summer camp and enroll in recreational sports and activities.

On July 3, a portion of the proceeds of all strawberry sales at Rock Garden Farms in Caledon East will be donated to Caledon Community Services' Kidz in Caledon initiative.

"Summer should be a time for fun. However, for children and families living in poverty, it is a time of worry and increased struggle," says Caledon Community Services.

Kidz in Caledon is an initiative to ensure Caledon children are not left out of summer camps or organized sports. It also ensures children have the nutritious food they need to enjoy the aforementioned activities so they can make friends and memories.

Rock Garden Farms manager Margaret Galati is fundraising for Kidz in Caledon in memory of Orangeville teen Edward Malette-Matthews, who was killed in a car crash in 2020 when he was just 16.

"He was… a lovely soul, an old soul," said Galati.

She explained after the tragic accident Malette-Matthews' mom came to Rock Garden Farms looking for flowers for her son's burial site. "I gave her flowers and I gave her strawberries… I just said, our prayers are with you," said Galati.

This year, Edward's mom returned and tried to give money to Galati for her to donate to a charity, as a way of thanking her. Galati at first didn't want to take it, but then thought of doing an event in Edward's honour.

"He always helped everyone… he was a doer and he was always trying to help," said Galati. "I thought he would probably want to see another young soul go and do something fun who just [isn't] as privileged. He's that type of a person, he would be right in there trying to help somebody else… we thought Kidz in Caledon would represent him."

Rock Garden Farms offers u-pick strawberries as well as the strawberries it has for sale.

Proceeds from both will be going to Kidz in Caledon during the July 3 event in memory of Malette-Matthews.



Ted Webb of Terra Cotta is a trailblazing fundraiser for Velocity Ride

Webb is a leader in the local cycling scene

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Anne Marie Hayes, Larry Hodson (blue hat), Craig Chivers, and Ted Webb during last year's virtual Velocity Ride for Caledon Seniors.
PHOTO BY ANNE MARIE HAYES

Ted Webb is known as a friendly and welcoming leader in the Terra Cotta cycling scene.

He's also known for leading a group of dedicated community members in fundraising for Caledon seniors.

His team, Ted's Terra Cotta Trailblazers, is currently the top fundraising team for Caledon Community Services' (CCS) upcoming Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors.

Anne Marie Hayes has been riding with Ted's team for three years and recently became a member of the CCS Board of Directors in March.

She explained she co-named the Trailblazers.

"[Ted's] our neighbour and he's the one actually that got me interested in riding," said Hayes. "He taught me how to ride, he taught me how to ride safely. He has taught lots of people how to ride safely, and to be interested. That was the genesis of the name."

When she was learning how to ride, Hayes would go out on group rides with Webb and friends. She said they'd always take turns leading the pack and coaching from the back of the pack, with her in the middle. When a car would pass, they'd go into a formation to keep her safe.

"I get to see parts of Caledon that you don't see, and you see it differently when you're on a bike than when you're in a car," said Hayes. "Somebody was leading, so I didn't have to be thinking about where to turn in the route and all that… I have a busy week and then I just go out and I just enjoy Caledon."

Hayes said each member of the Trailblazers reaches out to people to fundraise, but like to tell people to sponsor Webb.

"We all kind of like to help get his fundraising up there. He's just such an icon, right? And he's such an inspiration and we're just grateful to him," said Hayes. As of June 29, the Trailblazers had raised $4,087 for Caledon seniors, $3,283 of that coming from those sponsoring Webb. It's more than worth noting that Webb himself made a sizable $2,500 donation to CCS this year.

Working in health care for her entire life, and in home care for a large part of that, Hayes said seniors are close to her heart. She moved to Caledon 10 years ago and once she discovered CCS, fundraising for the organization became close to her heart too.

"Helping seniors age in place is just core to how we spent a lot of our professional lives," said Hayes of her and her husband, who worked in health care before retiring. Hayes' husband has been riding with Ted's team for four years. "We just really, truly believe that the best thing is to give our seniors the option, the choice to age in place. They do better when they have autonomy, when they can stay somewhere familiar, when they have a network… it's important that we do what we can as a community to help them age in place."

Webb doesn't use computers much, so Hayes leads the way when it comes to online presence and communications. But when it comes to the day of the Velocity ride, July 1, Webb takes the lead and brings his team on a route he knows will be safe and fun. This year, Hayes thinks they might do the 50-kilometre road route, with a smaller group doing the 25-kilometre trail route.

The Velocity event is a great time to meet new bike-riding friends, said Hayes, and the biking community is very friendly. Cyclists wave to each other, stop to help if they see each other in need, and are polite to each other, said Hayes.

Hayes said the COVID-19 pandemic has put such a burden on the health care system and non-profits and that it is more important than ever for people and communities to do what they can to help out. She explained in times of crisis, people often can't donate like normal to non-profits like CCS, while the crisis requires non-profits to expand their services.

"CCS I think has done a really nice job of doing everything they can to make sure that our seniors weren't isolated, that they had connection during the pandemic," said Hayes, adding how important agencies like CCS are in today's day and age.

To learn more about the Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors, register for the event, volunteer at it, or donate to a team, visit caledoncommunityservices.akaraisin.com/ui/Velocity2022.

Huge outdoor celebration coming to Albion-Bolton Fairgrounds

Bolton Indian restaurant Mohan Dhabba part of group organizing event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

As many as 20 to 30,000 people are expected to come in and out of the Albion-Bolton Fairgrounds throughout the day on July 1.

An annual Mela — a celebration of art, culture, music, food and more — will be held at the fairgrounds that day and anyone is welcome to come.

Admission and parking to the event are free, and many Punjabi musicians are traveling into Bolton from around the world to perform.

Upkaran Dheria, of Bolton-baed Indian restaurant Mohan Dhabba, said the event has been going on for almost ten years and has been held at locations such as the Bramalea GO Station, Woodbine and Sheridan Plaza.

This year, it's coming to Caledon for the first time.

Dheria explained Mohan Dhabba is part of a group that's working together to organize the event. The group includes the following: Prince Sandhu, Team Hansra Real Estate, and SD Transport & Recovery. Dheria said the event is going to be a place where people can come together and have fun.

"I think it's one of the biggest events happening in Bolton so far, that's what the fairground owners told us," said Dheria. "We usually have about 10,000 people sitting at once. We have singers come [from] all over the world… we also have vendors, business owners [promoting] their own businesses. We have people who give out free waters, there's going to be food stalls. It's a huge outdoor concert."

YourWaste

What you need to know.

There will be no change to your waste collection schedule due to the Canada day Holiday.

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ARMED ROBBERY IN BOLTON

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have responded to an armed robbery in Bolton and are now requesting the public's assistance in identifying two suspects.

"On June 22, 2022, at approximately 2:37 p.m., Caledon OPP was alerted of an armed robbery in progress," say Police. "At 2:41 p.m., officers arrived and attempted to locate the suspects who had already fled on foot with a quantity of iPhones. Descriptions of two suspects were obtained from security video footage at the retail store on McEwan Drive in Bolton. A handgun was used in the commission of the offence. No injuries were sustained."

The investigation is ongoing by Caledon OPP's Major Crime Unit. The OPP's Forensic Identification Unit also assisted with the investigation.

"The same suspects attempted to enter a different retail store in Bolton just prior to this incident, however entry was not successful. Caledon OPP responded to this separate location due to the panic alarm being activated by store staff.

"They were last seen walking around Hwy 50 and Healey Rd in Bolton, as well as around the Walmart and Home Depot plazas. They would stand out since they were walking around in full track suits, masks, and hoods up despite the extremely hot summer temperatures. It is also believed that they are operating a white BMW SUV."

Suspect 1 is described by Police as a male, black, late teens or 20ss and is of average height (approximately 5'10") and has a slim build. He was wearing an all-grey Nike track suit, black and blue mask, and white running shoes.

Suspect 2 is described as a male, black, late teens or 20s, over 6' tall, and has a muscular build. The male was wearing a dark blue hoodie and dark pants that were worn low on the waist exposing grey underwear at the back. He wore a dark mask and black Nike running shoes.

Images of both suspects shared by Police can be found above left.

If you have any information in relation to this incident, please contact the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit at 905-584-2241. 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.

STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered three high-end vehicles from a shipping container slated to be shipped overseas.

"On June 20, 2022, Caledon OPP was dispatched to a shipping yard on Coleraine Drive in Bolton to recover a stolen vehicle," say Police. "The initial investigation revealed that the vehicle was in a shipping container scheduled to be shipped overseas."

The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) was engaged, and a judicial authorization was obtained to search the container. The search was conducted that same day and the following vehicles were recovered:

- 2020 Land Rover Range Rover SVR
- 2020 Lexus NX
- 2019 Maserati Levante 61G

All vehicles were reported stolen from the Toronto area.

The investigation is ongoing, and no arrests have been made in relation to this incident.

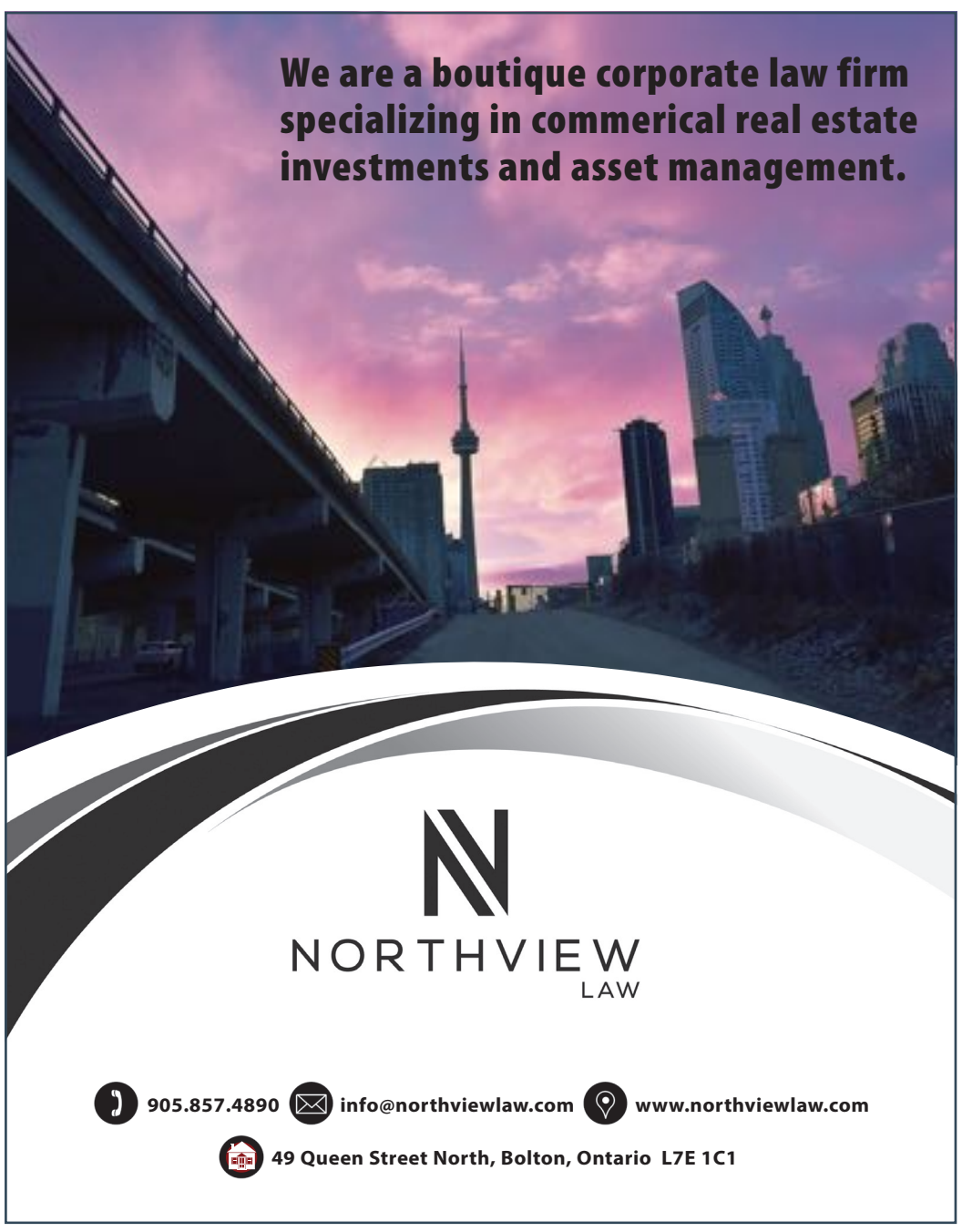
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Crime prevention tips:

Today's auto thieves are increasingly turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs. In fact, the insurance industry has seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right from your driveway. The term "relay thefts" involves the use of equipment designed to boost and exploit the signals sent out by a vehicle's legitimate key fob. This allows for a thief to unlock and start an engine of a vehicle remotely.

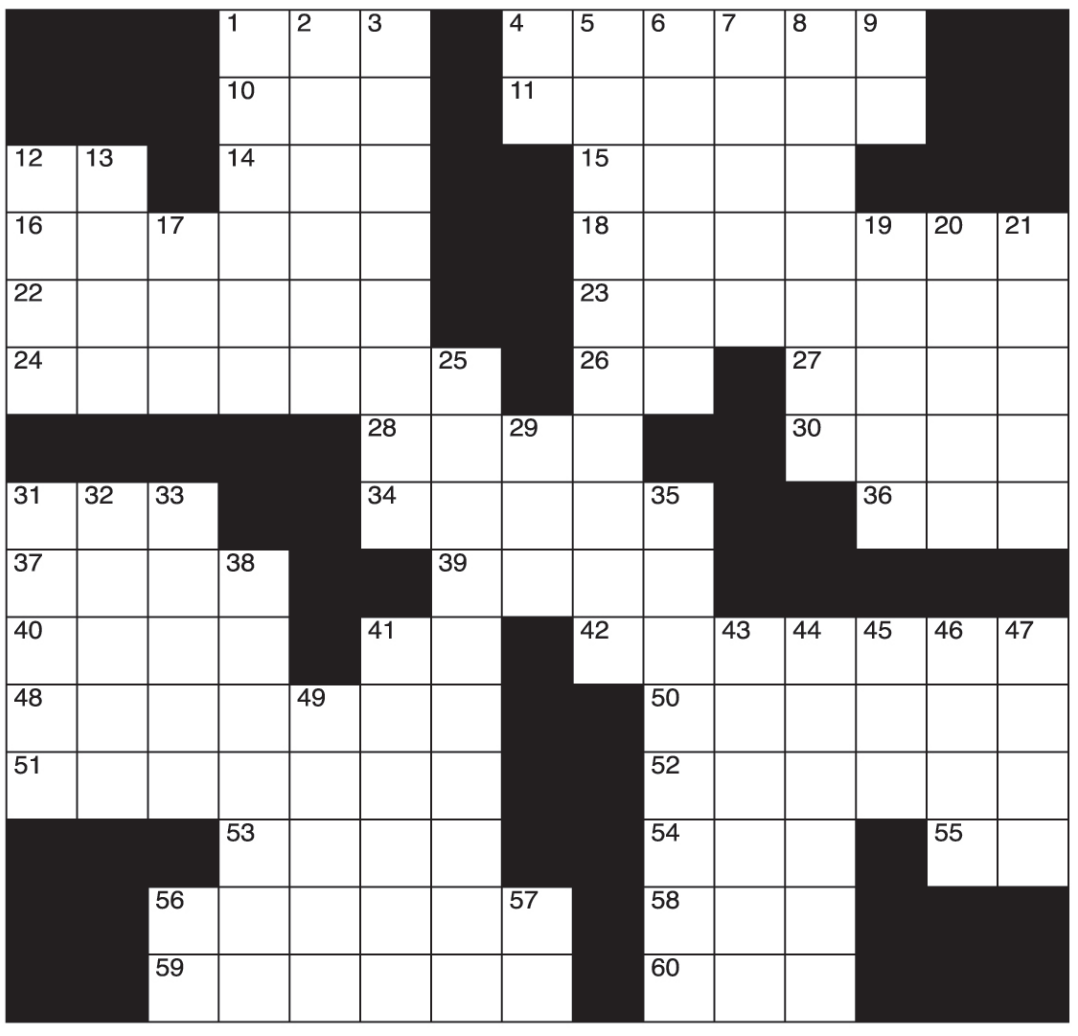
Residents can help protect their vehicles by taking any of the following crime prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows
- Use a signal blocking pouch/box - they can block your key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with layers or metallic material
- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to your car manual for instructions)
- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm - this could add a significantly delay or be a deterrent for thieves



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4. In a new way
10. __ Paulo, city
11. Jailhouse
12. Expresses surprise
14. Trigraph
15. A small stream
16. Dissimilar
18. Promote
22. Gives a boost
23. Lawmaker
24. Orthodox Jews
26. Actor Harris
27. Wild cherry
28. Participate in democracy
30. Opposite of begins
31. A Brit's mother
34. Set of moral principles
36. Very fast airplane
37. Czech river
39. Private school in New York
40. Israeli dance
41. Electron volt
42. Adjusting
48. Duct by the bladder
50. Small burger
51. Begin again
52. Unstuck
53. Jai __, sport
54. Get free of
55. For instance
56. Hotel chain
58. A team's best pitcher
59. Extracts from various sources
60. Indefinite period of time

CLUES DOWN

1. St. Francis of __
2. Supported
3. United in working
4. It cools your home
5. Predicting
6. Irritated
7. Popular talk show host
8. Fabric edge
9. A resource for employees
12. Broadway's Jackman
13. Small water buffalo
17. City of Angels: __ Angeles
19. Asteroids
20. Tailless amphibians
21. German expressionist painter
25. What drives you
29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
31. Gold coin used in British India
32. Have deep affection for
33. Ponds
35. Breaks between words
38. Hairstyle
41. Print errors
43. Family of iron alloys
44. Sidelined in bed
45. Many couples say it
46. Brazilian hoopster
47. Allman Brothers late frontman
49. German city
56. One hundred grams (abbr.)
57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)

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

- Consider a secondary audible car alarm - which works by using sensors placed in different points of your vehicle
- Park in the garage (if possible)
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

Police and its insurance industry partners also want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured vehicles.

Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables in plain view.

Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victimized, such as:

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended
- Lock your doors
- Roll up your windows
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box
- Pocket your keys
- At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area

NEW OPP OFFICERS

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Central Region is welcoming 13 Provincial Constables who graduated on Thursday, June 23, 2022, after completing their training at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, and the Ontario Provincial Police Academy in Orillia.

"The 13 new officers, who are part of Class 496, join Central Region with diverse backgrounds and experience, and are committed to working collaboratively with our communities to prevent crime and improve public safety," say Police.

The new Provincial Constables have been deployed to the following detachments:

- Caledon - 1 officer
- City of Kawartha Lakes - 3 officers
- Collingwood - 2 officers
- Dufferin - 1 officer
- Haliburton Highlands - 1 officer
- Huntsville - 1 officer
- Northumberland - 1 officer
- Orillia - 3 officers

"I want to personally welcome the 13 officers who have joined Central Region," said Chief Superintendent Dwight Peer, Central Region, Ontario Provincial Police. "Community engagement is at the cornerstone of policing and these officers will be an indispensable addition to our detachments to deliver exceptional front-line service and support our commitment to reduce fatalities and injuries on our roadways, waterways and trails. We are committed to working with our community and municipal partners to strengthen public safety and foster the wellbeing of our communities. Thank you to the dedication already shown by our new Provincial Constables as they begin their rewarding careers to serve with pride, professionalism and honour."

"The OPP is dedicated to ensuring open, accessible, equitable and respectful workplaces, and is committed to reflecting the diverse communities it serves," Police continued. "We encourage applications from members of our diverse communities, including Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, women, persons from racialized groups, 2SLGBTQ+ persons, those who are able to speak fluently in other languages, and anyone committed to a rewarding career in public service. The OPP is an equal opportunity employer and accommodations will be provided in all stages of our hiring processes as necessary."



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Town of Caledon welcomes 16 new volunteer firefighters

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

There are now 16 more people in Caledon who are trained and ready to answer the call in people's time of need.

On Tuesday, June 28, the Town of Caledon's Fire and Emergency Services Department held a graduation ceremony at Station 302 in Bolton to welcome 16 new volunteer firefighters into its ranks. The firefighters all had to undergo extensive training in order to earn their place on the team.

Caledon's Deputy Fire Chief of Community Safety, Samantha Hoffman, said at the graduation ceremony for the new recruits that everyone was very impressed with them.

"Our training branch worked really hard to pull this together and the connection between the training officers and the firefighters was really, really visible," said Hoffman.

She explained the recruits have dedicated every Tuesday evening and every Saturday since January to training. "Considering they all have jobs, full-time jobs that they're doing, it's pretty impressive," said Hoffman.

As part of their training, the new recruits all participated in the Coldest Night of the Year charity fundraiser event. They were told they had to raise $50 each and walk the event in their bunker gear (the personal protective equipment firefighters wear).

"They raised $14,000," said Hoffman. "They were the group in Caledon that raised the most amount of money. Even while they're in recruit training, they're already giving back to their community."

Caledon's Fire Chief Dave Forfar said the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services team is very proud of the new graduates and excited to work with them.

"These new recruits have worked hard during their training program to not only complete the mandatory 250 hours of training, but to also earn their National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 certification," said Forfar.

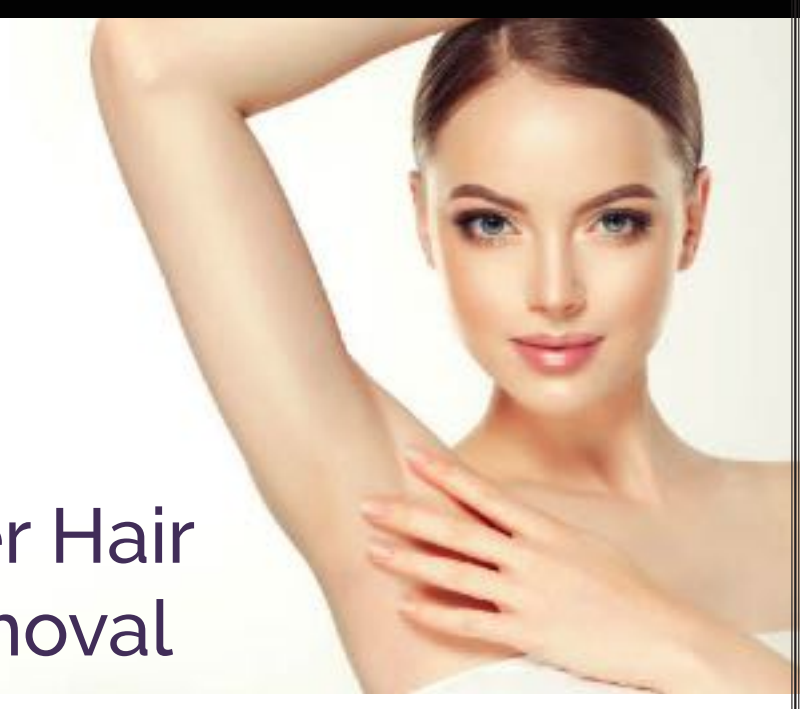
Tuesday's graduating class of volunteer firefighters consisted of people from all kinds of backgrounds, including fire service families, the military, professional and junior sports, paramedicine, the automotive industry, business, and forestry. Two women and 14 men make up the new recruits.

Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson offered his words of thanks and encouragement to the new recruits, who have been assigned to teams at eight different fire stations across the Town of Caledon.

"It's an exciting time for these new recruits, and I'm happy to welcome them to the Town of Caledon and the Fire and Emergency Services team," said Thompson. "The value of dedicated, well-trained first responders has never been more apparent than it has been during the pandemic. Under Chief Forfar and the deputy chiefs, these new team members will thrive, while working to protect our residents."

The Town of Caledon's Fire and Emergency Services Department is looking to start training its next round of firefighter recruits in September.

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(Left) Mark Groves drove his way to a 311.18 feet first-place pull in the single engine modified tractor School's Out. (Right) Harvey Miller on his way to compete in the single engine modified tractor Miller Time. He came in fourth place in his class with a pull of 287.79 feet.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Action-packed Bolton Truck and Tractor pull draws huge crowds

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

If you like the sound of engines, then you would have loved the symphony playing at the Albion-Bolton Fairgrounds last Friday night.

The Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull ran for the 44th time that evening, June 24, and people traveled from all around to compete and spectate. The grandstands lining the track were full of fans young and old, and many more fans occupied the standing room.

There were food trucks and local food vendors, and a beer garden that got lots of business too.

Rob Boyes was one of the competitors at the pull. He grew up just outside of Caledon East and said he's been pulling tractors since he was just a kid. Most pullers start out pulling modified garden tractors, and Boyes and his family actually ran the Ontario Truck and Tractor Pull Association's (OTTPA) garden tractor division for a while.

Now, Boyes lives in Arthur and is the OTTPA's representative for the Pro Street Diesel 4X4 class.

On June 24 however, he was competing in the 2.6 Super Street Diesel class.

It was a closely-contested class, and Boyes took home second place with a pull of 278.10 feet in his vehicle "with a name that wouldn't be published".

The first place pull, from Brandon Mauro in the truck "Max'd Out" was a short distance further at 278.16 feet.

"It was good, really good. It's a good time always in Bolton… always a good show at the Bolton Fairgrounds, lots of people there and lots of vehicles," said Boyes. "The time we get to run down the track, that 20 or 30 seconds, whatever it takes, that's why we're all there. That's why we do it."

Tractor pulling runs in the Boyes family. Boyes said his brother and dad were also at the Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull competing, in the Hot Stock 4x4 Truck and 9,000 Pound Pro Stock Tractor classes respectively.

Rod Cochrane was competing in the Bolton pull in a class that has to be seen to be believed, the Multi-Engine Modified Tractor class. He's a veteran of the Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull, and has been coming to it "since 1991 or 2". Cochrane came in second place in his class.

Cochrane and his wife Barb also entered two machines into the Super Modified 2 Wheel Drive Trucks class, of which Barb is the OTTPA representative for. They had a successful night and took home first and second.

Cochrane actually builds all of his own engines and chassis, and said it's crazy the amount of man hours that goes into the sport of tractor pulling. In the summer, he spends every night of the week working on his vehicles.

Prior to the 44th Annual Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull, the Citizen incorrectly published that tickets to the event for adults were $20. Tickets for adults were $20 if bought in advance online, and $25 at the event gate. The Citizen apologizes for this error.

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"You Can Change the Lives of Kidz in Caledon"

by Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Lead



There are kids right here in Caledon today, who don't know where their next meal is coming from. There are parents struggling to shield their children from the harsher realities of life. This is the time of year when we are all called upon to look inward and realize that here in Caledon, behind all the beauty – poverty lurks.

Looking back to 2014 when I started my new role at CCS – in retrospect, things were remarkably normal. The fact that one of the policies I reviewed that first day was infection prevention and control, seemed irrelevant to life as I knew it. Little did I know how that sense of normalcy would be disrupted years later as COVID touched every aspect of society.

Mask mandates and vaccine policies suddenly became very real, with the pandemic creating challenges in every aspect of daily life. But I was one of the lucky ones, fortunate enough to have a strong support network that was there for me. You can become a valued support network for the families and kids today in our community who are not so lucky. They need your help!

Job loss, illness, isolation, loss of a loved one, mental health struggles and growing financial insecurity abound. These struggles are real.

Much like my support network made a world of difference for me - you can be that lifeline for those in need. You have the power to be the hero that changes the lives of our youngest community members by supporting them with a donation to Kidz in Caledon.

Caledon Community Services (CCS) staff at the Exchange work with hundreds of Caledon families, providing nutritious food support, care planning, utility subsidies and more.

As COVID recovery continues, we know that no matter how resilient kids can be, the grinding impact of the last two years has taken an especially deep toll on them. Your support today can deliver help and hope, allowing kids to just be kids.

Your Kidz in Caledon donation today provides food to fill empty tummies, opportunities to attend camps and participate in recreation activities that foster joy and learning and give these kids a 'hand up' that will have a lasting and positive impact not only today but throughout their lives.

You'll ensure support is available when Caledon families need it most. We can only do it without your support, so please donate today!

Three ways to donate: visit ccs4u.org and click "Donate"; mail your cheque to our main office (full mailing address is on our website under "contact us" or call 905-584-2300 to be directed to our member of our fundraising team.

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Chinguacousy Road Improvements

Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Public Information Centre No. 1

THE PROJECT



The Town of Caledon through their consultant Ainley Group is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to Chinguacousy Road from Mayfield Road to Old School Road (see the image). This project is being carried out under the planning and design process for a Schedule C project as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.
Through the 2051 planning horizon, Caledon is forecasted to grow from a population of approximately 80,000 residents to approximately 300,000. The Caledon Transportation Master Plan (TMP) has identified the corridor of Chinguacousy Road from Mayfield Road to Old School Road as an area needing road improvements to service the current growth in the area and the future planned Peel Region's urban boundary expansion. Recommendations for the corridor will consider road widening, geometric and intersection improvements, active transportation and transit facilities, and access management.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Consultation with stakeholders is a key element of this Class EA. To facilitate this a virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held on Tuesday, July 5th, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the PIC is to provide information regarding the existing conditions in the study area and the identification, evaluation and selection of alternative solutions. The PIC will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss the project with the Project Team.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

To participate in the virtual PIC please visit the project website **caledon.ca/en/government/chinguacousy-road-improvements-class-environmental-assessment.aspx** and follow the instructions provided.

COMMENTS INVITED

We want to hear from you and would welcome your feedback about the PIC until July 30, 2022. The link to the feedback form will be available on the project website after the PIC. The feedback received will be used to help confirm the preferred alternative solution(s). After PIC No. 1 the Project Team will begin to develop and assess Alternative Design Concepts which will be presented in PIC No 2. If you are unable to attend the PIC, a recording of the PIC presentation and copy of presentation material will be available on the Project website. To obtain additional information, please contact either of the following members of the study team:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Passing of Parkland Conveyance Bylaw 2022-042

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon passed Bylaw No. 2022-042 on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, under Section 42 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13. This Bylaw pertains to Parkland Conveyance. This Bylaw applies to all lands within the Town of Caledon.

The purpose and effect of Bylaw No. 2022-042 is to require the conveyance of land for park or other public recreation purposes as a condition of the development or redevelopment of land within the Town of Caledon or, in the discretion of the Town of Caledon, the payment of money in lieu of such conveyance, pursuant to the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c P.13, as amended, and to repeal Bylaw-2013-104 (Parkland Dedication Bylaw).

The basis for this Bylaw is contained in Staff Report 2022-0132, as received by the General Committee on June 21, 2022 and approved by Council on June 28, 2022.

All oral and written submission relating to the Bylaw were considered by Council before this decision was made.

This Bylaw may be appealed by any person or organization to the Ontario Land Tribunal under subsection 42(4.9) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13. The last date for filing a notice of appeal is **Tuesday, August 16, 2022**. Such notice of appeal must be filed with the Town Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Caledon and must:

1. be in writing;
2. set out the objection to the by-law and reasons supporting the objection;
3. be accompanied by the Ontario Land Tribunal fee in the amount of $1,100.00, which can only be paid by certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario; and,
4. be accompanied by the Town's fee in the amount of $213.18*, which can be paid by cheque made payable to The Corporation of the Town of Caledon.

*Note that there is also a fee for cost recovery of preparing the appeal packages for the Ontario Land Tribunal. This portion of the fee is required to be paid upon the Town informing the appellant of such fee.

The appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunal on their website at **https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/forms/** or by contacting the Town Clerk.

Only legal persons (including individuals and corporations) and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

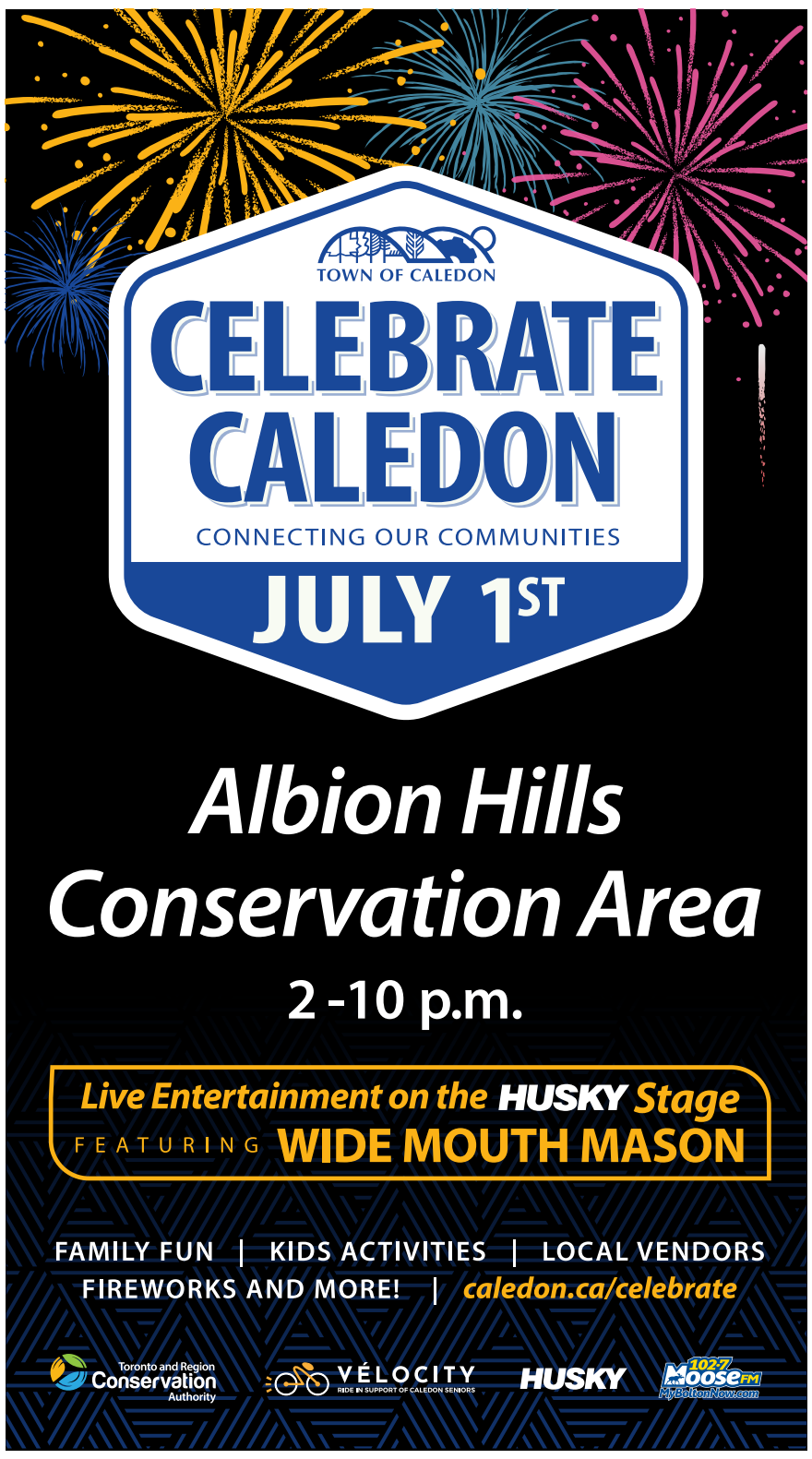
Additional information in respect of this Bylaw is available for inspection at the Town of Caledon Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6), weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., by contacting Jyoti Pathak, Manager, Parks, Community Services, 905-584-2272 x. 4383 or jyoti.pathak@caledon.ca.

DATED at the Town of Caledon
This 7th day of July, 2022.

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Fireworks displays now require a permit and a licensed technician to manage them. This means fireworks are restricted to professional permitted events only.

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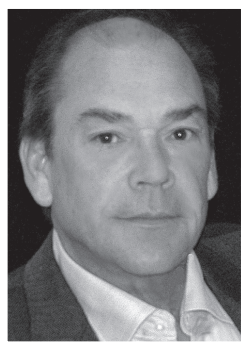


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BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Rising food costs

I don't really know a whole lot about farming other than it's hard work and the population and citizens of this country depend on farmers to feed cities.

Although I did date a farmer's daughter for about a year at one time, so that should count for something, even though she taught me absolutely nothing about plowing a field or raising cattle, I did find out that farm girls are fun to be around with good attitudes, and seem to enjoy staying in shape.

I learned quite a bit about the science of the industry when I worked for a national farming magazine on a freelance basis several years ago.

At the time, I was given all sorts of assignments on a variety of differing farming topics like why a certain herbicide would not kill some kinds of weeds and I covered news on the chicken farming segment and the cattle and pork industries.

Quite often when doing research, I couldn't find an answer. At those times I would call the University of Guelph – a university renowned for its agricultural programs - and speak to a professor there.

There were two or three professors who I routinely called for help. They were very accommodating, friendly, and very eager to share their knowledge. These professors are experts in their field.

Most of the times when I spoke to them, they had an answer for me on the spot. Either they were already aware of a problem that was taking place in farming, or they had an immediate answer for whatever question I had.

I learned a lot about the science of farming and what it takes to produce a successful crop through those professors. There's a lot more to it than planting seeds and waiting for them to grow.

Every time a plant grows, it takes nutrients from the ground – that's just basic science. Sooner or later those nutrients will be gone and you won't be able to grow anything.

At one time, a field was left fallow for a season to allow the soil to regenerate. That practice is still done in some countries.

In the west, the loss of nutrients in the soil is countered by applying fertilizer. One farmer told me that if you don't fertilize the land, you won't grow a crop – at least not the type of crop that makes a farm viable. Your yields will be low, and you'll soon be out of business.

Many Canadian farmers get their fertilizer from Russian sources. There are reasons for this, most notably the fact that Russia has the resources and production facilities to make fertilizer.

While there are notable potash producers in Canada, the other ingredients that go into making fertilizers are not as quite readily available.

As the war in Ukraine rages on, the federal government is creating sanctions to punish Russia for its militaristic endeavours. One of those sanctions is a tariff applied to Russian fertilizers.

The problem is the tariff is levied against Canadian farmers who buy the fertilizer. The Russians aren't being punished, Canadian farmers are the ones paying out an additional 35 per cent for the fertilizer to grow their crop. The idea is that if you apply a tariff against Canadian farmers, they will be forced to buy products from another market.

To make matters worse, the tariff is being backdated to apply to shipments purchased before that war even started.

No other western countries have applied a tariff to Russian fertilizer.

Sanctions are supposed to punish another country, not your own. By charging Canadian farmers this tariff, you are adding an extra 35 per cent to their bottom line. Guess who's going to be paying that extra when those products start showing up on the grocery store shelves?

Add to that the rising cost of fuel, and you have the makings of some serious price increases when this current crop starts showing up on grocery store shelves.

During the American Civil War, William Tecumseth Sherman's march to the sea demonstrated the best way to defeat an enemy is to destroy the food supply. If you want a population to give up, cut off their food and you'll soon be in control.

However, the idea is to do it to the other guy, not your own people.

Whether Ontario farmers can find an alternate source for the majority of their fertilizers remains to be seen. Local co-ops and the farming associations are already lobbying the government for relief.

Expect to be paying more for that loaf of bread when the new crops start arriving at the mills.



BROCK WEIR
BROCK'S BANTER

Grasping unity before it slips

Under sunny Toronto skies last week, Doug Ford was sworn in for a second term as Ontario's Premier alongside his new and returning cabinet.

There were many returning faces to the various portfolios that make this Province tick, including King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce in the Education file, and other returning faces in new gigs.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, for instance, has traded her role as Solicitor General of Ontario for roles recently vacated by the former Newmarket-Aurora MPP Christine Elliott upon her decision to not seek re-election: Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

It was a time for Ontarians to see its government in action and for the Premier to set the tone for the next four-or-so years ahead. In doing so, the Premier touched upon many of his key platform planks, including harnessing the power of Ontario's vast mineral supply, the perennially elusive topic of cutting red tape, and, for better or worse, reiterating his commitment to building Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass.

So far, so the same – but given the context of world events last week, I couldn't help but be struck by what the Premier termed the "Ontario Dream."

It's often joked that cultural trends in the United States take a few extra years to take root on the north side of the border, but I think we can all agree, even reluctantly, that there's some truth in the gag.

As our southern neighbours question just what the so-called "American Dream" now represents, and even what it truly represented in the first place, we've now been presented with an equally vague idea of what it means in an Ontario context.

"There's never been a more important time for our democracy to remain strong because now is the time to unite, now is the time to work together," said Ford from the steps of Queen's Park. "We're ready to unite behind a positive vision, ready to unite behind a plan for the future of Ontario. I truly believe, I feel it in the bottom of my heart, that this is a government that must represent everyone. As long as I am Premier, this government will strive every day to represent all of our great Province. Our blue-collar workers, our labour unions, entrepreneurs and innovators, drivers and transit riders, seniors and young families, newcomers looking for good work and the Ontario dream: urban, suburban and rural communities in every region of the Province.

"This is Team Ontario and now more than ever we need unity because the road ahead, it won't be easy. Big challenges lay on the horizon across Canada and around the world. Inflation is driving up the cost of living to levels we haven't seen in decades and with an uncertain global economic climate we're competing against other jurisdictions for every job and for every dollar of investment, but when we stand together, when we unite, we're absolutely unstoppable."

Here, Premier Ford has given himself a tall order.

In today's heated and fractured political landscape, it's admirable that he is, apparently, striving to form a government that represents everyone, but how realistic is that idea? It is going to take more than platform planks which garnered the Progressive Conservatives one of the lowest voter shares in Ontario history to bring people together. Ontarians have already had their say, the results were clear, and they were far from decisive.

While the so-called pocketbook issues offer some avenues for people across all political stripes to find common ground, the PC's plans for affordability, housing, the environment, and healthcare have proved rife with multiple roadblocks on the road to unity.

Another pitfall, sadly, is the very idea of "unity" itself.

While we all more or less agree on what the idea actually means, over the course of the pandemic, "unity" has in many ways been co-opted by certain groups who actively seek to divide and then call for people to acquiesce to their demands in the name of that "U" word.

"There has never been a more important time for our democracy to remain strong because now is a time to unite," said Ford in a statement that bears repeating in this column space, but we're going to need more than what was presented on the campaign trail to make that a reality.

As last week demonstrated, the fundamental rights that we enjoy in Canada are, for our American cousins, now radically under threat.

The Supreme Court of the United States' decision to strike down Roe v. Wade is terrible in and of itself for the health, safety and security of women and, in turn, the rest of society. But the opinion from Justice Clarence Thomas removed almost all doubt that they're not stopping with stripping abortion rights. Equal marriage and contraception are firmly in his crosshairs.

You might say the same thing can't happen here – but, if this is indeed your perspective, you're not paying attention.

Just take a moment to ask just where your MPs and MPPs stand on these issues. The answers might surprise you.

We're sadly living in a time where all too many would like to roll back the clock, painting every advancement, move towards equity, and steps taken to broaden perspectives with the equally broad brush of "woke" when, once upon a time, these ideas were considered the result of education, seeing and accepting different perspectives, or simply taking stock of the realities of our complex world.

We're living in a time where some politicians in this country are feeding on this vitriol, taking notes from an American playbook that was rejected less than two years ago, and are all too eager to try and divide and conquer.

We're living in a time when these people are becoming ever-more emboldened and abandoning any attempts to hide what their true intentions are. For some, it's a stark warning but, for people on either side of an issue at hand, it's a call to action.

A key pillar of keeping our democracy strong and restoring unity is, in my view, a clear blueprint of what our governments at all levels, and their leaders, will do to ensure the rights of all Canadians are truly protected with existential threats coming from all corners.

"Big challenges" are indeed on the horizon "across Canada and around the world" but we need more than a single focus on pocketbook issues to tackle them, as the threat of another illegal occupation of our nation's capital this week just in time to celebrate the country we are on July 1 could illustrate.

It's time to broaden focus and "get it done."

Our Readers Write

Agricultural Society thanks volunteers

On behalf of the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society we would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make our 44th Annual Truck & Tractor Pull such a great success!

It takes many hands to put on such large event, so thank you for your time and effort!

Our Tractor Pull was full of action, smoke and power this year. We would like to thank everyone for coming out, it was so nice to see everyone again. It turned out to be a great community event!

Also, a big thank you to all our tractor pull sponsors.

Each year you help contribute to the success of our event through donations or services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

A special thank you goes out to the Caledon O.P.P., the Bolton Fire Department, and the Knights of Columbus for their coverage of our Tractor Pull. We enjoy working with you.

The Bolton Truck & Tractor Pull is a community event put on by the volunteers of the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society. This organization also puts on the Bolton Fall Fair which is running September 23- 25 2022.

For more information about our organization and how you can become involved as a volunteer or a sponsor of our events, visit our website at www.boltonfair.ca

Thanks for your continued support!

TOM & HEATHER FRENCH
TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL CHAIRMEN
ALBION & BOLTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Apology needed, says reader

You submitted a recent photo to The Caledon Citizen about the recent grand opening for Lincoln Pools that was published for the Thursday, June 23, 2022 edition.

The problem is that the official Town photo also includes Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis at the left side. You unfortunately chose to deliberately cut off Ms. Innis, your competition for Mayor in the upcoming municipal election, from the photo you submitted to The Citizen.

An apology and correction is required.

SKID CREASE
CALEDON

(Editor's Note: With apologies to Councillor Innis, last week's article is re-printed with the full photograph on Page 16)

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Slippery Slopes And Elephants

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



There are so many things to say about the recent US Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade that I, and so many wonderful human beings I know, are struggling to find appropriate ways of addressing its impact. Adding to that struggle is when people who should know better, like a certain male member of the media, feel the need to warn us to stop "clutching our pearls" because this is a US decision that won't impact us here in Canada. As the first Prime Minister Trudeau once opined about the US, "Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant. No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, if I can call it that, one is affected by every twitch and grunt." What we are now seeing in the US absolutely has the potential to turn into a long trip down a very slippery slope here in Canada and we would do well to remember that.

What we might also want to remember is history. History is out best teacher, if only we were better students of it. History has shown us time and again the dangers of not listening when fanatical, far-right extremists first appear on the collective radar. We dismiss their rhetoric with disdain. We attempt to attribute reason to their unreasonable demands and/or in our efforts to ensure equity we provide them with equal access to debate platforms when in fact they have zero desire to debate and seek only to push their specific agenda. What we have seen in the US over the last several years, we ARE in fact ALSO seeing here in Canada. Whether these are discussions and protests about mask mandates, to vaccinate or not to vaccinate, these issues, and others like them, are straddling the border between our two countries – except for when that border has been blocked by these same protestors. To therefore state this is unequivocally only an "American" issue is to pull one's blinders very firmly over one's eyes and refuse to see what history has already shown us CAN happen.

The very words "pearl clutching" in and of themselves are derogatory, suggesting an overwrought, middle-aged woman gazing about feverishly and clutching at her pearls as she mutters and flutters around without any impact about "the state of the world." Overturning Roe vs. Wade isn't "clutch" my necklace worthy, it's grab my computer to write to my government officials worthy. Its grab a protest sign in sympathy worthy, donate money to organizations supporting women to travel to safe states for an abortion worthy. It's about Canadians letting every woman living in the US know that whatever we can do to support them in their fight to regain not only justice but liberty over their own person, is what we will do. It's about perhaps reading Margaret Atwood's A Handmaid's Tale and The Testaments not as works of fiction but as a warning and a resistance manifesto. Because if we don't, and we acquiesce quietly because it's "not us" – we surrender to whenever this issue becomes a popular talking point here too.

The US has essentially demoted women to second-class citizens, ones who cannot be trusted to have agency over their own bodies. They are denying women the fundamental freedom to make their own decisions, manage their own health care or plan for their own future. They are forcing women to give birth children they cannot support, children conceived by rape or as a result of incest, in some cases even forcing birth upon females who are still children themselves and whose bodies are literally not equipped or mature enough to do so. The Supreme Court of the United States has decided, allegedly in a "free" country, over 50% of the population is in fact not free. It has decided that women experiencing an ectopic pregnancy (the only diagnosis for which, if left untreated, is maternal death) will die. Yes, you read that right, and I for one, with a stomach spanning scar and a few missing body parts would not be here writing this column had I lived in any of the many US states now banning abortion for any reason whatsoever, including ectopic pregnancies or the pre-term death of a foetus. What of doctors who have taken an oath to do no harm? Hospitals who exist to save people? What "choice" do doctors who actually want to save people have now?

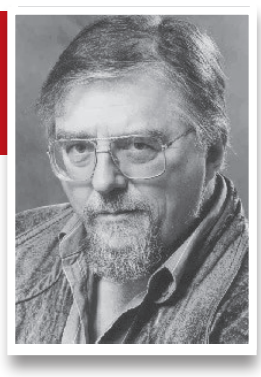
If this all sounds a little too much like an authoritarian state it's because it is. Ask a woman living under Taliban rule in Afghanistan what is like to have "leaders" make their every decision for them. Remember how the Taliban promised the world, as families desperately crowded around the airport in an attempt to flee, that women would still be able to go to school and to vote? Has anyone asked how that's going lately? Someone needs to remind Americans that religious fundamentalism that in any way interferes with the running of a country or denies certain citizens its rights is exactly that – even when that label is evangelical or conservative Christian.

SCOTUS is on a slippery slope and we're at the bottom of the hill, potentially in harm's way. Not content with overturning Roe vs. Wade, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in his concurring opinion that perhaps it's also time to look at the laws governing gay marriage, sodomy and contraception. In other words, not content with just controlling women, it appears the US is gunning (pun intended since unlike abortions guns are legal) for the LGBTQ2S+ community next. Think it can't happen? Ya, that's what we all thought when the issue of overturning a decades old, hard-fought for abortion law was first hinted at just a few months ago. Now look where we are. Let's hope the elephant doesn't twitch and grunt any more than it already has.

For now, Happy Canada Day.

Welcome to Gilead!

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



"President Trump, on behalf of all the MAGA patriots in America, I want to thank you for the historic victory for white life in the Supreme Court yesterday," said Congresswoman Mary Miller at a Trump rally in Illinois on Saturday, the day after the court struck down the judgement (Roe v. Wade) that has protected abortion rights for the past 49 years.

After her speech, her spokesperson quickly told the media that the Republican politician didn't really mean it – it was just a "mix up of words." You know, the way everybody randomly puts the word "white" into sentences by accident: "white ex-President Trump", "white Illinois", "white MAGA patriots."

What Miller really meant to say, of course, was "white victory for historic life." It is cruel and wicked for people to twist her words like that. Yet, at that rally, coming out of Miller's mouth, the remark really seemed to echo the hopes and beliefs of the crowd.

It's a safe bet that at least half the people who rejoiced at the abortion ban are also believers in the "Great Replacement." That's the paranoid theory that immigration is a liberal plot to create a non-white majority that will overwhelm the votes and the interests of the real, true Americans (who are white, right-wing Christians and loyal Republican voters).

This is a constant theme on the pro-Trump media in the United States, and especially Fox News, but it doesn't stop at America's borders. Both the far right and the even farther right candidates for president in the French recent election, Marine Le Pen and Eric Zemmour, pushed the "Great Replacement" nonsense as hard as they could.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán wallows in "Great Replacement" rhetoric, claiming that Europe is committing suicide by letting non-white and non-Christian immigrants and refugees in. He pushes "pro-family" policies in Hungary, but rails against gay families as "illegitimate, non-procreative entities."

Poland bans abortion for almost all cases, even for fetuses with severe congenital abnormalities, and makes accessing contraception as difficult as possible. It is also considering making divorce harder in order to increase the birth rate.

But it's in the United States that the anti-abortion movement has made the most progress, mainly because it is so closely allied with religion. And its ambitions do not end with banning abortion.

Justice Clarence Thomas, one of the six judges (out of nine) on the Supreme Court who voted to overrule Roe v. Wade, added an ominous comment to his judgement. He said that the court should go further and jettison the entire line of "privacy" precedents that protect access to contraception, gay rights and same-sex marriage.

Thomas is the most conservative member of a very conservative court, and several of his colleagues insisted that the Roe v. Wade ruling does not threaten other precedents under the "privacy" heading. But that's not correct.

As the three dissenting judges said, "If the majority is right in its legal analysis, all those (privacy) decisions were wrong. And if that is true, it is impossible to understand...how the majority can say that its opinion today does not threaten — does not even 'undermine' — any number of other constitutional rights."

Today abortion, tomorrow contraception, gay rights, equal rights in marriage, you name it. Give the Republicans a majority in both houses of Congress this November, add Trump as comeback president in 2024, and anything is possible. And it would all be imposed by a minority of voters exploiting the huge voting advantages of the 'Red' states.

This is a divide on fundamental rights so deep that it resembles the drift into the American Civil War in the 1850s. Despite the attempted coup of January 2021, nothing so extreme is likely this time. But a decade or more of violence in the streets, political paralysis, and even the rise of a strongman "state of emergency" regime is becoming imaginable.

Everybody can recite a litany of criticisms about the failings of the United States, and many of them would be at least partly true. But most of those critics have no idea how frightened they will be if it goes rogue, or (more likely) how much they will miss it if it just withdraws from the world.



Town of Caledon updating, renaming its Green Fund

Fund allows community groups to apply for money to put towards climate change projects

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



A bee in the new pollinator garden in Inglewood, which was funded by a Green Fund grant.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents have shown they care about the environment.

The Town of Caledon has a fund that community groups can apply for a grant from: the Green Fund. According to a June 21 Town staff report, $354,085 has been dispersed from the fund since its inception in 2006, helping fund 136 environmental projects across the Town.

One example of a project funded by Caledon's Green Fund is the Inglewood Pollinator Garden featured on the front page of last week's Citizen. Other examples of funded projects include: tree planting events; community education workshops; salmon hatchery projects; invasive species removal; the building of outdoor classrooms; the installation of water refill stations in schools; and the installation of rain gardens.

Since 2006, the Green Fund has invited registered non-profit and charitable organizations to apply for up to $5,000; or, participate in a "fast track" stream for grant requests of

$1,000 or less. In 2012, a School Green Fund was created to provide up to $2,000 for projects at schools in Caledon. The Town's energy and environment staff pre-screen applications to ensure applicants are eligible for the grant. Then, an application is passed on to an internal environment committee for scoring that determines how much funding is recommended. That recommendation is then brought to Town Council and, if approved, funds are dispersed to grant recipients.

As part of the Town's "Resilient Caledon Community Climate Change Action Plan", Town staff were instructed to review and enhance the Green Fund program in order to better help the Caledon community combat climate change. As a result of the review — which included consultations with past fund applicants, the Town's internal environment committee, The Peel District School Board, and scans of similar programs in other municipalities — proposed updates to the Green Fund program include the following: changing its name to the Climate Action Fund, increasing the amount of available funding for each individual project, enhancements to the application form, and more.

Staff recommended the name change to "Climate Action Fund" to provide clarity on the intended use of grant funds and place a larger emphasis on climate change. They also recommended creating a single grant stream window that opens annually in the fall, as opposed to separate grant streams for community groups and schools.

The fund is also becoming more inclusive, and the following groups will soon be able to apply to the fund in addition to those already able to: Neighbourhood associations and other unincorporated community-based groups; faith and church groups for a non-religious purpose; Indigenous groups; schools with a Caledon address in a publicly funded school board; school groups, clubs, and parent councils applying on behalf of a school in a publicly funded school board with a Caledon address; publicly funded school boards for a project in schools with a Caledon address; and individuals or students with a documented collaborative agreement with an eligible applicant.

The application to the fund has been streamlined by Town staff so as to reduce the administrative burden on applicants, and the maximum amount one applicant can receive will now be $8,000 instead of $5,000. This is to account for rising project costs, since the maximum funding amount for any one project had not changed since 2006.

Town of Caledon Council approved updates to the Green Fund on consent at its June 21 General Committee meeting, then gave it final approval at its June 28 Council meeting. The new Climate Action Fund will launch this fall and the first successful applicants to the refreshed fund can expect to see their projects come to council in the first quarter of 2023. A total of $35,000 will be available to applicants to start, but Town staff are working on setting up an online process for public donations to bolster the fund. This is because requested grant funds usually exceed fund availability.

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– The Ross Hughes Team

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Fun ways to celebrate Canada Day

There are so many reasons to be excited about Canada Day this year. Canada Day 2022 falls on a Friday, allowing many people to enjoy an especially long weekend fit for barbecues and general relaxation.

Canada Day, also known as Fête du Canada in French-speaking areas of the country, is celebrated each year on July 1. It marks the anniversary of Canada's Constitution Act of 1867. The holiday is celebrated across all 10 provinces and three territories.

Each province or territory will host its own events in commemoration of Canada Day. Individuals can add to the festivities with their own contributions to the celebration.

CELEBRATE CANADIAN TRADITIONS. Explore what makes Canada so unique and incorporate those things into your celebration. Maple syrup is as Canadian as food gets, so create a maple-bacon burger for the festivities. Learn about beavers or other wildlife that is native to Canada. Explore the rules of Indigenous games with children and include them in recreational activities.

PLAY HOCKEY. Few things are as Canadian as hockey, and millions of people watch or play hockey around the world. While ice may not be covering the ground come July, enthusiasts can don their inline skates and play hockey right in the streets on Canada Day. Give out hockey-themed party favours, such as cookies or chocolates shaped like hockey pucks.

ENJOY CANADIAN DESSERTS. Canadians have created many highly regarded foods. While poutine garners a lot of attention, Canadians also have a notorious sweet tooth. Serve Nanaimo bars, which is a Canadian-born dessert named after the city of Nanaimo, British Columbia. The bars have a wafer, nut and coconut crumb base; custard icing in the middle; and a layer of chocolate ganache on top.





CELEBRATE CANADIAN ARTISTS. Compile a playlist of famed Canadian singers, including Justin Bieber, Neil Young, Bryan Adams, Avril Lavigne, and Shania Twain for your backyard gathering.

MAKE SAFE FIREWORKS. Fireworks are fun to watch from afar when they are set off by professionals. For kids who want to enjoy some safe explosions, some simple science can fit the bill, courtesy of the positive parenting site OneTimeThrough. Mix 1 teaspoon of baking soda into three or four ice cube tray compartments. Fill the remaining space with water and add four to five drops of food colouring to each. Mix until the baking soda is dissolved, then freeze. Pour white vinegar into a see-through jar to roughly 1 inch in depth. Then add cooking oil to a depth of 2 inches. Drop the ice cubes into the jars for some gas-powered pyrotechnics.

Canada Day is almost here and fun can be the name of the game when creative ideas come into play.



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DATE: July 1, 2022

TIME: 2 - 10 p.m.

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caledon.ca/celebrate

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NEW Celebrate Caledon EVENT

To take place July 1, and will amalgamate Caledon Day and Caledon Canada Day events

Caledon residents are invited to celebrate their town and country this summer.

The Town of Caledon has announced plans for a brand-new event to be held in partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

Called Celebrate Caledon, it will be held on July 1 from 2 to 10 p.m. at Albion Hills Conservation Area.

The event will combine the previously separately-held Caledon Day and Caledon Canada Day events. Both such events were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer an event where the whole community can come together to celebrate Caledon pride," said Mayor Allan Thompson in a media release. "By partnering with TRCA, this year's event offers live entertainment, fireworks, local vendors including Caledon Hills Brewery and family fun with activities for the kids, all in the beautiful Albion Hills Conservation Area."

The event will feature live music on a main stage. The headlining music act is a Juno Award-nominated band called Wide Mouth Mason, and local acts Itchy and Scratchy Showband and Vilivant will open for them.

Kevin Hayashi, coordinator of corporate partnerships and events for the Town of Caledon, said planning for the July 1 event began back in the Fall of 2021 when talks about the headlining band began.

Hayashi said Wide Mouth Mason is a really good band to see live and he's excited for their performance, as well as for the local openers too.

Since there's ongoing construction in Caledon East where the Caledon Day event would normally be held, Town staff had been exploring other locations as to where this years' event could be held. It happened to work out with the TRCA that Albion Hills Conservation Area could be used.

Caledon Community Services' Velocity, an annual charity bike ride in support of Caledon Seniors, is still being held on July 1 and will begin in Caledon East as usual. Hayashi said despite the Celebrate Caledon event not being in the same location as the ride this year, the Town is very supportive of the ride and will be backing and promoting it.

The pandemic has been hard on everyone, and Hayashi said he and the Town wanted to be cautious asking corporate partners for support.

"Everything that we've gone through over the last two years, no one could have ever imagined," he said. "We're getting good corporate partners stepping up and saying that they still do want to be involved in the community. They want to make sure that they're helping to put on exciting events like this."

For more information, visit caledon.ca/celebrate.

– Written By Zachary Roman

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Interesting facts about Canada

Each year on the first day of July, people across Canada celebrate Canada Day.

CANADA DAY commemorates the anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. On July 1, 1867, the separate colonies of Upper Canada, Lower Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick were united, forming a single dominion within the British Empire. That dominion was named Canada, which is why Canada Day is often described as "Canada's birthday."

Canada Day marks a great time to learn more about this beautiful, prosperous country.

• Canada is the second-largest country by total area in the world. Only Russia has more total area than Canada.

• Despite its size, much of Canada is uninhabited. Specific estimates vary, but it's widely accepted that more than 80 percent of Canada is uninhabited. Occupying the northern region of North America, Canada is, particularly in its northernmost regions, cold, rocky and snowy. That makes much of its northernmost regions unsuitable for human inhabitants.

• Canada is often considered the northernmost part of North America, though that's not necessarily accurate. Greenland lies on the eastern edge of the North American tectonic plate, which means it is technically part of North America, even though its cultural influences are decidedly European. The World Atlas notes that, if Greenland is considered part of Europe, then Cape Columbia in Nunavut, Canada, is the northernmost point in North America.

• Though metrics vary, data from the World Bank indicates that Canada has the ninth-largest economy in the world as measured by nominal gross domestic product.

• Canada Day is a day to celebrate throughout much of the country, but the day is a little different in Quebec. July 1 is Moving Day in Quebec because that's when leases in the province typically expire. Moving Day in Quebec used to fall on May 1, but less-than-ideal weather in early May compelled the government to move Moving Day to July 1.

• Data from the United Nations indicates that the population of Canada as of spring 2022 was around 38 million people.

• According to the World Population Review, the median age in Canada in 2022 is 42.2 years. By contrast, the median age in the United States and Mexico is 38.1 and 28.3, respectively.

• Canada's Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages reports that 98 percent of Canadians indicate they can conduct a conversation in English, French or both.

• Though hockey is the sport most widely associated with Canada, more Canadian youths play soccer than hockey. While the organization Canada Soccer reports youth participation at right around one million players, Hockey Canada reported that around 606,000 youths played hockey in 2019-20.

Canada is a beautiful and fascinating country with a rich history. Canada Day marks a perfect time to immerse oneself in Canadian history and modern life in Canada.

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MPP Jones named Health Minister, Deputy Premier

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Following her swearing-in Jones released a statement via Twitter:

"It is my true privilege to become Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. I am deeply grateful to Premier Ford for this honour and to Minister Elliott for seeing this portfolio so successfully through some of our province's hardest days.

"I look forward to continuing to build hospitals, grow our talented healthcare workforce, and improve access to world class health care across Ontario. Here's to the next chapter."

Jones will now be responsible for handling the largest ministry while the province continues to deal with two plus years of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects it left on the health care system, including a shortage of registered nurses.

Jones, who is serving her fifth consecutive term at Queen's Park, previously held the role of solicitor general.

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Caledon pool company opens storefront in Downtown Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Lincoln Pools started small, and founder Chris Hasmatali would work out of his truck and store equipment at a farm.

Now, more than 15 years later, Lincoln Pools has grown to the point where it's been able to open a retail store in the heart of Bolton.

Kim Duffield, manager at Lincoln Pools, spoke to the Citizen about the grand opening of the retail location and what it's been like to grow in the community of Caledon.

"It's been very exciting to open and we've been doing really well," said Duffield. "This is what was needed in town, to have a store [where] we could supply chemicals, professional water testing… parts so customers can come in and get parts for their pool. We have our pool toys, of course, as well."

Duffield explained Lincoln Pools offers all kinds of different services, from the designing of a pool to its completion, and even the landscaping surrounding it.

"The thing we really focus on is customer service," said Duffield. "That face to face, and having somewhere to go into, even to talk about any issues or anything like that, we're here to help them."

Setting up the retail location, which is at 44 Queen Street North in Bolton, was a lot of work, said Duffield. It was worth it though, and she said Lincoln Pools co-owners Hasmati and Corey Morrison were really excited to host a grand opening, which took place on June 11.

"We had a lot of people show up. It was this great event, with barbecue and refreshments. We had games for the kids," said Duffield.

One such game was a kiddie pool where kids could go "fishing" for toy fish and win prizes like beach balls and water wings.

"It was a really, really busy day, but it was great," said Duffield.

She explained Lincoln Pools is proud to be a member of Caledon's business community, and that Lincoln Pools is a proud member of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce too.

While Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson was unable to attend Lincoln Pools' June 11 event, he made sure to stop by on June 15 to celebrate with the business owners.



Caledon's Senior of the Year, Robert Fines, speaks as Mayor Allan Thompson looks on..

PHOTO COURTESY OF MAYOR THOMPSON

Fines named Senior of the Year

Continued from FRONT

Thompson said for as long as he can remember, Fines has been contributing to the Caledon community. "He's one of those quiet, generous business owners," said Thompson. Fines has supported many local charities and non-profits, including Caledon Community Services, the Peel 4-H Association, Bethell Hospice, Caledon Parent-Child Centre, Bolton Santa Claus Parade, and the D.A.R.E. For the Kids Town of Caledon program in collaboration with the Ontario Provincial Police.

"I congratulate Bob on this accomplishment and thank him for being a leader and active community member in Caledon," said Thompson. "His long-term service has benefited our community in many ways and he is an inspiration for others to volunteer and give back to their community."

Fines, who is the dealer principal at Fines Ford Lincoln in Bolton, also gave a speech at the ceremony and said he wanted to say thanks to everyone who made it possible for him to do what he does.

"When I had the opportunity to open the business, I had big support from my wife. Janet told me right from the beginning: we could do it and we would make it successful," said Fines.

He explained his daughter Katie and son-in-law Carlos now work with him, something that's extremely gratifying.

"It's wonderful for me to have that," said Fines. He also thanked all the other employees at his business over the years, calling them fantastic. Finally, he thanked the Caledon community.

A book of Cory Trépanier artwork was given to Fines as a gift from the Town of Caledon at the ceremony. Trépanier, a renowned artist and explorer, passed away in 2021.

Fines said he has a piece of Trépanier's art in his office and that he had the pleasure of knowing him — as such, the book of art was a meaningful gift.

After the ceremony, Fines told the Citizen it was an honour and humbling to receive the senior of the year award.

"It's a real pleasure to show my family off," said Fines. "Without family, without employees, without the community, we wouldn't have been able to contribute what we do… we're very fortunate, Caledon is the loveliest place."

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Heart of Bolton initiative honours Bolton businesses and citizens

Caledon Chamber of Commerce president Anthony Caputo helped hand out awards

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

There are some people and businesses that are the heart of Bolton.

The Heart of Bolton awards initiative was created to recognize those people and businesses. Caledon Chamber of Commerce president Anthony Caputo, who was involved in the initiative through the Chamber, took time to talk to the Citizen about it.

"It was councillor Tony Rosa that came up with that initiative, to give 200 awards to 200 citizens of Bolton that have either owned businesses for a long period of time, or have stuck out to people, or made an impression on people over the years," said Caputo. "He thought it was a good idea to involve the Chamber to get our name out there again, and to help him get these awards out."

There were 200 awards and the winners were all selected by the Bolton community. According to the Chamber of Commerce's website, the award recipients all "demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and have put their HEART into our community."

There were 200 awards to coincide with Bolton's bicentennial celebrations which happened earlier this month on June 4 and 5. As of June 21, Caputo said there were just a few more of the 200 awards to give out and that the initiative was almost finished after its nearly half-a-year run.

He said the Verdi Alliance group of companies sponsored the trophies that were given to each Heart of Bolton award winner. The Chamber of Commerce was responsible for award distribution and handed out certificates that were also given to each winner.

"I actually ended up giving an award to my old elementary school teacher for everything he's done in the community in the past, and all the great work he's done with kids over the years," said Caputo. "This was a great way to unite members of the community together again, and promote Bolton's 200th birthday."

A list of Heart of Bolton award recipients can be found on the Bolton bicentennial website at the following link: boltonbicentennial.com/heart-of-bolton.

COMMUNITY events

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:15-6:45 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is $59, and monthly dues are only $15. If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! Now that the COVID19 protocols are starting to ease, it's a good time to make any necessary changes to your eating habits. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

This popular community social offers patrons a chance to sip and savour wines from around the world while enjoying live music and a stunning view from the grounds of the Caledon Equestrian Park. We typically feature 50+ different wines, local craft beer and cider paired with a variety of delicious foods. All proceeds are directed to Rotary Club of Palgrave projects.
Date: Friday September 23, 2022
Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM
Cost: $75 per person or 10 for $650
Hosted by: Rotary Club of Palgrave
Event Website: www.rotarywow.com

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Changes in the COVID-19 restrictions at Headwaters Health Care Centre

Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre and Dr. Peter Cino, Chief of Staff and Vice President of Medical Affairs issued the following statement on Wednesday, June 29:

"As we continue to experience a significant decrease in hospital as well as community COVID-19 infections, we are pleased to share that we will be easing some of the restrictions we have in place. These changes will be effective as of July 6, 2022."

Moving to passive screening

"We will be moving to a passive screening model. Screeners will no longer be located at any of our entrances. Designated Care Partners are asked to self-screen before entering our facility. A Designated Care Partner is a person who has been identified by the patient or substitute decision maker, who can provide support to a patient during their visit with us (e.g. a patient under 18 years of age)."

Designated Care Partners will be not be allowed in if any of the symptoms listed below are present:

- fever
- new or unexplained cough
- unexplained shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing
- diarrhea or vomiting
- runny nose/sneezing
- rash

"While we strongly encourage vaccinations, proof will no longer be required as a condition of entry for Designated Care Partners. Anyone seeking medical attention does not need to self-screen. You will find signage at our entrances to support this new process."

Opening our entrances

"We will be opening the main entrance as an entrance and exit to our facility. Our Ambulatory Care entrance will change to an exit only. Entrances to our facility are locked from 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. We ask that you enter through the Emergency Department during this time. There is an intercom system located at the main entrance if you experience any difficulty entering the hospital."

Masking mandate remains in place

"Patients and Designated Care Partners are required to put on a hospital provided surgical mask following self-screening at entrances and wear the mask for the duration of their time in the hospital."

Access changes for Designated Care Partners

"While we will not be moving to open visitation at this time, we do plan to further expand access for Designated Care Partners.

"All inpatients will be permitted two Designated Care Partners with the exception of end-of-life patients who are permitted four family members with only two at the beside at a time. For those that qualify as a Designated Care Partner, visits must be pre-scheduled by calling the inpatient unit no later than 4:30pm the day before the visit.

"All Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care patients will be permitted one Designated Care Partner."

COVID-19 testing

"As a reminder, the COVID-19 Assessment Centre at Headwaters Health Care Centre and the Dufferin Cold & Flu Clinic will be amalgamating and relocating to the Orangeville Pharmacy at Unit 5 – 50 Rolling Hills Drive for appointments beginning on July 4, 2022. Hospital patients coming for surgery will continue to complete pre-operative COVID-19 testing at the hospital.

"These changes are welcomed news and we are grateful to each member of our team that helped bring us to this milestone. We will continue to navigate the impacts of COVID-19 and remain ready to mobilize and ramp up our collective response if needed at any point."



From left: Tony Rosa, Jason Scorcia, Allan Thompson, Danica Medeiros, Nicola Kreuzwiesner, Dawn Janes, Annette Groves, Glenn Allen, Lexi Kreuzwiesner, and Jennifer Innis are pictured at the grand opening of Bolton British Bites.
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

Bolton British Bites celebrates a year in business

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

It's not often that a business celebrates its grand opening and one-year anniversary on the same weekend.

But that's what happened at Bolton British Bites, located at 62 Queen St. South, on June 24 and 25.

Owner Nicola Kreuzwiesner explained that since she opened her store with business partner Glenn Allen in the middle of a pandemic, the official ribbon-cutting ceremony with Caledon's Mayor Allan Thompson had to be delayed.

And it just so happened Thompson's visit ended up coinciding with the businesses' one-year anniversary weekend.

Thompson visited on June 24 for the grand opening ceremony, and British Bites held a one-year anniversary celebration barbeque on June 25.

Kreuzwiesner was born in Norwich, England, and moved to Canada when she was eight years old. She has lived in Bolton since the 1980s and went to Humberview High School.

She jokes that nobody believes she's from Norwich because she doesn't have an accent. Even though she moved to Canada at a young age, Kreuzwiesner said she was raised on British food and was always going out to British stores in the GTA to get it.

Before British Bites, Kreuzwiesner and Allen were working together in the restaurant industry. They were looking for a new business opportunity, and Allen — who Kreuzwiesner said is a phenomenal chef — really wanted to focus on hand pies.

"I said to him, we can't really open a place just making hand pies, so how about I put a little British shop in and just carry a few products to try to bring people in that way as well. And the British part has kind of taken off," said Kreuzwiesner.

And taken off it has. Kreuzwiesner explained she wanted to start small with the business, thinking of long-term success. She originally stocked around 100 different products. Since opening, she has done her best to accommodate requests for products from customers, and now boasts an inventory of around 500 products.

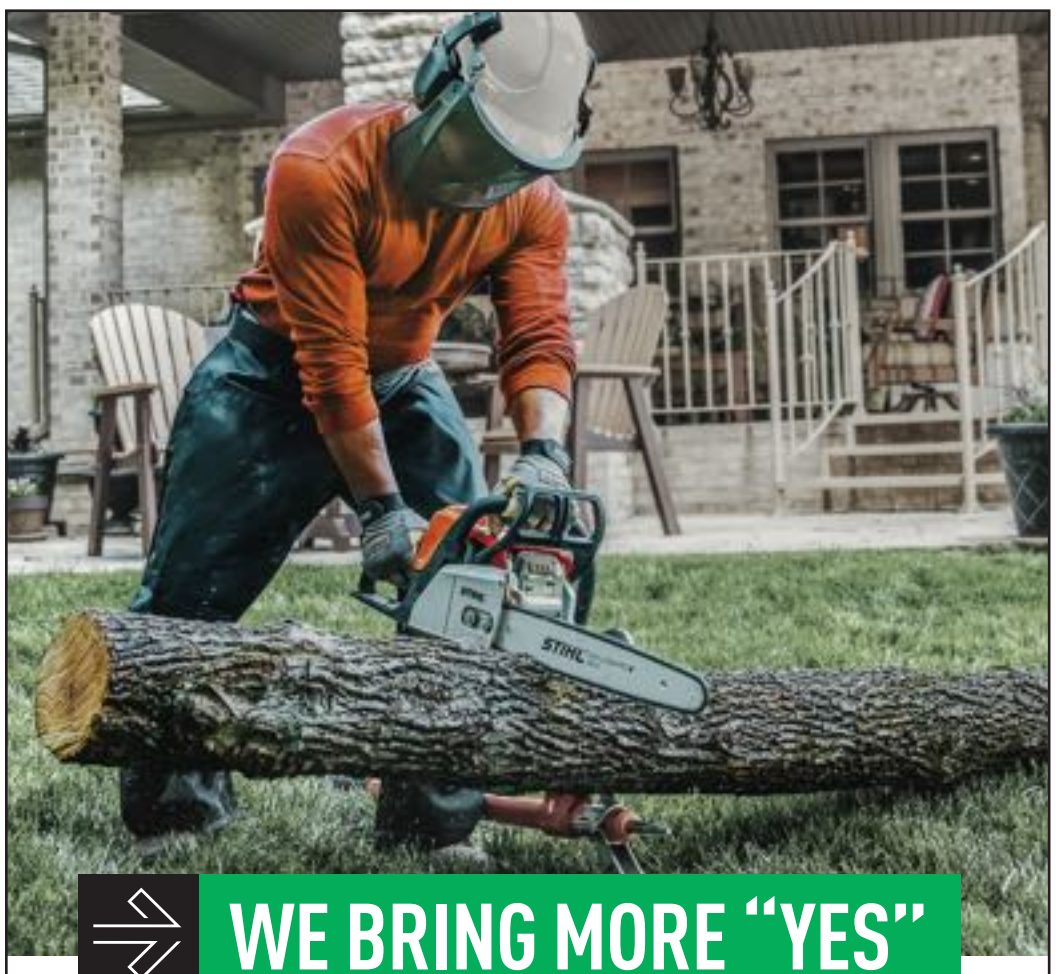
She also keeps a running list where people can request the import of specific items.

"It's been fantastic, It's been more than we expected," said Kreuzwiesner. She's always trying to learn more about British products and share that information with customers, and said customers often teach her new things too.

"We get more than just British people in here… most people, when they try the chocolate or try the candy, they come back," said Kreuzwiesner. "The big difference between British goods and Canadian goods is even in the candy… there is no artificial colours or flavours. Everything is done with fruit and vegetable concentrate."

It's not just about the sweets and treats at British Bites either, as Kreuzwiesner brings in frozen British products like pasties, bacon and sausages. And Allen's hand pies, while not actually British, can be cooked at home or at the store.

"We get people in here from Brampton, I get people from Woodbridge, I get people from King City. I get people from (all over) Caledon. I've had somebody come in here from Mississauga looking for our hand pies because somebody in their lunch room was eating one and they were saying how good it was. And they drove all the way from Mississauga to come pick them up, they picked up 20 of them," said Kreuzwiesner. "It's a slow, long process to get your name out there and get established as a business. But we're hoping by starting small and growing it that we'll do it right, rather than the other way around, not being able to cover bills. So, we plan to be here for a long time."



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York United: Not quite the right send-off for Abzi, hiccup against Valour

BY ROBERT BELARDI

York United fell 2-1 to the Vancouver Whitecaps in the Canadian Championship semifinals last week and returned home to York Lions Stadium over the weekend to fall 3-1 to Valour FC.

As reported last week, the Canadian Championship semi-final was the final match for York United fullback Diyaeddine Abzi.

Abzi is off to Ligue 2 to join Pau FC.

The Nine Stripes put on a display of their defensive talents and abilities, however this game was all about the Vancouver Whitecaps.

The Whitecaps dominated the game entirely from start to finish. The club held 57 per cent possession throughout the match and put forth 17 shots towards goal with six of them on target.

It took the MLS side 53 minutes to finally get a goal on the scoreboard.

Ryan Gauld passed the ball out wide to Ryan Raposo. On the volley, Raposo's shot was tipped on to the bar by York goalkeeper Niko Giantsopoulos. The rebound fell to forward Brian White, who volleyed the ball in to open the scoring.

The 61st minute was York United's first real chance to score a goal and it was Abzi on the tail end of that chance. From a freekick, Abzi whipped the ball low around the wall, forcing Cody Cropper to make a good stop.

In the 73rd minute, Brian White found the back of the net this time on the half-volley from a cross into the box from Ryan Gauld to extend the lead.

In the 84th minute, a wonderful creative play from Isaiah Johnston put York United in striking distance.

But it was too little too late for the CPL side, as the Whitecaps will now square-off against Toronto FC for the Voyageurs Cup for the first time since 2018.

The final will be held at BC Place in Vancouver on Tuesday, July 26. Kick-off is at 10.30 p.m. EST.

Returning home to take on Winnipeg's Valour FC, York immediately began the match on the front foot.

A cross from Max Ferrari found Osaze De Rosario in the box and but Valour goalkeeper Jonathan Sirois came to the rescue early.

Similarly to the Vancouver game, it took over 50 minutes for the first breakthrough. Walter Ponce, from the right-hand side of the 18-yard area slid the ball across the face of goal to Alessandro Riggi who made no mistake and Valour took the lead.

Just a minute later, York United retaliated right off the kick off. Chrisnovic N'Sa's cross found the head of De Rosario who capitalized on his chance to tie things up.

But, since the equalizer, it seemed as if Valour had the edge and the visiting side took advantage of their chances moving forward. Moses Dyer and Sean Rea made it 3-1 by the end of the match.

For the second game in a row as well, York failed to uphold north of 50 per cent possession. The Nine Stripes also conceded 17 shots towards goal.

"I thought they were really preventable goals. As the game went on we looked tired. It was a tough game today. We've played four games in 12 days," said Head Coach Martin Nash in the post-game press conference.

In the press conference as well, Nash confirmed Giantsopoulos was playing the game with a bruise on his quad. The York goalkeeper, struggled to kick the ball and other players had to step in to boot the ball long from a goal kick.

Next up for York is a game on the road against FC Edmonton for Canada Day.

Kick-off is at 6 p.m. EST.



Diyaeddine Abzi shrugs off Canadian international Lucas Cavallini in his final match in a York United uniform. PHOTO BY DAVID CHANT PHOTOG-

Indiana loves Canada: Pacers draft two Canadians in 2022 NBA Draft

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Not only did the Indiana Pacers marvel at the talent of all four Canadians available at this year's NBA Draft, the organization's front office stuck to their guns and brought a few of them on board.

With the sixth overall selection, the Pacers selected Montreal, QC native Bennedict Mathurin and then with the No. 31 overall pick, the Pacers went on to select Aurora's own Andrew Nembhard.

For the fourth time in NBA Draft history, four or more Canadians were selected in a single year.

With the seventh overall selection the Portland Trail Blazers took London, ON, native Shaedon Sharpe and with the No. 32 pick, the Orlando Magic snagged Mississauga, ON, native Caleb Houstan.

Mathurin, a 6-foot-7 guard out of Arizona is coming off an incredible season. Mathurin averaged 17.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game. He was named Pac-12 player of the year and even made the All-Pac-12 first-team at the end of the season.

The highly touted wing will surely be quite an impact player.

And the same goes for Andrew Nembhard. The 6-foot-5-point guard was named a Bob Cousy Point Guard Award finalist and helped lead the Gonzaga Bulldogs to the No. 1 ranked team in all of the NCAA last season.

When he transferred from the Florida Gators to the Gonzaga Bulldogs, it was seemingly the perfect fit for Nembhard. In 32 games this past season, Nembhard averaged 11.8 points, 3.4 rebounds and 5.8 assists.

With these draft picks, the Pacers will now house four Canadian players on their roster.

Both Mathurin and Nembhard, will join Toronto native Oshae Brissett and Dominican Republic-born guard who was raised in Montreal, Chris Duarte.

So, what comes next for the Indiana Pacers?

According to reports ahead of the 2022 NBA Draft, the Pacers were testing the trade market involving star centre Myles Turner and guard Malcolm Brogdon.

After trading versatile forward Domantas Sabonis in a six-player deal with the Sacramento Kings at the trade deadline last year, it was clear to everyone the Pacers are interested in rebuilding.

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Dean Orr's organic farm operation may be destroyed if Highway 413 is built.

Highway 413: Death of the Farm

BY DAN O'REILLY

Stretching from Highway 401 near Milton and deadening at Highway 400 just south of the King Sideroad, the 59-kilometre-long mega highway will have profound and detrimental impacts on their lives, livelihoods, and communities.

Especially hard hit will be the Orr Family of Mill Road, whose future in farming is in peril.

Approximately one-quarter of the land Peter Orr rents for his cash crop operation are in the direct path of the highway's route.

And 40 acres of that land is dedicated to an organic farm his son Dean started in 2020. On that land, he grows soya and kidney beans and last year planted quinoa on a 1.4-acre plot in a test experiment in partnership with, and supported by, the Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario.

"It (the test) didn't work out very well. I planted the grain in June which is probably too late."

"Quinoa is more of a cold climate crop," he says, noting they were originally cultivated in the Andes.

Certified by the Canada Organic Regime, Dean's plan this year is to plant three test sections, one in late April, the second in late May, and the third in early June.

Although graduating from the University of Guelph in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a Bachelor of Science in Human Kinetics, and a Minor in Neuroscience, Dean returned to his agricultural roots and works part-time for his father.

"I am concerned about climate change and thought I could do something about it being a farmer."

His entry into organic farming opened after his father acquired the 40-acre rental property which had been used solely for haying for decades and did not have any residual pesticides. As such, he was able to meet the Canada Organic Regime's rigorous standards.

All that effort and investment will be lost if construction of Highway 413 proceeds. The highway will have particularly severe impact on his father's operation and will wipe out his business. The larger overarching concern is the impact it will have on the Greater Toronto Area, he says.

"I think what concerns me as much as having our business get pushed into a corner is that it says a lot about the provincial government's approach to food security. All that land that is in the proposed highway as well as what is being developed in the GTA is great farmland, and habitat, but it's also the farmland and habitat closest to Toronto and the rest of the GTA. The government and local municipalities seem to be okay with building [negative] equity in the form of food insecurity and instability. Not to mention a reduction in the ecological systems that allow us to do our jobs. They are setting [us] up for a real disaster."

In Laskay, well-known activist and Highway 413 opponent Sherry Draisey is "downright frightened" about the future of the historic community where she and her husband Mayes Mullins have lived for the past 40 years in, what is believed to be, the hamlet's oldest house.

"It (the highway) will be the end of Laskay."

Apart from the loss of several of its original buildings, such as the relocation of Laskay Hall to the King Township Museum in King City in 2017, the community has to contend with traffic bottle necks at the Weston Road/King Sideroad intersection. Drivers use Weston Road on weekends to bypass Highway 400 and that traffic congestion will be multiplied if Highway 413 is built, she says.

Similar fears are shared by Nancy and Alan Hopkinson. Residents of Nobleton since 1974, they have watched it swell from a small village with one traffic light to one with more than its share of traffic congestion on both Highway 27 and the King Sideroad. As Highway 413 includes a planned Highway 27 interchange just south of the King-Vaughan Townline, more traffic will be funneled into the community, says Nancy.

"We are in a climate emergency and we need to reduce our CO2 emissions and make public transit more attractive," she says, adding that living in Nobleton requires "getting into your car to drive anywhere."

Apart from the traffic escalation, Highway 413 will severely limit spaces to enjoy nature, says Nancy. The retired couple like to hike in nearby conservation areas such as Cold Creek and the Nashville Conservation Tract- which, like Dean Orr's organic farm- is in the direct route of the Highway 413 corridor.

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Indiana loves Canada: Pacers draft two Canadians in 2022 NBA Draft

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The Pacers in the deal received key pieces including point-guard Tyrese Haliburton and shooting guard Buddy Hield.

Turner, who missed the second half of the regular season due to a stress fracture in his left foot, is heading into the final year of his four-year, $80-million contract.

Brogdon, who suffered with a right-Achilles injury for most of this season, was expected to be on the move last week, as per ESPN senior NBA insider Adrian Wojnarowski.

By selecting Nembhard, it looks more like a sure-fire decision Brogdon will be out on his way with Haliburton expected to run Rick Carlisle's offence and it might be safe to presume Andrew Nembhard will come off the bench to run the second unit.

But then again, anything can happen. If Brogdon ends up staying, it could be a lethal backcourt should he be able to stay healthy.

Nembhard would further enhance his game and he will be able to learn from two very gifted floor-generals.

Out of all of this, one thing is for sure: the Pacers love Canadian talent and it will be exciting to see all four of these players in action next season.







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Harry was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Anne French who passed away just recently on May 26, 2022.

Loving stepfather of Bill Woodland, Betty Ruth Woodland (Tom Lovatt) and Stephen Woodland (Helena). Cherished grandpa of Melanie Neal (TJ), Nathan Woodland (Samantha Gow) and the late Jeremy Woodland (Dawne). Great-grandpa of Joe, Elliot, Charlie and Myles. Harry is predeceased by his parents Bert and Jane French, and his sister Marjorie.

Harry grew up on the farm on the 2nd Line of Mono, where his roots ran deep. He loved farming, his cows, his tractors, his vegetable garden, his dogs, his rural life and was a voracious reader. Harry was a member of the Masons, the Rotary Club of Orangeville and faithfully attended St. John's Anglican Church where he looked after the property for many years.

He married Betty as a bachelor in 1973, and they enjoyed many wonderful years together. He did a lot of the work on building their own house and also travelled the world in between haying and winter chores.

His patience, kindness and community spirit made him a treasure to all who knew him.

Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, June 30, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. followed by the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation or would be appreciated by the family. A tree will be planted in memory of Harry in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 20th Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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ELLIOTSON, Stanley

Peacefully went to be with the Lord at Dufferin Oaks on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the age of 75. Stan is survived by his wife Darlene; his children: Joseph (Jenny), Jason (Kellie), Diana (Rett) McGibbon, Jeffrey (Shannon) and Jonathan (Jessica); his grandchildren: Elias, Kyden, Alayna, Jace, Asher, Calia, Adelaide, Oakley, Charlotte, Wilder, Laken, Shepard, Dawson, Elora, Wesley, Dallas and Mackenzie; his older brother Edward (Susan). Stan will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

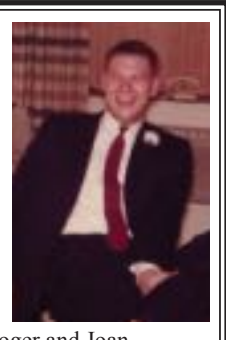
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Private Funeral Service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Orangeville on Saturday, June 25, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations made to SickKids Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Donald in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 20th Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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"It's not our fault" – don't blame farmers for rising food prices

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

If you think that food prices have risen too much and too fast over the past year, just wait until the next crop is harvested and you may be in for another shock.

Rising food prices have been a real concern as families are starting to feel the squeeze when it comes to putting dinner on the table.

While farmers may be responsible for growing the crops, raising cattle, and feeding the nation, they are not responsible for the rise in prices you see at the grocery store.

Like everything in trade, commerce, and production, the end cost is eventually determined by the cost of producing goods in the first place.

Local Beeton farmer, John Alexiou, places the blame on federal government policies that have placed a tariff on fertilizers as well as fuel prices which have more than doubled over the past two years.

John raises cash crops like wheat, potatoes, beans, and corn on his farms in Beeton and Cobdon. John and other farmer want the public to know it's not farmers who are raising the cost of food.

A lot of the fertilizers that farmers need to grow crops originates in Russia. The Federal government has placed a tariff on Russian fertilizers as a response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, however the tariff is levied against Canadian farmers – not the Russians.

"The government has put some nasty tariffs on us that the consumer doesn't know about," John explained. "The majority of our fertilizer comes from Russia. That's where all the deposits are – potash, nitrogen, phosphorous. There is a lot of potash in Saskatchewan, but nitrogen and potassium, a lot of that comes from Russia. It's a good practice for farmers to buy fertilizer in the winter before the price goes up in the spring. The government put a 35 per cent tariff on us to slow us down from buying fertilizer. It's punishing us. If we don't put fertilizer down we're not going to have a crop, then you're going to get food shortages for sure. If you don't put fertilizer down, it's a recipe for disaster. My fertilizer bill is up 48 per cent before the tariff, and the tariff is 35 per cent, so we're pushing over 80 per cent on production just to grow. Last year for potatoes I was spending $300 per acre on fertilizer, this year it's $600, now add the 35 per cent tariff on top of that."

In addition, tractors and machinery required to run a farm need fuel. With fuel prices doubled over the past year, farmers are spending that much more every time they need to plow a field or harvest a crop.

All this is forcing the cost of production up.

John predicts that you can expect to see prices in grocery stores increase dramatically in the near future.

"The grocery store – the price there hasn't increased accordingly, because the crop that we are growing and that is costing double, hasn't made it to the shelf yet. For example, right now, there's no money in potatoes. I'm doing a Hail Mary hoping they will pay more. Farmers are price takers, not price makers. We don't make the prices, we have to take what they pay. Our government is punishing us, while thinking they are punishing them. At the end of the day, that's our livelihood. We depend on fertilizer to grow our crops. We're still going to buy it – we need it. It's a need, not a want. I'd like to know where the tariff money is going. It's not that Putin is charging us more, it's Canada saying, if you want to buy Russian fertilizer you're going to pay 35 per cent more."

To make the situation even worse, the government backdated the tariff six months, so farmers have to pay extra for fertilizer they bought even before the Russian invasion of Ukraine began.



John Alexiou

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A letter from Holmes Agro, a retail fertilizer supplier to Ontario farmers, urges farmers to contact local elected officials and MPs to explain that the tariffs do not penalize the Russian producers but place an unfair burden on Ontario farmers.

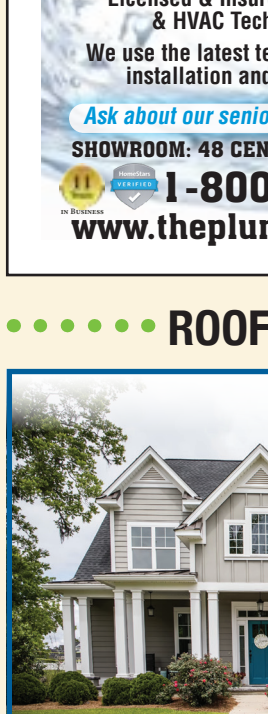
The letter goes on to say, "The challenge we now face, is the 35% tariff on existing purchase orders made prior to March 2nd. Since the purchase contracts were done months ago, this tariff does not penalize the Russian business but only impacts the Ontario Farmers."

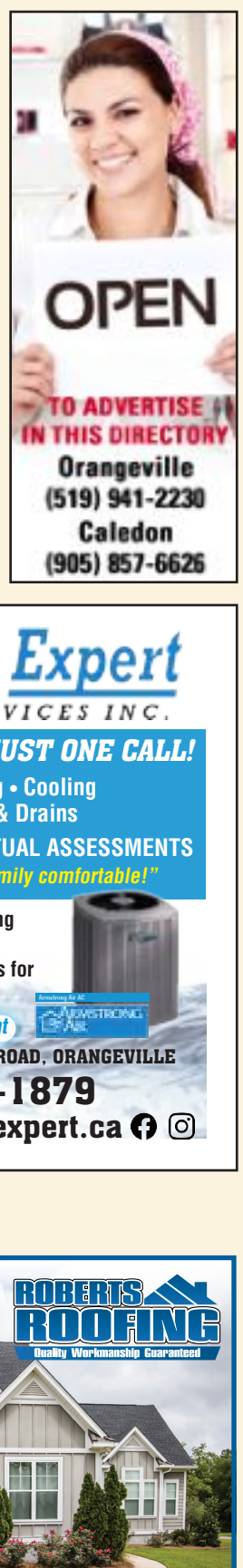
John said farming associations have been lobbying the federal government without success. They have had more understanding at the provincial level, but the provincial government does not have any kind of real jurisdiction on the matter.

"This is something consumers have to understand. If we're at 80 per cent higher in production, once these crops get harvested and processed it's going to be a rude awakening for consumers."

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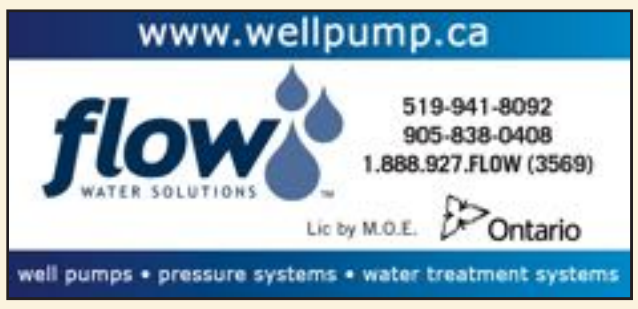


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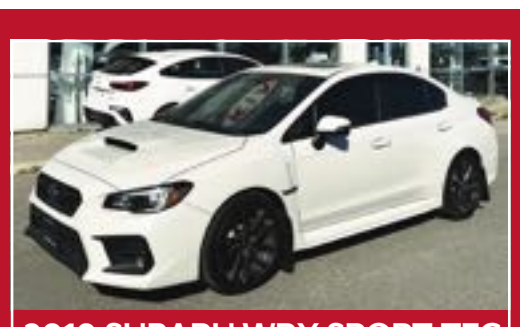
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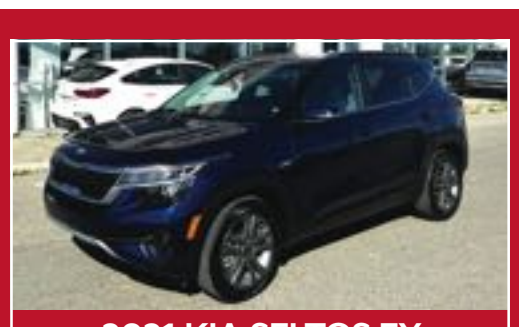
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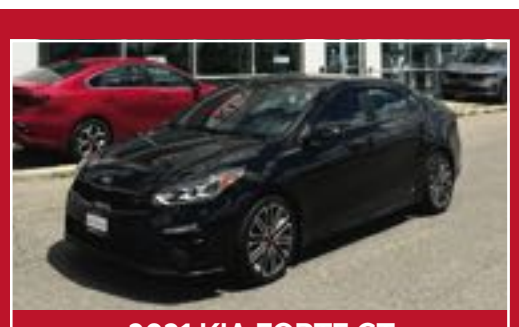
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