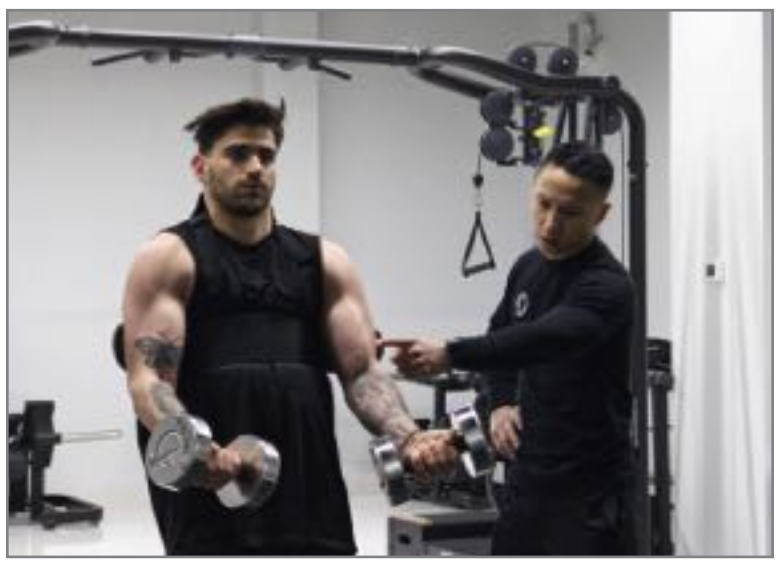
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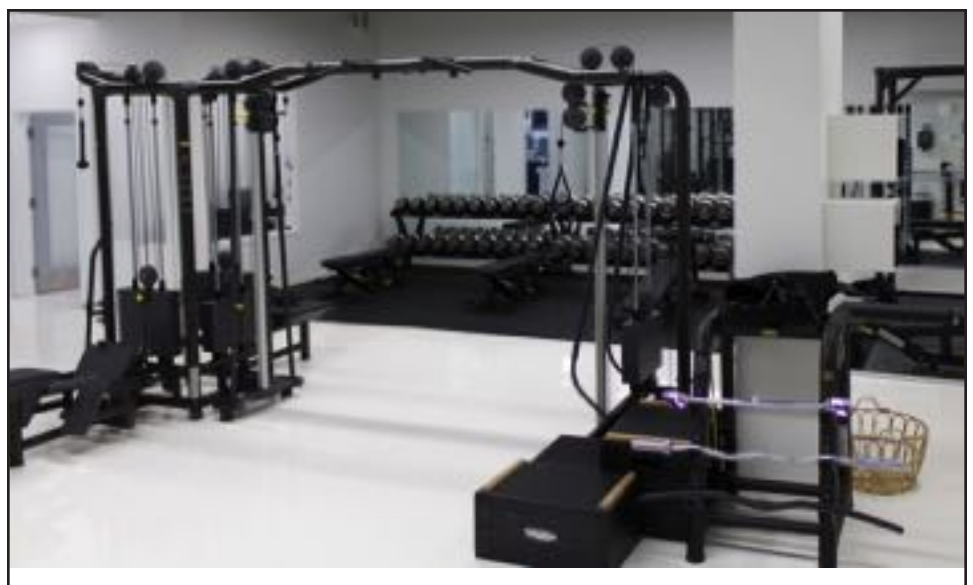
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DR. MASTRANGELO

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TESTIMONIAL

ADRIAN DI CARLANTONIO

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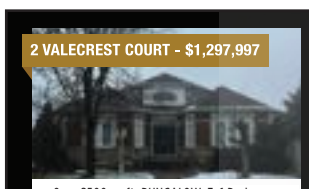
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HIGHLAND FLING - Volunteers were busy preparing haggis, steak and ale pie, potatoes and more for the many people who came to the Caledon Seniors Centre on January 25 to celebrate the legacy of Scottish poet Robert Burns. Each year on that date, Burns' influence in Scotland and beyond is celebrated with "Burns suppers." For more, see Page 13. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

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Ministry of Education ends supervision of Peel District School Board

Change comes ahead of "We Rise Together 2.0" Black Student Success Strategy Implementation

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Ministry of Education has deemed the Peel District School Board can go back to managing its own affairs.

The Ministry's January 19 move ends an over two-year period in which a supervisor, Bruce Rodrigues, was appointed to watch over the board after an investigation into serious concerns about the Board's capacity to address systemic discrimination — specifically anti-Black racism. During the two and a half-year period, Rodrigues had the final say for any decision.

Rodrigues completed a report on December 23, 2022, in which he said, "I am confident that the changes I have made to the senior administration team will help to ensure that the necessary leadership, policies, and practices are in place to allow the board to better serve students and families."

However, not everyone in the community is happy the Board is once again able to operate independently.

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Revitalization key in updated Bolton Community Improvement Plan

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

An updated community improvement plan for Bolton should soon be coming.

At Caledon Council's January 17 Planning and Development meeting, Town staff presented on the 2023 Bolton Community Improvement Plan (CIP), and submitted a report on the same topic. The report was submitted by Sandra Dolson, Economic Development Officer.

The report recommended an updated community improvement project area, updated community improvement plan, and that Town staff be authorized to take up to $100,000 from the Town's tax-funded operating reserve to fund Community Improvement Plan applications from properties and businesses.

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Vegetable gardens coming to Caledon public schools



Trustee Stan Cameron, an avid gardener himself, is leading project

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Students' knowledge won't be the only thing growing at Caledon's public schools in the future.

Caledon's Peel District School Board (PDSB) Trustee Stan Cameron has announced that plans to implement vegetable gardens at each of Caledon's 16 public schools are well underway.

"It's been a vision of mine, pretty much since I (was elected) in 2010," said Cameron, who's now serving his fourth consecutive term as trustee.

Not long after he was elected for the first time, Cameron received a call from Barb Imrie, who's involved with the Palgrave United Community Kitchen. She told Cameron about a school in Scarborough that had a large outdoor garden, and that it could be worth a visit.

So, Cameron contacted the principal of the school and went for a tour of the garden. He said it was quite large, and garden boxes were built by the school's woodshop students. As well, the school's hospitality students used vegetables grown in the garden in their cooking and baking.

"It was an 'aha' moment for me that I never lost," said Cameron.

It's going to be a team effort to make the garden project a reality, and many have already stepped up to help. A local feed and farm organization is going to be helping with the seedlings needed, and Karen Hutchinson from the Albion Hills Community Farm is going to be supporting the project with her extensive knowledge. Staff from the PDSB's field centres will also be invaluable in the project's implementation, said Cameron.

So far, 13 out of Caledon's 16 public schools are set to have a vegetable garden, and Cameron's optimistic the other three will be on board soon. He's currently in the process of visiting each school for a parent council meeting, ensuring there will be support from the community to keep the gardens alive in the summer.

The current idea is to have each parent Council set up a schedule for the summer, with one family taking charge of weeding and watering the garden for each of the summer break's eight weeks. With this idea, families can still arrange to help even if they have a busy summer, so long as they have just one week free. Part of this plan also includes sourcing rain barrels for each school and keeping them full so there will always be water available for the gardens.

There are many ways the food from the gardens will be used, such as being donated to The Exchange, run by Caledon Community Services. The Exchange is where Caledon residents can go to receive food support, and fresh vegetables will be welcome there. The vegetables will also be used as ingredients in food made by high school students in hospitality classes.

Cameron said growing food to give it to those in need will be great for teaching students empathy and compassion.

Since he posted about the school vegetable gardens on Facebook, Cameron said he's received an outpouring of support. He said people have been messaging him on social media, texting him, and calling him to share support or ask if they can be involved.

"It really has been an exciting message for people on what we can do with property that already exists where children go to school," said Cameron. "We got lots of schools that want to do this and lots of staff within schools who want to be the champions of the project."

Cameron keeps a very large vegetable garden himself, and said he's extremely grateful for the privilege to be able to do so. He said it's his happy place and that being outdoors is a great place to be. Cameron said when his grandson visits and goes out to his garden, he loves to pick cherry tomatoes and eat them. Having children see how vegetables are grown helps them realize they aren't gross, but in fact delicious and good for you, said Cameron.

Another benefit of the vegetable garden project is that it aligns with many objectives in the Ministry of Education's curriculum for students, explained Cameron. It aligns with teaching students about healthy eating, as well as Indigenous studies and respecting the land. It also gets students outside, which benefits their mental health. Cameron said the fact the garden project aligns with curriculum goals makes it easier for schools to get on board and support it.

"I'm seeing that right now with the excitement for this," said Cameron. "I mean, it's a project that won't cost schools any money, but that can reap incredible rewards."

The vegetable garden project is set to begin this spring.

Bolton retirement residence hosting first annual winter market

Local businesses and entrepreneurs will have a chance to showcase their goods and services at an upcoming winter market hosted by a retirement residence in Bolton.

Sorrento Retirement Residence, which is located at 10 Station Road, is hosting a winter market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on January 30.

Tasty treats, beautiful jewelry, health and wellness products and more will all be on sale from local vendors. There will be businesses that have storefronts in Downtown Bolton there, such as Bake Shoppe and Jus Jus, as well as entrepreneurs.

Kelly Moszynski, who works at Sorrento, explained that in total there will be 16 vendors at the market.

"The whole idea behind it is just to allow our community as well as our residents to get to know all of the available services and shops around Caledon," said Moszynski, noting that Valentine's Day is upcoming and the market could be a good chance to get some shopping done.

This isn't the first time Sorrento has hosted a vendor market, as they had a health and wellness exhibit last summer.

Sorrento Retirement Residence plans to make their winter market an annual event.









A typical lot is pictured in this image from the Town of Caledon's How To Legally Store Trucks Guide, which is available on the Town's website.

TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Caledon prosecutes two more illegal trucking operations

Court order to cease operations issued for two Mayfield Road properties

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Illegal trucking activity has been ordered to cease at two more properties in Caledon.

On January 23, the Town of Caledon announced it had successfully prosecuted two trucking companies operating illegally at 6086 and 6186 Mayfield Road. Both of these companies were ordered by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to stop using their properties as trucking depots.

"On January 18, 2023, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice found that 6086 Mayfield Inc. and 2652876 Ontario Inc. were using properties on Mayfield Road contrary to the Town's zoning and fill bylaws," reads a January 23 statement from the Town. "The order prohibits 6086 Mayfield Inc. and 2652876 Ontario Inc. from continuing to illegally use their property as a trucking depot and orders they remove all illegal trucking equipment by an agreed upon date."

Mayor Annette Groves said with the Superior Court's decision, Caledon's fight against illegal trucking operations is gaining momentum.

"Today's announcement reinforces our commitment to mitigating the negative impacts of illegal trucking in our town," said Groves.

Caledon's Director of Municipal Law Enforcement, Mark Sraga, echoed Groves in saying the successful prosecution demonstrates Caledon's commitment to eliminating illegal trucking operations.

"The Town will continue to take legal action against those who defy municipal bylaws to ensure Caledon remains an attractive location for businesses to succeed and benefit those who live here," said Sraga.

According to the Town, it began investigating the properties in June of 2020 when it received complaints of noise, debris, and property alterations. The two properties are directly across from a residential neighbourhood.

The Town is asking Caledon residents to report any suspected illegal trucking operations when they see them by calling 311 or emailing info@caledon.ca.

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NEW STRING OF VEHICLE THEFTS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating multiple new thefts of motor vehicle.

"The Town of Caledon is impacted by an increased vehicle theft trend affecting the entire Greater Toronto Area," say Police. "Recent reports indicate that RAM pick-up trucks, years 2020 to 2023, are predominantly targeted. On many occasions, thieves are observed in neighbourhoods prior to the thefts occurring to record VIN numbers and to disable alarm systems to facilitate the theft later. These crimes are often occurring in the early hours of the day, between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m."

If you observed suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, report it immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Auto theft 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;
- 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.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two individuals with impaired operation resulting from two separate collisions.

"On January 14, 2023, at approximately 10:25 a.m., Caledon OPP was alerted of a two-vehicle collision in the intersection of The Gore Road and Mayfield Road," say Police. "No injuries were reported. Officers arrested one driver since grounds were formed that their ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol. Breath tests were later conducted."

As a result of the investigation, Olusoji Adebayo, 50, of Sudbury, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero

The charges have not been proven.

"On January 17, 2023, at approximately 2:59 p.m., officers responded to a report of a vehicle losing control and going into the ditch on King Street, near Creditview Road. The investigation led officers to arrest the driver since grounds were formed that their ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol. Breath tests were later conducted. Minor injuries were reported."

As a result, Michael Wekerle, 59, of Caledon, was charged with:

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

The charge has not been proven.

Both vehicles from the two incidents were impounded for seven days, and the driver's licences were suspended for a period of 90 days. The two accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 2, 2023, to answer to the charges.

"The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. Driving under the influence of either alcohol or drugs is a criminal offence."

POLICE RESCUE PERSON IN DISTRESS

Officers from the Caledon OPP have rescued a person in medical distress.

"On January 15, 2023, at approximately 1:51 a.m., officers were conducting a regular patrol in the area of Airport Road and Perdue Court in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "At that time, an unoccupied vehicle was located in a parking lot with the engine running and doors open. Since officers determined this to be unusual, attempts began to contact the registered owner.

"With the assistance of OPP's Central Region Emergency Response Team (ERT) and the Canine Unit, an extensive search began. Information was also sent to surrounding police services. At 3:49 a.m., the driver was located in Brampton by Peel Regional Police in frigid cold temperatures and showed symptoms of hypothermia and was nearly unconscious. They were subsequently transported to hospital.

"Quick actions from officers avoided further injuries and possibly even death. Prior to officers locating the vehicle in the parking lot, no one had realized this person to be missing."

FATAL COLLISION

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with Dufferin County EMS attended a serious two-vehicle collision in the Township of Amaranth.

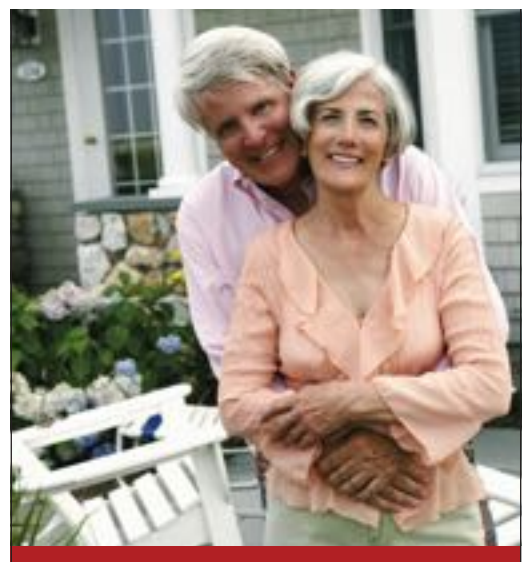
"On Saturday, January 21, 2023, at approximately 4:20 p.m., officers attended the intersection of County Road 10 and Mono-Amaranth Townline for the report of a serious motor vehicle collision," say Police. "As a result of the collision, a 32-year-old, female driver of a four-door sedan and lone occupant was transported by ambulance to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Sadly, the female succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital."

The driver and passenger of a pickup truck sustained serious injuries and were transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Mono-Amaranth Townline between 15th and 5th Sideroad, as well as County Road 10 between Second Line and Blind Line was closed for approximately seven hours while officers conducted their investigation.

The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

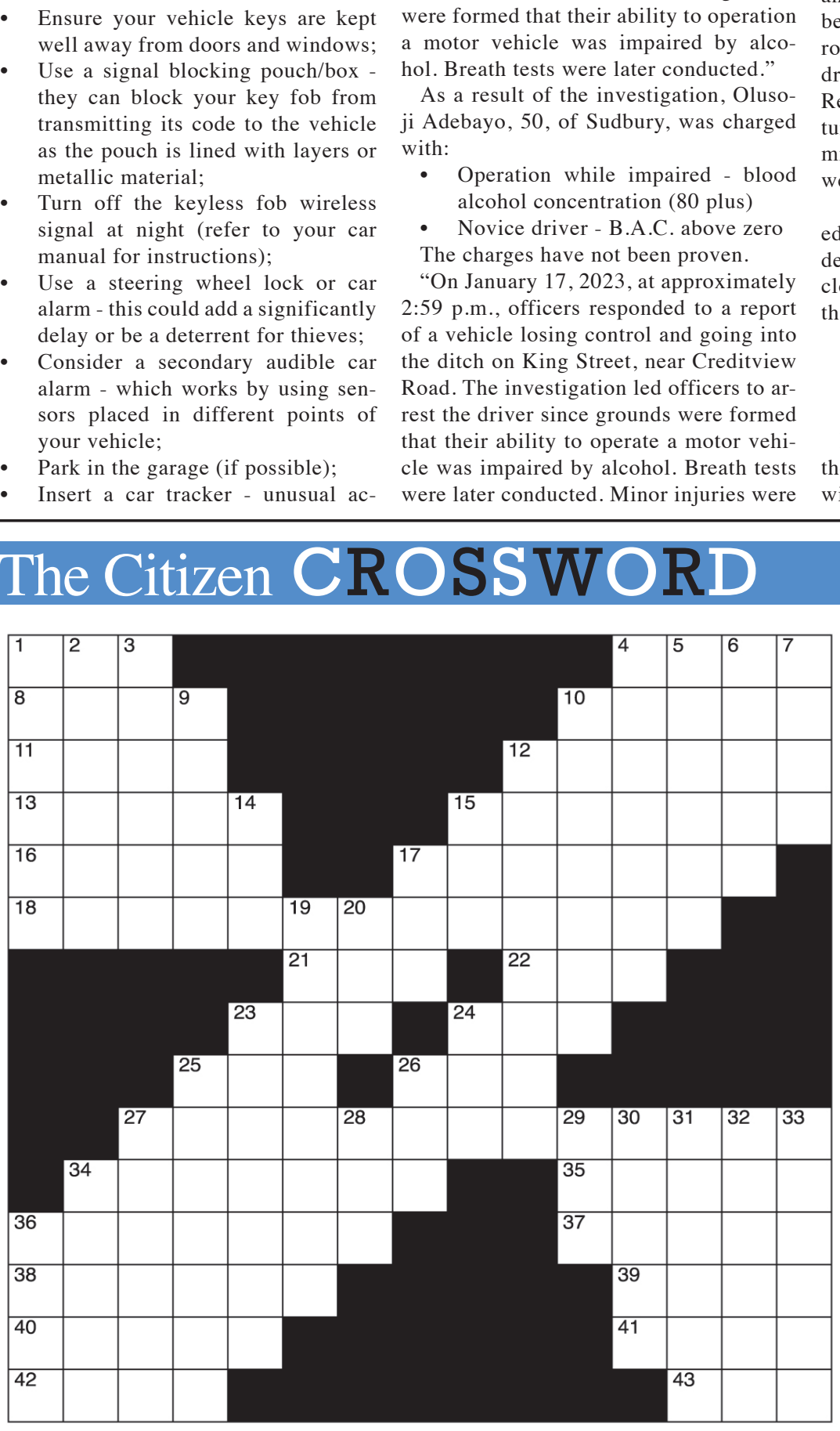
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17. __ Kubrick, filmmaker
18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving
21. Arkansas city
22. Gave food to
23. Request
24. V-shaped open trough
25. Make lively
26. It accompanies feather
27. Blonde bombshell
34. One who revolves
35. Bluish greens
36. Charity
37. Having the shape of a cube
38. Unwind
39. Believed by some to be the supreme being
40. Checks or guides
41. Leak slowly through
42. Top-quality
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

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3. Where things stand
4. Offered
5. Contains pollen
6. Boisterous get-together
7. Asserts out loud
9. They're in the sky
10. Canonized
12. A politician's official stances
14. It can catch fish
15. British thermal unit
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20. Large red deer
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Social media "effective and sinister" way for traffickers to lure victims, warns campaign

Crime Stoppers Month focuses on human trafficking

BY BROCK WEIR

Social media has evolved into a "highly effective and sinister way for sex traffickers" to lure potential victims, say advocates aiming to raise awareness of human trafficking in the community.

January is Crime Stoppers Month, a time to raise awareness of Crime Stoppers, which allows members of the public to submit crime tips to police either over the phone or online, with a reward for tips that lead to arrests.

The theme for Crime Stoppers Month 2023 is "Stand Up and Stand Together."

Crime Stoppers Month officially kicked off last week at 360° Kids, a Richmond Hill-based shelter for at-risk youth, which regularly steps up to support young victims who have escaped the cycle of human trafficking.

The kick-off also heralded the launch of a new media campaign, endsextrafficking.ca, which aims to engage youth on human trafficking in the "online environment" in which many victims are reached.

"While there are many horrific cases of human trafficking where victims are recruited through means of threats, deception, violence and kidnapping, through this campaign we want to ensure our community knows this isn't always the case," said Sydney Teixeira of Renegade Digital Media, the developers behind the campaign.

"Social media has turned out to be highly effective and sinister way for sex traffickers to access, approach and lure in potential victims. We want to help our community make better judgements about their relationships and friendships, especially those they have created online. As we launch the digital campaign, we're flipping the script and we're engaging youth in the same online environment that are often targeted. Our intention with the strategy is simple: increase awareness and education and improve prevention and protection within our community."

If the campaign resonates with those who see it, Teixeira added, they hope it helps people feel "empowered to listen to your gut."

"If something feels too good to be true, it probably is. If something feels off, please don't ignore it. Support is available."

This is the kind of support offered day in and day out by 360° Kids.

Bonnie Harkness, Chief Operating Officer for 360° Kids, said the youth they see are the most vulnerable in the community and vulnerable youth are targets for pimps.

"For us, that is where the whole program was really launched," she said. "We began to offer supports and services to young people, to help them leave some of those horrible experiences they were in. Our whole program was set up to serve survivors of human trafficking and it was the first of its kind in York Region.

"You have to do something to prevent this from ever happening in the first place, so it is not just some kids that are going to be vulnerable to trafficking, it is all of our kids who are going to be vulnerable. As a parent to two young women, I appreciate so much how important it is to protect our children, but protecting our children is no longer sheltering them. We have to make sure we get there and we educate them."

According to York Regional Police (YRP) Detective Gary McBride, human trafficking isn't limited to sex trafficking. They are seeing more labour trafficking cases where people are exploited, "and they're exploited due to their status, a lack of understanding of Canada's laws and their rights here. These people end up working and living in deplorable conditions.

"YRP relies on several community partners in York Region to provide resources and services to those impacted by human trafficking to help them rebuild their lives.... Our investigators regularly meet some of the most vulnerable people in York Region who have some immediate needs that most of us here today take for granted. These needs are filled by our community partners, not just the police, and these community partners include 360° Kids and it's taking place today here in York Region. Our human trafficking investigators know from cases and their daily interactions with survivors that we're just one part of the effort to combat human trafficking and the exploitation of people, including with 360° Kids, who also represent and service our most vulnerable youth in this Region."

McBride added that tips related to potential human trafficking cases, delivered through police or anonymously via Crime Stoppers, may lead to an arrest or saving someone from being exploited.

"Those being exploited are someone's child, they may be someone's sibling, or have simply come to Canada in search of a better life, just like most residents of York Region."

Added YRP Deputy Chief Al Almeida: "This year's theme, Stand Up Stand Together, highlights our shared values of inclusion, respect for cultural differences, equity and a commitment to social justice. We stand up together, we stand together for safe communities fighting against criminal activities and the police can't do this alone. We rely on the members of our community to stand up and speak out against crime and provide information when they know a crime has been committed because we all want to live in a safe community."

To submit a tip to Crime Stoppers, call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit 1800222tips.com.



Sydney Teixeira of Renegade Digital Media speaks at last week's Crime Stoppers Month launch.
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FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3 p.m. local time on February 23, 2023, at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon Ontario.

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

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

This meeting will be held virtually and in-person. Please advise us if you require an accessibility accommodation to participate.

February 23, 2023 | 3 p.m.

LISTEN BY PHONE
Phone Number: 1-416-216-5643
Meeting Access Code: 2633 895 9183#

VIEW MEETING ONLINE
To view the meeting online, visit **caledon.ca/taxsale.**

ATTEND IN-PERSON
To attend in-person visit the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon Ontario.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS:

1. Roll No. 21 24 090 007 00638 0000; PIN 14322-0822 (LT); PT LT C, BLK 3 BOL7 DES PT 5, 43R30932; S/T EASE OVER PT 5, 43R30932 AS IN PR1002561; CALEDON. T/W EASEMENT OVER PEEL COMMON ELEMENTS CONDOMINIUM PL NO. 806 AS IN DECLARATION # PR1239075, AS IN PR1456306.; File 21-36

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $791,000

Minimum tender amount: $67,056.34

2. Roll No. 21 24 030 008 00905 0000; PIN 14273-0272 (LT); LT 16 BLK 8 PL CAL5 CALEDON; CALEDON; File No. 21-46

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $205,000

Minimum tender amount: $22,499.74

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

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

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

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

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

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

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

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit: **ontariotaxsales.ca** and/or **caledon.ca/taxsale** or if no internet access available, contact:

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Federal investment to enable Old Bolton Fire Hall to be converted into green community space

BY MARK PAVILONS

The revitalization of the old Bolton fire hall downtown received a boost from the federal government.

Mayor Annette Groves joined Maninder Sidhu, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and MPP for Brampton East, to announce federal funding of up to $7.7 million for the revitalization.

The fire hall will be converted to the Humber River Centre, a state-of-the-art multi-use community space that will be more sustainable and accessible. The facility will offer spaces for use by community groups and citizens, including an innovation hub/maker space, a commercial kitchen, meeting rooms and a large multi-use space available for events, programming and farmers' markets.

In addition, sustainable improvements will include installing LED lighting, air source heat pumps and energy recovery ventilators, more insulative windows and doors, increased roof insulation, on-demand electric water heaters and a building automation system. These enhancements are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 29.5 tonnes per year and fuel consumption by 56.2 per cent.

Renovations also include enhanced accessibility features such as an elevator, accessible washrooms on both floors, power-operated doorways and audible alarms.

As Caledon is expected to face higher temperatures and precipitation, the Humber River Centre will be designed to be climate resilient. Enhancements such as increased softscaping design practices, including planting native pollinator-friendly plants and trees to absorb excess water, and landscaping techniques to enhance stormwater filtration and interior climate control, will ensure that the facility remains comfortable year-round while reducing the risk posed by flooding events.

Every community needs a safe place for residents to connect, gather and socialize. The Humber River Centre will be a community hub that will help to promote innovation, draw investment, and provide spaces for residents of all ages and abilities to gather.

"The Humber River Centre will be a central hub for Bolton that will help attract investment and visitors to downtown while supporting residents and entrepreneurs with innovation spaces for community programs. I am proud that the Government of Canada is able to invest in the creation of a sustainable and inclusive community centre, which, combined with a more climate resilient design, will benefit residents for years to come," said Sidhu.

"We would like to thank Infrastructure Canada for this critical funding that will help transform our old Fire Hall into an energy efficient, low carbon community space that will enhance the lives of residents, community groups and underserved populations. The Humber River Centre will showcase climate resilient architecture and is a testament to our dedication towards reducing emissions and taking climate action," added Mayor Groves.

The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program is an integral part of Canada's Strengthened Climate Plan, providing $1.5 billion over five years towards green and accessible retrofits, repairs or upgrades of existing public community buildings and the construction of new publicly accessible community buildings that serve high-needs, underserved communities across Canada.

The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program launched its second scheduled intake in December 2022. Applications are being accepted for large retrofit projects to existing community buildings or new community building projects with total eligible costs ranging from $3 million to $25 million until February 28, 2023.

The program continues to accept applications for small and medium retrofit projects to existing community buildings ranging in total eligible cost from $100,000 to $2,999,999 until February 28, 2023.

Provincial/territorial governments, municipal or regional governments, public sector bodies, not-for-profit, and Indigenous organizations interested in the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program are invited to apply on the Infrastructure Canada website.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment
12211, 12213 and 12231 Hurontario Street

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2022-0005, RZ 2022-0008, 21T-22005C

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

Meeting Date: **February 21, 2023**
Public Meeting Start Time: **7 p.m.**
Location: **Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

The Town of Caledon offers a hybrid meeting model with multiple ways for members of the public to participate and engage with Council.

1. **Attend In-Person:**
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2. **Submit a Written Comment:**
Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at **caledon.ca/speak-at-council**
3. **Virtually:**
Members of the public are welcome to participate via telephone or video conference through WebEx upon request. For more information on how to participate, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at **caledon.ca/speak-at-council**
In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town's website.

APPLICANT: Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of Argo Summer Valley Ltd.

LOCATION: 12211, 12213 and 12231 Hurontario Street
Part of Lot 19 Concession 1 EHS (Chinguacousy), designated as
Parts 1 to 5 Plan 43R-32579
Ward 2



**The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes, and it is subject to change.*

The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Town of Caledon received applications to amend the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit a residential development. An associated Draft Plan of Subdivision application was also submitted as part of the proposal. The applicant is seeking permissions to permit a total of 73 residential units comprising of 28 single detached dwellings, and 45 townhouse units. The proposal also includes one local road, and an open space block. Access to this development and an additional 8 lots are proposed immediately to the south through separate development applications submitted to the City of Brampton.

The applicant proposes to amend the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law to permit the development of single detached, townhouse and open space land uses. The associated Draft Plan of Subdivision application is required to facilitate the development to ensure Town and agency technical requirements are satisfied.

LEAD PLANNER:
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Development and Design
Town of Caledon
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APPEAL PROCEDURE:
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HOW TO STAY INFORMED:
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment
16054, 16060 and 16068 Airport Road

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2019-0007 and RZ 2019-0010 Related File Number: SPA 2019-0066

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a revised proposal for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Meeting Date: **February 21, 2023**
Public Meeting Start Time: **7 p.m.**
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APPLICANT: Weston Consulting on behalf of Ganni Properties Inc.

LOCATION: 16054, 16060 and 16068 Airport Road
Lots 7, 8 and 9, Plan Cal 4
Ward 3



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APPLICATION CONTEXT AND REVISIONS:
The Town of Caledon received a proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application on January 28, 2020, for lands municipally known as 16054 and 16060 Airport Road. A Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

On June 21, 2022, and August 24, 2022, the applicant submitted materials in support of a revised development. The proposal now includes an adjacent parcel known municipally as 16068 Airport Road.

As outlined in the Planning Act, since the original Statutory Public Meeting did not consider all lands that are now part of the most updated proposal, another Public Meeting is required.

The proposed land use plan has been included in this notice and is available online at caledon.ca/development.

Although a Public Meeting is being held to consider the proposed application, a decision to approve or refuse the application will not be made at the Public Meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGES:
The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing structures and amend the Official Plan for the subject lands located at 16054, 16060 and 16068 Airport Road for the purpose and effect to permit a one-storey restaurant with a drive-through service facility, and two retail/commercial units. The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to change the zoning from Village Commercial (CV) to Village Commercial Site Specific Exception (CV-XX) to facilitate the proposed development.

LEAD PLANNER:
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On behalf of Development and Design,
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For more event details visit:

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VÉLOCITY
Join Caledon Community Services in their annual cycling event, Vélocity, at Town Hall. Not only will you kick off Caledon Day with a fun family ride, but you'll also support local seniors by raising funds for their wellbeing.

Stay tuned for more details!

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And it's not even Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day isn't until next week, but, in the true spirit of the film, I feel I've already had my fill of déjà vu for the year.

Regular readers of this column will know that I'm not adverse to reruns – after all, a true classic never goes out of style – but some things are getting a little too repetitive for my taste.

Take recurring dreams, for instance.

Since the end of my undergrad, I've had two or three on the regular reverie schedule which, although I haven't taken the time to have them "professionally" analysed, feel relatively inconsequential.

The first dream, one which varies little, involves going out for a swim at some sort of recreation centre (one I have never been to before) and, just before checking in at the main desk, a grander, glitzier secret pool is discovered at the bottom of an otherwise non-descript stairwell.

The second is more of a choose-your-own-adventure scenario. The first variant involves me arriving to a math lecture only to discover that it's the final exam day and, whoops, I hadn't once been to class. Scenario two is much the same, but instead of never having been to class, I came to the exam not knowing that the entirety of the course had been conducted virtually. (On DVD, no less, so it shows you how long this dream has been in the back of my mind).

Then there's a third one that pops up now and then involving something that, for many of us in our younger days, would have been a regular nightmare: the group project. Well, more specifically, the group project where, when the deadline is finally on the horizon, only a couple of people have done the work and the rest just show up for the glory.

That dream, in my mind, definitely has clearer origins than the other two – simply because we've all been there!

And, in some ways, we still are.

Over the past three years (less a few weeks) we have been living through a giant group project fighting against an invisible enemy. We started off all in the same boat, heading in the same direction, armed with just as much knowledge as the next person.

But the more knowledge we gained on what we were fighting, the more divergent the paths became. Once we knew what we were dealing with, those of us inclined to do the heavy lifting did so. And those of us who were not… well, of course they didn't. And, with that lack of group effort, it seems we'll be in a never-ending cycle, one which is putting unprecedented pressures on the systems we hold so dear and trust to keep us healthy.

Addressing this offshoot problem also appears to be extending this group project mentality in that the people who are working the hardest have been often ignored in favour of outsourcing outcomes that require a little less elbow grease.

Consider, for instance, last week's announcement from the Ontario Government that some select surgeries and procedures could be carried out by private, for-profit clinics.

"When it comes to your health, the status quo is no longer acceptable," said Premier Ford in a statement last week. "Our government is taking bold action to reduce wait times for surgeries, all while ensuring Ontarians use their OHIP card to get the care they need, never the credit card."

Added Anthony Dale, President & CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association, in the same statement: "The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) welcomes the opportunity to work together with government and system partners to integrate Community Surgical Centres into Ontario's health care system and establish new partnerships between hospitals and community-based surgical clinics to help ensure access to care for patients. Given the hugely disruptive impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals, health human resources and wait times for services, it is essential that the expanded use of Community Surgical Centres into new areas of clinical activity take place in a planned manner with appropriate change management and risk management measures in place."

While I don't personally oppose the recently announced moves in and of themselves, and I am glad that such procedures will be covered by OHIP, I couldn't help but feel labelling this as "bold action" was anything but; it's a Band-aid solution to a problem that could have been tackled through ensuring our existing hospitals had the resources they need, human and otherwise, to tackle any of the backlog attributed to COVID.

Outsourcing is many things, but bold is not one of them – particularly when the GTA alone has scores of new and newer Canadians who are fully trained medical personnel but whose credentials are not recognized in this Province.

But, on that front, perhaps a glimmer of hope appeared on the horizon a short time later with a semi-related announcement that the Province will allow healthcare workers registered in other provinces and territories to immediately start working and caring for people in Ontario.

"As we connect people to move convenient care, we need to be bold, innovative and creative," said Premier Ford, once again using the "B" word of the week. "With our new 'As of Right' rules, Ontario is the first province in Canada to allow health care workers from across the country to immediately start providing care. That's the kind of innovative solution that will cut down unnecessary bureaucratic delays and help bring reinforcements to the frontlines of our healthcare system."

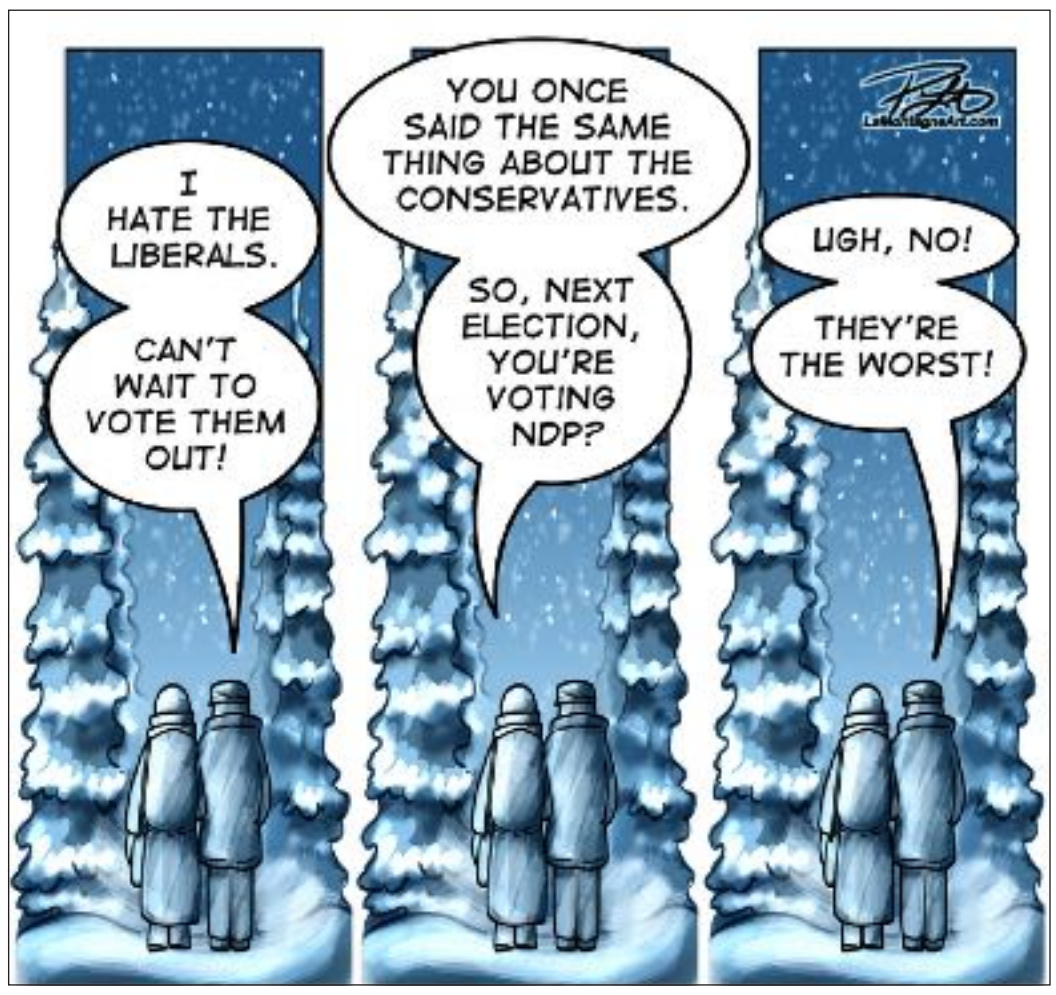
The announcement went on to add that "Ontario will also be helping hospitals and other health organizations temporarily increase staffing when they need to fill vacancies or manage periods of high patient volume, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic. In February, the government will introduce legislation that, if passed, will increase staffing levels on a short-term basis by allowing health care professionals, including nurses, paramedics, respiratory therapists, and others, to work outside their regular responsibilities or settings, as long as they have the knowledge, skill and judgement to do so."

All this is a small step in the right direction, but how enticed will exhausted existing hospital staff be to take over roles that they were not hired to do? Given how doctors and especially nurses have been treated by the incumbent government in recent years, how attractive will Ontario be for medical professionals in other provinces to uproot themselves with Bill 124 still in play?

All this when we have innumerable doctors and nurses already in Ontario, trained abroad, often in the lands of their birth. They are just waiting for a streamlined process to have their credentials recognized, ready to jump into the healthcare system at a moment's notice and leave mercifully behind the jobs they currently have simply to make ends meet.

That, in my view, is a truly "bold" idea so long in the making that it is neither creative nor particularly innovative.

The quickest solution isn't always the boldest one and without some truly bold moves, it feels we'll never move past the Groundhog Day of recurring issues.



Pumping the gas to get the old guy started

by Mark Pavilons



"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver." – Mahatma Gandhi

It's really true that without good health, we have nothing.

Or almost nothing.

We have our friends, families, and years of experience and wisdom.

But it's funny how relatively healthy people are walking around, doing what we do, and then bam! Like they say, you feel like you've been hit by a truck when you get unexpected news.

In my experience, these hit-in-the-face moments are typically associated with large car repair bills. Or news of someone else getting sick.

Often, we don't get the wake-up call until something happens.

There is plenty of information and data available pointing to the prevalence of heart attack, stroke, diabetes, cancer, asthma and a host of mental health issues. Many can be identified and treated.

Others go undetected for possibly years.

And there's the shovel in the face.

How can a seemingly healthy person, with no unusual symptoms, ailments or aches or pains, have major health problems?

Hey, I offer praise to the All Mighty for creating an amazing human machine, but some warning would be nice.

A recent ECG – my first in over a decade – showed an abnormality. I love it how health professionals use non-descript terms. What does that mean? I asked.

Off to a cardiologist, who explained there were signs of a heart issue. A follow-up echocardiogram showed nothing – well not Tin Man nothing – but nothing of concern. I'm left scratching my head.

Weeks of anxiety, fear and Googling got me on a new heart-health journey. Of course, there's nothing wrong with pulling up one's socks and giving your body a break.

The holiday period was hectic enough and I remember thinking I don't have time for this crap, along with the other issues on my plate.

But I have to make time, if I want to spend a few more decades of relative good health on this planet.

It's funny, you know, how worked up we get when faced with a challenge. We all know we should have treated our bodies a bit better and perhaps we should have refrained from all those tequila shots in our 20s and 30s. Maybe it was the aspartame or Cap'n Crunch cereal. Potato chips? I've likely eaten several tonnes!

Maybe it's just life. Diet and exercise – those two key words – have been drilled into us for more than 100 years now.

And if we're lucky, we can try to accomplish those two things, from time to time. But every day? Or even three times a week?

Alas, my job has involved sitting in front of a computer screen several hours per day. Who knows what my body has absorbed. I love it when I can actually dart out of the newsroom to a real, in-person event and meet some fellow humans.

But regular exercise?

I do chores and yard work and sometimes walk the dogs. But most of my sweating comes from eating spicy chicken wings or Jamaican beef patties.

Okay, maybe that does have something to do with my heart.

Why are life's best offerings so bad for us? Why can't French fries and potato chips be "just what the doctor ordered?" How can fast food be turned into fast health food?

But then again, maybe it comes down to genetics and evolution. My parents were from strong European stock. They both lived just shy of 80 and worked hard all of their lives. My sister, on the other hand, didn't make her 50th.

I hear there are genetic tests you can get that will tell you just what you're susceptible to, and even when you're going to expire! No thanks on that one.

Who would want to know that? Okay, it's not much of a trade-off that some of us are walking around like ticking time bombs either.

I remember my mom telling me when my aunt dropped dead walking down the sidewalk during her lunch hour one day. It was a shock to everyone.

And perhaps even diet and exercise can't combat the genetic demons or malignant cells that roam our bodies.

Born to die?

We complain about this, that and the other, and yet we don't always take preventive measures.

I know too much of anything is bad for me. I should cut down on salt, artificial sweetener and soda. I should eat leafy green veggies, smothered in even more leafy green veggies. I have begun a new regime, born out of fear and some suggestions from my first born, who's working on her yoga instructor certificate.

As I rode the stationary bike in our unfinished basement, I pedalled to Alphaville's "Forever Young," noting I too, don't want to perish like the seahorse. I didn't even know they were endangered.

I was never much of a "zen" person, but did admire the hippies of the 1960s. I still love tie-dye. So, with calming sounds babbling like a brook from my computer at work and a few minutes of meditation, I'm feeling more relaxed.

Some time on the stationary bike at home may start to show results.

I'm alcohol-free for a while, and I've cut down on salt and butter.

I always set aside time each day for a good hearty laugh. My family members often wonder what the heck I'm giggling at to myself.

I'm beginning to realize this old clunker is depreciating. But I'm taking advice from my wife and family, and I'm still smiling and remaining positive. As long as I "start" every morning, I'm blessed.

How about you?



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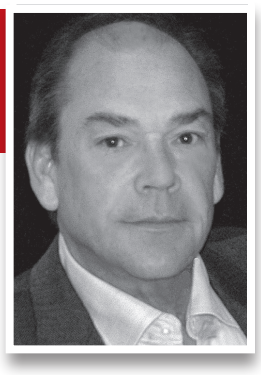
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Living on the street

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



There is a series of commercials currently on television, radio, and on-line from an organization that helps homeless youth.

The TV version is well done, and certainly gets their message out there. It shows a young girl, maybe 15 or 16 years old, wrapped in a sleeping bag and trying to stay warm in a bus stop shelter. The commercial asks the question, "How young do they have to be, before you will help?"

It also goes on to say that there are as many as 2,000 young people homeless on the streets of Toronto on a given night.

Many, it says, are out there because their home-life is so bad, they feel safer on the street, than they would in their own home.

There are around 6,000 kids on the street on any night across the country.

What a tragedy it is, that a kid would feel safer walking the streets in the middle of the night than they would being in their own house.

The organization helps "youth" between the ages of 13 and 24. To be fair, there is a huge difference between a 13-year-old on the streets and someone who is in their early 20s.

Someone who is 24 years old can fend for themselves a lot easier than some kid who is barely into their teens. A thirteen-year old on their own is subject to a variety of abuse or exploitation from predators, and that is another tragedy – that people will exploit a kid who needs help.

The majority of people who have children, raise their kids in an appropriate manner, provide for them, and try help them through life so they can be productive adults and citizens – but some don't.

Some people should never have kids at all.

You can't always tell what a family dynamic is like from the outside.

I grew up down the street from a seemingly normal family. They had a nice house with an immaculately kept yard. The mother was a rather proper type woman who always dressed nicely, and seemed to me, to be a good mother.

The father, however, was a different story. During one summer, I was at their house and I heard the father speaking to the oldest daughter in a manner that threatened severe violence. I was shocked and could never imaging my own father threatening to break my arm if I didn't do something he asked. I never went back to their house.

Of that family, the oldest daughter left home immediately after graduating high school, and never looked back. The youngest daughter ran away to Toronto when she was just 16 years-old. She committed suicide only a few years later.

The brother went on to a distinguished career, then suddenly, without warning, committed suicide.

I always wondered what was really going on in that house that created such a tragic outcome, and could it have been prevented?

Statistics indicate that 49 per cent of youth on the street left home before they were 18 years-old, and 59 per cent come from average to upper-income households. Of trafficking victims, 35 per cent are under 18 years-old.

Not everyone who is on the street has been abused or neglected. Some people, for whatever reason, choose that lifestyle.

I saw an interesting documentary on the subject a couple of years ago, that followed one girl who was voluntarily homeless. She lived under a bridge with her less than upstanding type of person boyfriend.

She thought it was a "cool" lifestyle for some reason. Her parents were typical middle class people who provided a decent home, and couldn't understand her lifestyle choice, and begged her to come home, to no avail.

For many though, their home life is worse than being on the street.

Having children is a huge responsibility, however some people just see having children as an inconvenience, and really don't care what happens to them.

But what happens to people who don't do the responsible thing? How can you have a 13year-old that hasn't come home for several days, and you don't even report to police that your child is missing? It happens all the time.

A quick look at the on-line DoeNetwork International Center for Unidentified and Missing Persons, reveals thousands of people, many of them very young, who have simply disappeared, or turned up dead, possibly murdered, and no one has any idea who they are, because no one cares.

Parents who willingly neglect their obligations to their children need to be held accountable for their negligence and the results of child abandonment or abuse.

A Rocky Start

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



I don't envy the task of our new Caledon council. Voted in just as Bill 23 came into effect, and under the looming shadow of a previously discussed wage hike, their chances of "looking great coming out of the gate" were slim. There was always bound to be some acrimony on the 24.4% increase and a meeting last week proved that assumption true. Faced also with massive scheduled (and provincially mandated but not provincially paid for) growth on Caledon's horizon, citizens were already unhappy about the potential paving over of our little piece of paradise and now that tax hikes look inevitable, we are even more likely to be upset that we, and not developers, have to pay for it. Caledon's Council is off to a rocky start and not necessarily one entirely of their own making.

Politics is always a bit of a dicey game. There will always be times when you are "damned if you do and damned if you don't." Any decision is almost always going to annoy at least some of the people you serve, some of the time. In the two cited examples, the problem about the decisions made is that they were not entirely within this Council's control. That only adds to the complexity of any task facing a public official. The proposed wage hike was put before council last year after what I understand to have been a Town staff report that recommended the increase as a means to bring Councillors in line with those serving in a similar role in other municipalities.

According to reports in this paper in July of 2022, the findings of a consultant report found Caledon's Mayor and Councillors were being paid below the 60th percentile compared to municipal counterparts. Together with the argument that ward boundaries, an increase in population and a reduction in Regional Councillors, it was recommended that salaries be increased to bring them more in line with what other municipalities pay their elected officials. Then, as now, Annette Groves and Tony Rosa opposed the motion but enough other Councillors voted in favour that economy and inflation be damned, the increase is a done deal.

Do I think Councillors should be paid appropriately for what they do? You betcha! These are your friends and neighbours, some with other full-time employment, who put their love of community where their mouth is in an effort to help make things better. They were the ones willing to put their name on a ballot, open themselves to ridicule and recognition in equal measure and to largely give up nights, weekends and a personal life for the next four years - all while living under a microscope. Sure, you might say, they signed up for this but I'm guessing it's a surprise to some just how much vitriol exists and a steep learning curve for others that everything you now do and say is a matter of public record – even those "off the cuff" remarks. I don't have a thick enough skin for the job, that's for sure! Do I also think the Councillors could have handled this situation differently, however? Again - you betcha! Whether this raise was about equitable pay or not – a 24.4% increase during these difficult times is just a tad egregious. A more judicious approach would surely have been to phase in such a drastic pay increase over the four-year term of Council. This would have been a measured and reasonable response to what was a measured and reasonable investigation into equitable pay for equitable work. Caledon isn't, after all, going to grow overnight but growth is coming and no doubt it's fair to say Councillor workloads will increase.

Also at issue was an increase in the expense budget allocated to Councillors and it is also a significant jump. I'm not sure I agree with the expense amounts for which no receipts are required but with that said, every time your group, club or organization asks for a room rental fee to be waived, or a donation, or for a Councillor to attend a gala, recall that this money often comes from their own pocket, so a reasonable expense allowance is not without merit. Besides, I don't know about you but if I join my local Councillor for coffee to discuss a concern, I kind of expect them to buy the coffee.

As for tax hikes, paving of the greenbelt and significant growth, once again Council is in no real position to do anything differently than what their predecessors may have done. Bill 23 is a provincial mandate and while I hope Caledon is lobbying hard at the ROMA conference this week, I'm doubtful it will make a darn bit of difference. The loss of infrastructure money from developers has to be made up somehow, because of course, somehow we as residents still expect all the same, if not better, services as those we currently receive. That leaves our new council with the prospect of just two months into the job having to vote in a significant tax hike for residents. A rocky start indeed.

You may have noticed as this column progressed, an increase in the use of the word "reasonable." What I think is missing, most of all from these recent conversations and Council meetings, is an examination of what it means to be reasonable. Listening to the Council debate on this topic, some delegates were reasonable, others not so much. Some Councillor responses were reasonable, others not so much. What we actually need to see more of from both sides is a better effort at maintaining reason, dignity and respect while we all work together toward the common goal of a better Caledon.

For Mental Health Support, Every Number Is the Right Number

Dufferin and Caledon agencies team up to address increase in need and complexity of mental health services

In the Dufferin and Caledon area, local social and health care agencies are reporting an increase in both need and complexity when it comes to mental health calls this past year. It is therefore critical that members of the community know how to access help before they find themselves in a crisis.

"The number of calls to our local crisis line have increased by about 54%," said Norah Kennedy, Executive Director, Family Transition Place.

To address this increase and provide a more integrated model of care, local community and mental health agencies created the Community Crisis Integrated Team (CCIT), a group working together to improve how people get the care they need in a way that is respectful, feels safe and looks at the whole person. CCIT was formed with the support from Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT). The HOHC OHT is supported by funding from the Government of Ontario.

"Each agency is picking up a piece of the puzzle. People may contact Family Transition Place because of domestic violence, but that's usually not the only issue present. With the CCIT group, we can work together as a team, consult each other and be able to provide the best wrap around support to individuals in the community," added Kennedy.

Agencies working together helps each member of the community access the right combination of supports they need.

"We know that people don't enter a crisis in isolation. If there is an issue with a child, there is support needed for a parent, and oftentimes, when we work with adults, children are also involved," said Charlene Heyer, Clinical Director, Crisis & Outreach Services, CMHA Peel Dufferin.

"This is why if someone finds themselves in need of support, every number is the right number. Whichever agency you call will be able to provide or guide you to the right resources," added Heyer.

Along with an increase in need, agencies have also reported that the complexity of cases is also much greater. Working alongside other agencies can provide more fulsome support for everyone involved.

If you are experiencing a crisis, reach out to one of our partners for help. Every number is the right number to call.



Community Crisis Integrated Team (CCIT)

Serving Dufferin and Caledon

WE ARE ALL HERE TO HELP ➤ **Contacting ANY of the agencies listed below will ensure you are connected to the services you need.**

CCIT Partners Contact List **CALL 911 IN EMERGENCY**

Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin (CMHA PD)
Contact: *24/7 Crisis Line* – **905-278-9036** *or* **1-888-811-2222**
Support: 24/7 crisis support, information, referral and assessment for addictions and mental health services (18+).

Dufferin Child & Family Services (DCAFS)
Contact: *24/7 support* – **519-941-1530**
Support: 24/7 crisis support for children, youth and families seeking mental health support, parenting support and child safety/wellbeing.

EveryMind Mental Health Services
Contact: *24/7 support* – **905-278-9036** Press 1
Support: *Under 18 in Caledon* – 24/7 support line for children, youth under 18 and their families in Caledon.

Family Transition Place (FTP)
Contact: *24/7 support* – **519-941-HELP (4357)** or **905-584-HELP (4357)**
Support: 24/7 support/information line, mobile crisis response, counselling, legal and housing support for individuals (16+) who have experienced abuse, sexual violence, homelessness and addiction.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) **Call 911 in emergency**
Contact: *Dufferin Non-emergency line* – **888-310-1122**
Caledon Non-emergency line – **905-584-2241**
Support: 24/7. The mobile crisis team for Dufferin and Caledon is supported by Mental Health Crisis Officers and Mental Health Clinicians.

Peel Addiction Assessment & Referral Centre (PAARC)
Contact: *Intake* – **905-629-1007 ext. 222**
Support: Individual and group counselling and case management services for clients 16 and older who are concerned about their own or a loved ones' substance use, gambling, gaming or other select behavioural related challenges.

Services and Housing In the Province (SHIP)
Contact: *Program Intake* – **1-519-307-8700** *or* **1-855-795-8742**
Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Support: Individuals (16+) requiring access, assessment and referral to supportive housing and mental health services. Specialized services include intensive case management, early psychosis intervention, housing stability and mental health & justice.

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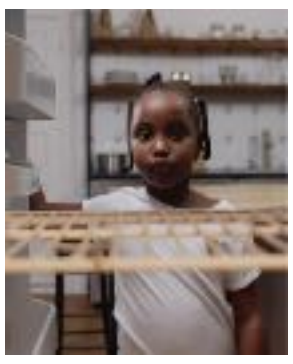
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"I'm walking Coldest Night of the Year because…"

by Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer



I grew up poor.

I vividly remember one evening when we had nothing for dinner. Then my mom suddenly remembered there was a package of pasta stuck between the wardrobe and the wall. (I'm not sure how it even got there, but there it was.)

Me and my 3-year-old nephew who was living with us at the time, spent the whole evening trying to fish it out without having to move heavy solid wood furniture, only to find that the pasta in that package was rotten.

We ended up borrowing some potatoes from a neighbour that night. Those were the best mashed potatoes I ever tasted. Perhaps it was the kindness that made them so special… Somehow I remember that night as a 'fun childhood adventure.' Funny how memory works. I am sure it was neither fun, nor an adventure for my parents at the time.

There are more than 3,450 of our Caledon neighbours living below the poverty line right now. This may be a senior next door, a family across the street or a kid in your child's class. It is in our power to make sure their memories are free from hunger.

This is why I'm walking on the Coldest Night of the Year. Together, we can help our neighbours struggling with hunger and poverty. We can give them a hand up.

I'm walking humbly, because I know from my own experience that everyone can lose their footing at some point. I'm walking, because I believe that even a small selfless act of kindness can have a huge ripple effect beyond imagination.

The Exchange, our community hub, is now assisting a Caledon neighbour with food and counselling support every 20 minutes. The number of visits to the Exchange has grown by 50 % in 2022, and we expect new tragic records in 2023. You can help.

Join us on February 25th for the Coldest Night of the Year family-friendly walkathon starting at 5pm from the Caledon East Community Complex to show our neighbours that they are not alone. Give them a hand up when they need it most.

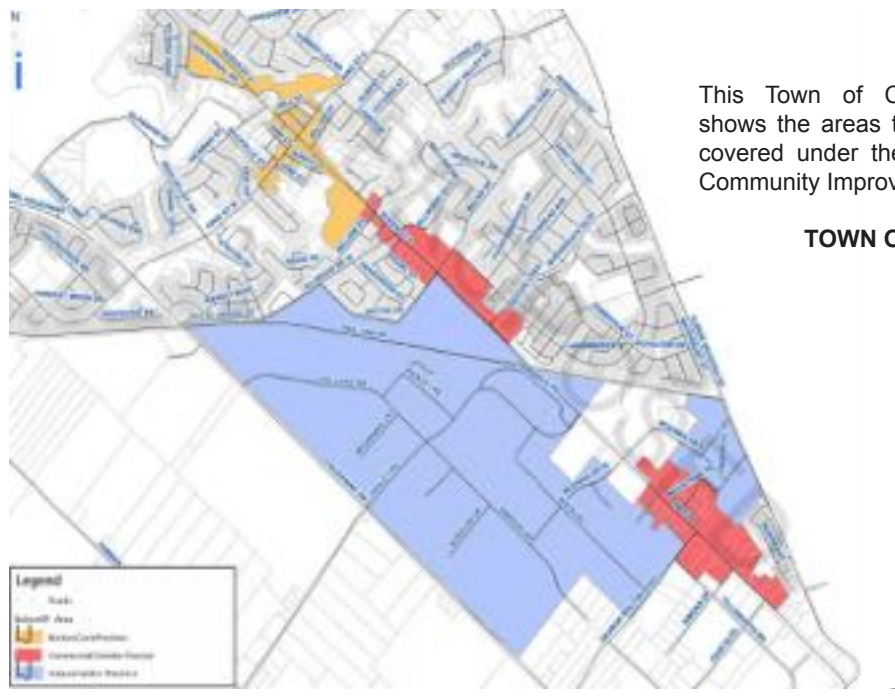
Please lead a team, walk, sponsor, volunteer or simply donate to support the urgent work of Caledon Community Services.

Please share warmth and compassion in the cold and the dark of the Coldest Night of the Year! Find out more and register at cnoy.org/caledon

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.
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This Town of Caledon map shows the areas that would be covered under the new Bolton Community Improvement Plan.

TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

Revitalization key in updated Bolton Community Improvement Plan

Continued from FRONT

A Bolton CIP was first adopted in 2009 and was meant to have a 10-year outlook. Since the plan was implemented, the Town has distributed more than $561,000 in grants to properties and businesses in the CIP area. There are three different CIP areas in Bolton: Bolton Core, Commercial Corridor, and Industrial Area. These can be seen on the map corresponding to this article.

Before submitting a report to Council, Town staff completed a full review and update of the existing CIP. Among key changes is a program to encourage properties deemed to be high priority to redevelop or be revitalized, as well as increased grant amounts available for two programs.

According to the staff report, the review of Bolton's CIP was recently done because "the 2020 Economic Development Strategy and the 2021 Downtown Bolton Revitalization Plan identify an update of the 2009 Bolton CIP as a key priority for the Town."

If passed by Council, there will be a variety of grants available through the CIP to eligible properties and businesses. For example, up to $14,500 could be available for facade improvement, up to $5,000 for signage upgrades, $15,000 for development charges, and $7,500 for property improvement.

According to the Town, the new CIP will be implemented over a 10-year period, and a review will be conducted after five years. The Town will develop a marketing strategy alongside the plan to ensure property and business owners know it's available.

The updated plan was enthusiastically supported by Council, and specifically so by those representing Bolton.

Regional Councillor, Wards 4, 5 and 6 Mario Russo said he wanted to thank Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa and Mayor Annette Groves for championing the Bolton CIP over the years, as well as Caledon's previous Council.

He said he'd be proud to support something with such a huge rate of return in the community, mentioning that 12 new businesses opening in Bolton during the pandemic is amazing.

"Huge kudos to economic development staff," he said.

Russo ended his remarks by stating perhaps other villages and hamlets could have similar plans, and that when he walks in Downtown Bolton he can really feel the improvements that have been made.

Groves said because of the Bolton CIP people are now proud of how Bolton looks, and echoed Russo in saying she'd like to see CIPs extended across the municipality.

Rosa thanked Town staff for their commitment to moving the CIP forward and said his community is ecstatic about Downtown Bolton improvements and are excited for more to come.

"If you build it they will come, and people are coming," said Rosa.

Council unanimously supported the staff report about the Bolton CIP, and it will be brought forward for a vote at a future Council meeting.



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"Thought-provoking" presentation on regeneration and bioregions coming to Caledon

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A speaker is coming to Caledon to give a presentation on regeneration in bioregions.

But what exactly does that mean? According to a report from former Toronto Mayor David Crombie, the Greater Toronto Bioregion (GTB) is "bounded by the Niagara Escarpment on the west, the Oak Ridges Moraine to the north and east, and Lake Ontario to the South."

That covers our bioregion, but what about regeneration? According to the speaker coming to Caledon, Joe Brewer, regeneration is about bringing things back to life — whether its ecosystems or communities.

Brewer has a background in earth sciences and cognitive sciences, and currently spends his time doing regenerative work in Columbia.

His event is called "Weaving Together the Bioregion for Regeneration: Land, Water, Food" and during his two-hour presentation, Brewer is going to be exploring how a bioregional approach to regeneration can create more meaningful impact for the wellbeing of people and the planet.

The event is being held on February 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Complex. Tickets are free, but guests are asked to register online by searching for the event on eventbrite.ca, so organizers can prepare for how many people are coming.

"Join us in exploring a thought-provoking new understanding of current local and global challenges, from regenerative practices for the stewardship of land to the effects of climate change," reads the event page. "You'll also learn how we can forge a pathway toward a better future in the Greater Tkaronto Bioregion (GTB), including ways we can have healthier soil and grow more food… this is about integrated landscape management/stewardship and healthier communities across the bioregion, from the ground up."

Debbe Crandall of Caledon's Mount Wolfe Farm said she's very excited to be attending the event for the educational opportunity it provides. She said she's excited to see the concepts of regeneration and bioregions being brought together.

Crandall said the event will be all about understanding that healing our environment will be a complex process. To move forward towards a better future, Crandall said we have to bring everyone together.

"There's a lot of threads that connect us culturally, environmentally, and socially," she said. "We are connected to this place, and we all have different disciplines and we all have different perspectives."

Much of the environmental work Crandall has done in her life has been about protecting what exists and stopping it from being destroyed. While this work is critical, she said it isn't always the most hopeful, and coming together with a hopeful approach will be beneficial.

"We know that things are (bad), we know. So, what are we going to do about it…," said Crandall. "I'm now interested in how to push the agenda forward."

People attending the event are asked to wear a mask. If someone registers for it beforehand but is unable to make it, they'll be given special access to a recording of the event.

Change comes ahead of "We Rise Together 2.0" Black Student Success Strategy Implementation

Continued from FRONT

Advocacy Peel, an independent multi-racial coalition of individuals and groups in the Peel region that advocates for a school system free of anti-Black and other forms of racism and discrimination, issued a statement in response to the Ministry's move, calling it unacceptable.

"Without a commitment to extend PDSB Director Rashmi Swarup's contract, Black community activists are not convinced the Trustees have the ability, capacity and will to comply with the Ministry Directives. Advocacy Peel knows that white supremacy never goes away on its own. Without strong anti-racist leadership at the Board, change will not happen…" reads the statement. "Many Peel residents are disappointed and feel betrayed because the Ministry never consulted with Black community representatives until after the decision was made."

There were 27 Ministry directives laid out for the PDSB to work on, and Rodrigues indicated in his report that work has been done or is being done on all 27. Examples of the directives include hiring an integrity commissioner, implementing an annual equity report card, establishing an equity office and superintendent of equity, establishing a student advisory committee that's representative of student body demographics, and developing an anti-racism policy.

Rodrigues' full report, which includes the directives and the work that's been done towards them, is available online on peelschools.org.

While work has been done on the directives, Advocacy Peel is not confident that work will continue now that supervision is complete.

"We see no evidence that the Trustees, left on their own, will continue to dismantle white supremacy and create equal opportunities for African, Black and Caribbean students," reads their statement.

Rodrigues said he invested "significant time and resources" to build the capacity of the PDSB Board of Trustees so they'd be able to "govern the PDSB in a manner that is accountable, transparent, respectful, and responsive to the issues and concerns of the communities it serves."

The Ministry's move comes at a time when the PDSB is set to launch "We Rise Together 2.0: Black Student Success Strategy." The Board is launching the strategy at a January 31 event in Mississauga at the HJA Brown Education Centre.

From 6 to 8:30 p.m. that evening, there will be dance and spoken word performances from students, student reflections, student art displays, and a panel discussion with graduation coaches.

At the event, there will be Steel Pan and Djembe drumming, and a catered meal. The event will be live-streamed and according to the board it's being held to "celebrate Black culture and highlight the Black Student Success Strategy with PDSB."

"We Rise Together 2.0: Black Student Success Strategy Implementation" (the strategy) is a five-year plan from 2022 to 2027 and was presented as a 49-page document at a December 8, 2022 PDSB Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee Meeting.

The strategy's goal is to lead systemic change to improve outcomes for African, Black, and Afro-Caribbean students.

There are six main focus areas in the strategy: Develop the knowledge and skills of Trustees and senior leaders to lead the implementation of this strategy; integrate the experiences of Black Canadians into the curriculum; foster anti-racist learning and working environments; continue engagement with the Black community; inspire and support Black student success; and hire and support more Black staff.

Along with the six focus areas are eight guiding principles, which the Board said guided the development of the strategy and will also guide its implementation. They are the following: Anti-Black Racism exists; the Education system is NOT neutral; dismantling Anti-Black racism is a collective responsibility; and an ongoing journey; there is an urgency to act now; the Board will hold itself accountable; complying with the Human Rights code is a priority; and system transformation requires community voice.

According to the PDSB, the success of the strategy's implementation will be measured continuously through the Equity Accountability Report Card, which was directive number nine from the Ministry of Education.

More information on the PDSB's plan to support Black students can be found at werisetogether.ca.

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Town hopeful outdoor ice rinks can open soon

Mild winter has shortened the outdoor skating season

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



The Valleywood community rink will be ready to go, as soon as weather permits. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Until recently, it's been too mild for much, if any, snow to stay on the ground this winter.

Unfortunately, this has meant it's also been too mild for Caledon's many outdoor community skating rinks to be operational.

According to Town of Caledon staff, as of January 23, none of the volunteer-maintained community rinks in Caledon have been able to open.

"The mild weather has made it difficult to create or maintain ice," said Randy Fee, a Communications Advisor with the Town. "However, looking at the forecast it's possible some could open over the next week or so."

However, the outdoor rink at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton is open and available for use. This rink has a refrigerated surface and is maintained by the Town, and as such is less dependent on the weather being cooperative.

The outdoor skating loop at John Clarkson Park in Southfields Village is also open and available for use for the same reason.

"We will provide updates on the status of our outdoor rinks as they become available for use on our Skating page at Caledon.ca/Skating," said Fee.

The Town of Caledon runs a program each year that helps residents build and maintain ice rinks in their community. The Town provides tarp and framing, helps build rinks, educates on ice maintenance, and coordinates with fire departments for initial rink floods.

Volunteers are planning to open rinks in the following communities as soon as weather permits: Alton, Caledon Village, Humberview Tennis Courts (Bolton), Inglewood and Mono Mills.

Volunteers are still needed for rinks planned in Valleywood, Caledon Village, and Palgrave.

Those interested in volunteering can email the Town at the following email address: recreation@caledon.ca.

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling ***(905) 857-6626*** *if you wish to have an announcement published.*

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 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is $59, and monthly dues are $20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. 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.

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Albion Bolton Historical Society. Meeting at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, room C, 2nd floor (elevator available) on Monday, February 13th at 7.30pm. Lifelong Wildfield resident Dan O'Reilly will recount family and village history. Annual 2023 membership $10. Guests fee per visit $5. Visit our website boltonhistory.com or call Nathan 905-584-2801.

The Peel Regional Aquarium Club (PRAC) welcomes new members! Do you have a fish tank or are interested in keeping fish, shrimp, snails or live plants? Join us monthly to learn more about the hobby, get tips from other hobbyists and participate in our mini monthly auctions! We meet in person on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please see our website for more details on speakers and location. www.peelaquariumclub.org

We encourage those attending to bring items to sell in our mini monthly auctions and a fish/plant or other aquatic species to show in our monthly bowl shows. This is great practise in learning how to show fish and practise judging as is done in the larger competitions. Join us in person!

February 15th 7-9pm

Speaker: Mitchel Dender

Mitch is a Fisheries Biologist with over 15 years of experience in the aquarium hobby. His talk will focus on Aquaponics and the system he has built at home! Mitch is the founder of For the Reef Apparel, selling apparel that is microplastics-free for the protection and restoration of coral reefs.

Location: Save Max Sports Centre (Youth Room) 1495 Sandalwood Pkwy E, Brampton, L6R 0K2

Email: peelaquariumexec@gmail.com

Powerhouse Stayner Siskins leading PJHL standings

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

With less than half of the regular season still to go, the Stayner Siskins remain in first place in the Provincial Junior Hockey League standings.

The Siskins are a powerhouse team this year. After 27 games, they have taken only one loss and are averaging almost six goals per game.

On defence, the Siskins have averaged 1.4 goals against per game for the season. Siskins goalie Nick Ciccarelli, is at the top of the PJHL stats with a goals-against average of 1.00 and four shut-outs on his record this season.

With 52 points recorded so far, the Stayner team is six points ahead of the second-place Alliston Hornets.

The Hornets have a 22-5-1 record including one overtime loss. The Alliston team took most of their losses early in the season and have improved as the year progressed.

The Hornets have beaten every team in the league this year, except the Siskins.

Hornets head coach Travis Chapman said the plan is to take each game as it comes.

"I think for us, our focus is more on what we're doing and how we're playing going into the playoffs," Chapman said. "Our job is to beat who's ever on the schedule ahead of us. We're not worried about who we have, and haven't beat yet."

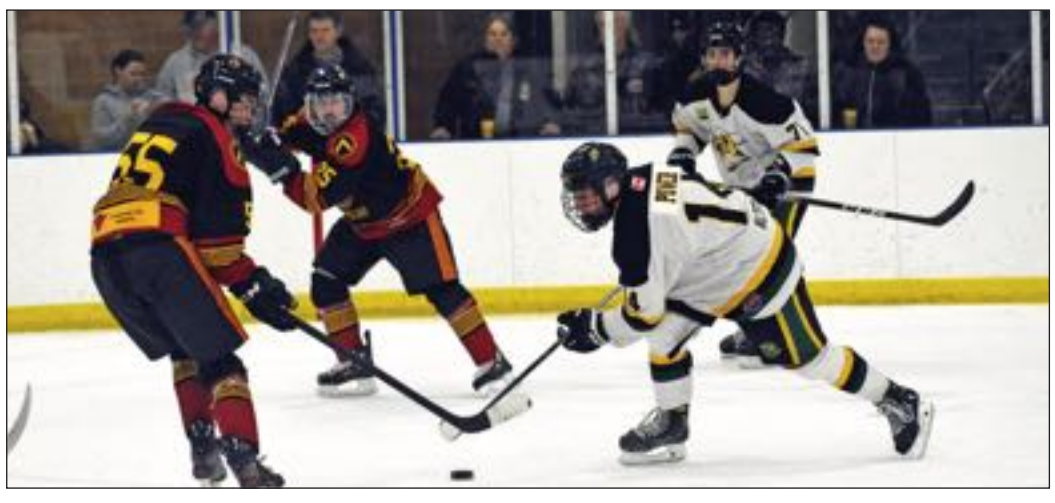
The Schomberg Cougars remain in third place – a spot they have been in for most of the season.

The Cougars have a 27-7-1 record including one overtime loss, and 36 points.

In the middle of the pack, the Innisfil Spartans, Orillia Terriers, and Huntsville Otters, are separated by seven points, and all three teams have losing records this year.

The Caledon Golden Hawks are in the number seven spot with 16 points, followed by the Midland Flyers, and the Penetang Kings.

There are five weeks left on the PJHL regular season schedule with the final game slated for March 3, before the teams head into the playoffs.



With five weeks left on the PJHL regular season schedule, the Stayner Siskins are maintaining first place in the league. Junior C hockey fans are looking forward to an exciting playoff series this year. PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

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Isabel Neubert, who was born and raised in Scotland, reads “Address to a Haggis” and cuts into the haggis at the Caledon Seniors Centre Burns lunch.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Scottish poet Robert Burns celebrated at Seniors Centre lunch

Haggis, bagpipes, and poetry featured at event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents toasted the life of Scottish poet Robert Burns at a special luncheon on Wednesday.

Burns, who’s widely regarded as Scotland’s national poet, was born on January 25 in the year 1759. Each year on January 25 “Burns suppers” are celebrated around the world. A main feature of these suppers is the piping in and cutting of the haggis, as well as the reading of Burns’ famous poem, “Address to a Haggis.”

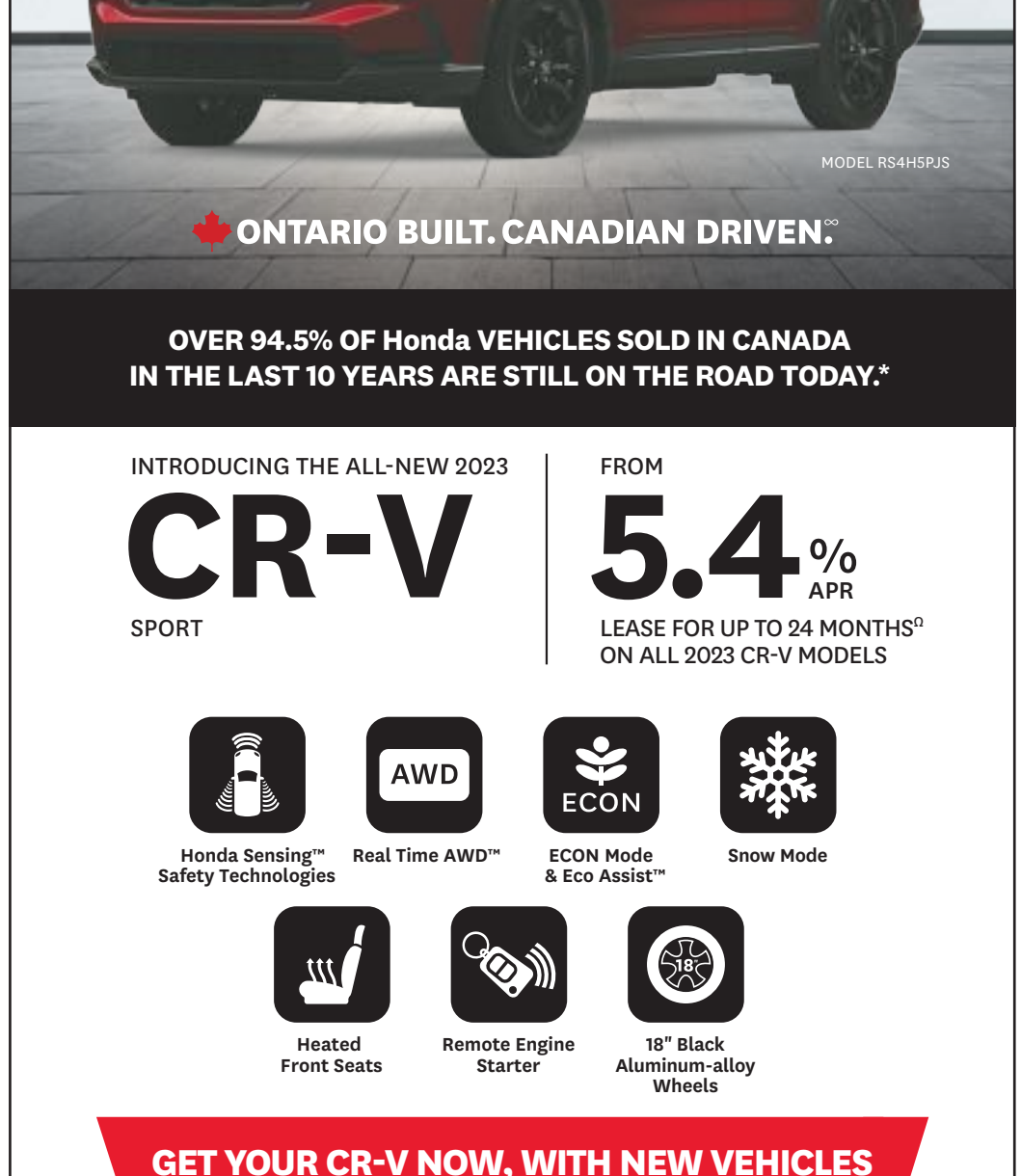
All of these things happened at the Caledon Seniors Centre’s Burns lunch on January 25, and following the reading of the poem, a toast was made to Burns and people dug into their meals. It was a great turnout for the lunch, with over 70 people in attendance and even more picking up lunch to go. It was a great chance for volunteers at the Seniors’ Centre to use the newly-renovated commercial kitchen to its full potential.

Isabel Neubert, Treasurer of the Caledon Seniors Centre Board, and was born and raised in Scotland before moving to Canada 41 years ago. She was the one who read “Address to a Haggis” to all those in attendance at the Burns Lunch, and made the ceremonial first cut into the haggis. Neubert and the bagpiper led the crowd in a toast with Scotch whisky.

Neubert said that a traditional Burns lunch features haggis, turnips, and potatoes. While haggis was served at the Burns lunch, there was also steak and ale pie for those who weren’t quite ready to try haggis.

“Not everyone likes it… It’s an acquired taste,” she said.

Neubert explained that Burns was a working man and a farmer, and that much of his poetry had to do with the nature he saw, and everyday life. She said another of Burns’ most famous poems is about a man who’s walking home drunk through a cemetery.







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- Receive the Annual Reports (Chair, President/CEO, Financial)
- Appoint Auditors
- Ratify the Acts of the Board of Directors
- Elect Directors (two Director positions for three year terms)

The Corporation's annual statement will be available on the Corporation's website (www.dufferinmutual.com) 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. A member of the Corporation may also obtain a copy by sending a written request to the Secretary of the Corporation at 802 Main Street East, Unit 4, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z5 at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Applications for a Director's position may be picked up, completed and returned to the Head Office of the Corporation at 802 Main Street East, Unit 4, Shelburne, Ontario L9V 2Z5. Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Corporation no later than the close of the business day, 4:30 p.m., February 17, 2023.

Two Candidates have qualified, as of this date, to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. John Stirk and John Scriver are currently qualified and endorsed by the nominating committee.

The Company By-Laws, including the portion of the By-Laws that relate to the Qualification of Directors, may be reviewed Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Head Office of the Corporation.

Frank Barretto
Chair

Edward Forbes
Corporate Secretary

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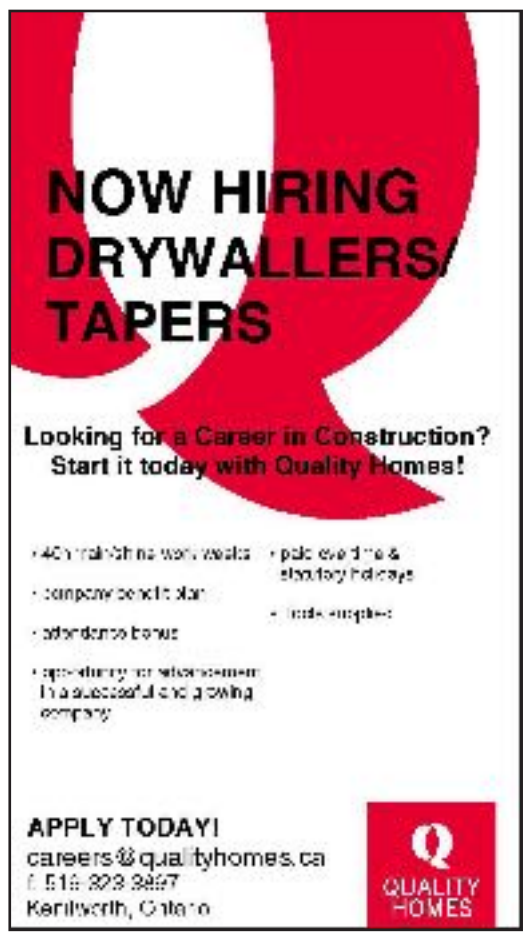
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Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society - Dufferin would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Lorraine in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

OBITUARIES

TOMS LANCE, BETTY

JULY 14 1950 – JANUARY 15 2023



Betty passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at Chapman House Hospice, Owen Sound on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at the age of 72.

She was the beloved wife of Wayne Lance and proud mom of Greg and Michael Toms. Survived by her sister Marg Ritchie (Harold).

Predeceased by her sister MaryLynn Cole. Betty is also survived by her Lance family, Rob (Leah), Austin, Caty and Ethan. Carrie-Anne (Ray), Ryan and Tyler.

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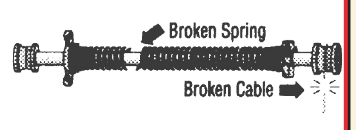
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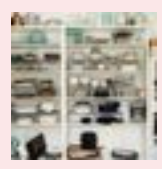
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Caledon's 2023 Tree Seedling Program has begun

Program gives residents affordable way to enhance their green spaces, fight climate change



Caledon's popular tree seedling program is returning in 2023, and the Town is offering a verified inventory of tree and shrub species for residents to purchase.

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BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Though we're in the thick of winter, spring will soon be just around the corner.

Caledon residents looking to add more trees and shrubs to their property, whether for beauty or to help save the environment, can now make orders online for the Town of Caledon's tree seedling program.

On January 13, the Town announced the opening of its online storefront for the program.

Residents, businesses, and even schools can place orders through the storefront. Trees, potted shrubs, bundled seedlings, and mulch mats are all available for purchase.

"Our Tree Seedling Program provides a great opportunity for residents to grow Caledon's tree canopy while maintaining or improving landscaping at an affordable price," said Mayor Annette Groves in a statement accompanying the announcement. "Since 2002, this program has distributed an estimated 194,000 trees to Caledon landowners and is a critical tool that supports Caledon's climate change initiatives."

In the media release, Town staff explained the program is intended to enhance green space, reduce the impacts of climate change, improve air quality, and help Caledon contribute to provincial tree planting goals.

A varied inventory of plant species has been prepared for Caledon residents this year.

Potted deciduous hardwood tree species available include: red oak, silver maple, sugar maple, red maple, red/silver cross maple, white birch, hackberry and tamarack. The Town noted that every purchase of a potted tree includes a tree protector at no extra charge.

Potted shrub species available for purchase include: ninebark, fragrant sumac, American hazelnut, red osier dogwood, serviceberry and eastern chokecherry. Coniferous softwood seedlings offered include white cedar, white pine, and white spruce. Finally, cocofibre mulch mats round out the inventory being offered by the Town.

Caledon's online tree seedling storefront can be found at caledon.ca/seedlings and orders will be accepted there until May 5. However, inventory is available on a first-come, first-served basis so those interested may want to consider placing an order sooner rather than later.

The Town said residents' orders will be ready for pickup on May 27, and more details about pickup day will be released closer to that date.

Residents who live on properties two acres in size or larger are eligible for special programs and planting services from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Credit Valley Conservation. More information about these programs can be found through links available on the Town of Caledon's website.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation reaches $700,000 match donation goal

BY PAULA BROWN
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Headwaters Health Care Foundation has reached their final fundraising goal.

The fundraising organization for Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) announced in a press release January 12 that their goal of raising $700,000 has been reached and will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Morningview Foundation.

"We are blown away by the generosity of our community," said K.C Carruthers, Headwaters Foundation CEO.

"The impact that this will have [will be] helping provide exceptional care and saving lives of those who turn to us every day for their health care needs. The Morningview Foundation has shown leadership that will have a long-lasting impact for a healthy tomorrow."

In November 2022, Headwaters Health Care Foundation challenged the Dufferin County community to help raise the funding goal throughout the holiday season. Headwaters received the final donation to push them over the $700,000 goal on January 10.

The fundraising goal is the largest match challenge for the hospital's foundation.

"We are delighted that the community was so generous during these tough times," said a representative of the Morningview Foundation. "It really shows how valuable Headwaters is to the patients and their loved ones and we are thrilled to have been a part of this impressive effort."

The government does not provide funding for all the medical equipment Headwaters health care team needs to provide care for the community close to home.

All gifts that were received through the match donation challenge will be used to purchase vital medical equipment and upgrades for the local hospital.

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