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Mayor Annette Groves and Councillors were all smiles on Saturday as the Caledon East Community Complex marked its grand re-opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and community celebration.

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Caledon East Community Complex's grand reopening attracts hundreds of residents

BY JIM STEWART

Hundreds of residents and dignitaries assembled at the Caledon East Community Complex on Saturday afternoon to witness the building's Grand Reopening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

A blue and gold balloon arch centered the event held outside the Complex's East exit.

Citizens young and old from Canada's rich multicultural mosaic were in attendance, many of whom vied for Mayor Annette Groves's attention and photo with the municipal leader who embodied the positive feeling created by a sun-drenched mid-September afternoon.

Mayor Groves cheerfully acknowledged the radiant late-summer sunshine that washed over the assembly by noting at the top of her address that, "The sun always shines in Caledon" and then she solemnly acknowledged the Indigenous Lands on which the Caledon East Community Complex is built.

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Councillors call for more information on Peel dissolution

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There has been a lack of updates on the dissolution of the Region of Peel, according to Mayor Annette Groves.

At Caledon Council's September 12 general committee meeting, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen put forward a motion asking for Town of Caledon CAO Nathan Hyde to update Council on the dissolution of Peel by October 10.

A lengthy discussion ensued once the motion was on the floor, with some Councillors sharing concerns about the lack of information available surrounding Peel's dissolution.

As a result of the Provincial Government's Hazel McCallion Act, Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga — which form the Region of Peel — are set to be independent municipalities as of January 1, 2025.

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(LEFT) Sherry Park won second prize at the 2023 Headwaters Arts Juried Art Show with her piece “Driving Toward the Sunrise”. (RIGHT) Lynne Mack (left) won third prize at the 2023 Headwaters Arts Juried Art Show with her piece “Circular Chaos”.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Great turnout for Headwaters Arts Fall Festival opening night gala

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local artists were celebrated at a recent event in Alton.

On September 14, Headwaters Arts held an opening night gala for its 27th annual Fall Festival, Juried Art Show and Sale.

All evening at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, guests enjoyed food, drinks, live music, and 80 pieces of art that were unveiled for the first time.

The first, second, and third prize winners of the Juried Art Show were announced during the gala.

Susan Powell, Head of Marketing for the non-profit Headwaters Arts, said in 2023 no specific theme was put on the show, so as to give artists maximum freedom of expression.

Powell said the opening night gala was a success thanks to the hard work of Headwaters Arts volunteers, board members and staff.

Lynne Mack was the third prize winner at the show for her crocheted piece called “Circular Chaos”.

She said she’s been creating art as long as she can remember, dabbling in various mediums over the years. Mack said knitting and crochet ended up as her favourites; she loves how portable they are.

Mack said “Circular Chaos” consists of 23,500 stitches and took her between two and three months to make.

She said she loves coming to the Alton Mill Arts Centre as everyone is very friendly and it’s a beautiful space. Mack said she was not expecting to win an award at the opening night gala and was pleasantly surprised when she found out she did.

Sherry Park was the second prize winner at the opening night gala, with her oil painting titled “Driving Toward the Sunrise”.

“I was surprised and happy,” said Park of learning she’d won second prize.

Park said she loves painting in a realistic style.

There are still more events to come in the Headwaters Arts Fall Festival.

On September 22, The Campfire Poets will play a concert in the Annex Courtyard at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

On September 24, again in the Annex Courtyard, there will be an author’s afternoon with readings and discussion with local authors.

Tickets for these two events are $35 and are available online at headwatersarts.org.

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*** *or emailing* ***admin@caledoncitizen.com*** *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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Town forges new partnership with Caledon Chamber of Commerce

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon and Caledon Chamber of Commerce have implemented a new partnership strategy, with the goal of helping local businesses succeed.

At Caledon Council’s September 12 General Committee meeting, a staff report outlining the partnership strategy was brought forward by Amanda St. John, Caledon’s Manager of Business Attraction and Investment.

Mayor Annette Groves said the report was “good news” and demonstrates the benefits of working collaboratively.

“This is long overdue… assisting the Chamber in supporting local businesses is great,” said Groves.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said he’s pleased to see the partnership moving forward. He thanked the local business owners who make up the Chamber’s volunteer Board of Directors for their effort.

“This is a step in the right direction,” said Rosa, noting he’s excited for the Chamber to have a space to work at the Humber River Centre in Bolton, which is opening soon.

Regional Councillor Christina Early said she wanted to thank Rosa, who she said worked very hard to re-establish a partnership between the Town and Chamber.

The Town of Caledon and Caledon Chamber of Commerce’s partnership strategy will see the parties enter into a lease agreement for dedicated use of Humber River Centre office space.

For two years, as the Chamber gets established, the office space will come at a subsidized rate. The Town will help the Chamber deliver business services at the Humber River Centre.

The Caledon Chamber of Commerce relaunched in 2021 and is currently focused on offering business support services and networking opportunities to the Caledon business community.

The Chamber also undertakes advocacy efforts on behalf of the Caledon business community.

In her report, St. John said the Chamber is an important community partner and complements services the Town of Caledon provides.





Brampton Transit to expand service into Bolton next year

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Bolton residents will soon have new public transit options available to them.

At Caledon Council's September 12 general committee meeting, Council approved a recommendation from Caledon's Manager of Transportation Engineering, Arash Olia.

Olia recommended that Brampton Transit be contracted to provide local transit for Bolton residents, beginning in Spring 2024. Voyago, which currently provides transit in Bolton, will continue to provide service until then.

The new transit service will run for 10 hours per day, including trips at peak times in the morning and evening and a new midday service. Buses will go from Columbia Way to Mayfield Road on Highway 50. A loop between Highway 50 and Coleraine Drive will be added during peak periods.

Council first asked Town staff to explore expanding Brampton Transit to Bolton in 2022.

"Leveraging Brampton Transit to service the community of Bolton brings several significant customer-focused benefits, such as PRESTO Electronic Fare Payment, fare integration and free transit among major transit agencies across GTA, one-stop customer service, and integrated trip planning throughout the GTA," said Olia in the report.

Olia said working with adjacent municipalities like Brampton on transit helps make trips more convenient and affordable for commuters. He said it removes duplication and allows for more efficient use of resources.

The Town of Caledon will pay operating costs for the new transit service, which are estimated at $320,000 per year. Caledon plans to use some of its Provincial Gas Tax revenue to support the service. Fare revenues from riders on the new service will be credited to the Town and are estimated to be around $54,000 per year.

Olia said the Town of Caledon and Brampton Transit are going to be launching a robust marketing campaign to inform people of the new transit service.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said the new transit service in Bolton will serve the community well. He asked when there might be an evaluation of the service, to which Olia replied there will be quarterly assessments on measures like ridership.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said he hopes Caledon continues to expand its partnership with Brampton Transit.

"This not only helps residents but helps businesses looking to meet their staffing needs," said Russo.

Regional Councillor Christina Early said getting more transit in the south of Caledon is critical.

"This is a huge win for Bolton," said Early.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa shared his idea that the Town should visit places like the Caledon Seniors Centre and local high schools where there are a large number of potential riders, and share information about the new transit service.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION

Members of the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in connection to a drug trafficking investigation.

"In August 2023, the Caledon CSCU entered into a drug trafficking investigation," say Police. "Investigators use a variety of investigative techniques and were assisted by multiple CSCUs, including Orillia, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Collingwood. Search warrants were executed at two locations and a vehicle."

As a result of the investigation, Nathaniel Bryan, 27, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Trafficking in a Schedule I substance – Fentanyl;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – Fentanyl;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of trafficking- Cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of trafficking – Methamphetamine;
- Fail to Comply with Release Order;
- Possession of Proceeds of Property Obtained by Crime;
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- Flight from Police.

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is ongoing. For anyone with information, please contact Caledon OPP by calling 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a shooting incident.

"On September 13, 2023, shortly after 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting in front of a residence on McCormack Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "No injuries were sustained as a result of the incident. The suspect was observed leaving the area using a white vehicle."

This investigation is ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit.

Anyone with information and/or surveillance/dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP by calling 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

SERIOUS COLLISION

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious collision on Highway 9.

"On September 14, 2023, shortly after 8:00 a.m., officers responded to a three-vehicle collision on Highway 9 at Mount Wolfe Road," say Police. "The incident predominantly involved a passenger vehicle and a transport truck. The driver of the transport truck sustained serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported by land at a Toronto-area trauma centre.

"Highway 9 between Highway 50 and Tottenham Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation. The investigation is ongoing."

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

MULTIPLE CHARGES FOLLOWING R.I.D.E. SPOT CHECK

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges in relation to a vehicle that failed to stop at a RIDE spot check.

"On September 13, 2023, shortly after 8:00 p.m., officers were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) initiative on the Highway 410 off ramp to Valleywood Boulevard," say Police. "At that time, a vehicle entered the area and met with officers. While being questioned since an alcoholic beverage was observed in the middle console, the driver put the vehicle in motion and fled the scene. The accused was later arrested at his residence."

As a result of the investigation, a 63-year-old male from Caledon was charged with:

- Flight from Peace Officer;
- Operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code;
- Dangerous operation;
- Driving while under suspension;
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

"Although the OPP runs its annual Festive RIDE campaign, RIDE spot checks are conducted throughout the year, 24/7. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may save a life."

"SAFE ON TEN" INITIATIVE

Several Detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted a road safety initiative with a focus on speeding and aggressive driving behaviours.

The initiative ran September 13, and 14, 2023. Officers from Dufferin, Caledon, and Grey County OPP detachments, as well as the Central Region Traffic Incident Management Enforcement team supported by OPP Aerial Support Unit participated.

"The Hwy 10 corridor runs for approximately 137 km, stretching from Brampton in the South to Owen Sound in the North. It is primarily an undivided two-way highway and is a major hub for commuters in Ontario," say Police. "Over the past few years there has been a noticeable rise in motor vehicle collisions involving property damage and personal injury along this corridor. Aside from the volume of collisions increasing, the severity of collisions that take place on Highway 10 and other similar secondary highways is a significant factor.

"This initiative was intended to raise awareness amongst motorist in relation to the inherent dangers involved in operating a motor vehicle on a secondary highway, such as intersection related and head on collisions. To date there has been a total of 283 Motor Vehicle Collisions on Highway 10, with 40 of them involving injuries and two resulting in fatalities. The main goal during this initiative was to ensure the safety of all commuters using Highway 10, as well as educate through enforcement to increase awareness."

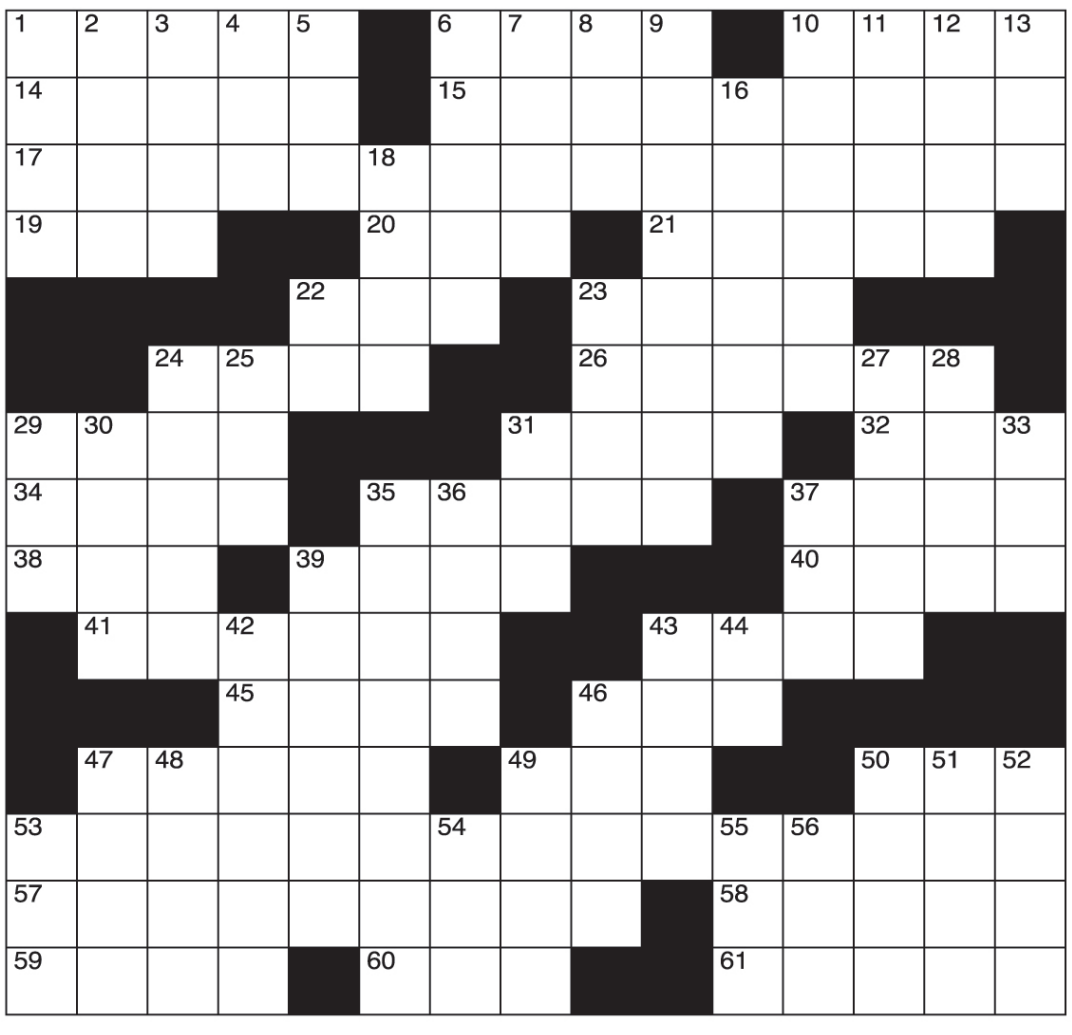
This initiative concentrated on the entire length of Highway 10, and involved three OPP Detachments, Caledon, Dufferin, Grey County, and was Central Region Traffic Incident Management Enforcement team supported by OPP Aerial Support Unit.

Police would like to thank the majority of road users that obey laws and assist in keeping our roads safe. "Thank you as well to our hard-working officers who will be working all weekend to keep our community safe."



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1. Type of cat
6. Weaponry
10. Western Christian Church service
14. Significant eruption of pustules
15. Baltic nation
17. Start of American holiday season
19. Unhappy
20. Maintains possession of
21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
22. Mountain pass
23. Vestments
24. Type of dish
26. Escaped quickly
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Wings
32. Political action committee
34. Touches lightly
35. Stood back from
37. Philippine Island
38. Popular winter activity
39. Type of amine
40. Small freshwater duck
41. Filled with love
43. Without (French)
45. Vetch
46. Swiss river
47. Describes a sound
49. Sign language
50. Hair product
53. Have surgery
57. Quality of being imaginary
58. Far-right German party
59. Drove
60. Former French coin of low value
61. Hard, durable timbers

CLUES DOWN

1. Body art
2. Middle East military title
3. Actor Pitt
4. Container
5. Speak incessantly
6. Relating to algae
7. Jacob __, journalist
8. Rock TV channel
9. Boat's cargo
10. Most wise
11. Within
12. Chinese industrial city
13. Scotland's longest river
16. Not capable
18. Footwear
22. Savings account
23. Capable
24. Vaccine developer
25. Tax collector
27. Fencing swords
28. Native religion in China
29. Promotional materials
30. A shot in a film production
31. Afflict in mind or body
33. A passage with access only at one end
35. Breathing devices
36. Employ for wages
37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
39. Popular Boston song
42. Made amends
43. Selling at specially reduced prices
44. Atomic #18
46. With fireplace residue
47. Unleavened cornbread
48. Draw out
49. Southwestern Alaska island
50. Where the Pyramids are
51. People of Nigeria
52. Smaller quantity
53. Destroy the inside of
54. City
55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
56. No (Scottish)

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



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Second annual Motionball Caledon event raises over $15,000

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Caledon residents enjoyed a day full of sports and fun while supporting Special Olympics last weekend.

On September 16, the second annual Motionball Caledon event was held at Edelweiss Park in Bolton.

Motionball, a national non-profit, raises money for Special Olympics across Canada with social and sporting events. A local volunteer team puts together the Motionball Caledon event.

In 2023, over $15,000 was raised by those in attendance at Motionball Caledon. There were over 20 Special Olympics athletes participating across the different teams in the event.

Caledon resident Lucrezia Chiappetta, co-chair of ecoCaledon, became involved with Motionball Caledon this year and said the event started with a celebration of the Special Olympics athletes.

Mayor Annette Groves, Regional Councillors Mario Russo and Christina Early, and councillors Tony Rosa and Cosimo Napoli were all in attendance.

Groves spoke to the crowd about the importance of Special Olympics and shared words of encouragement for the Special Olympics athletes to kick off the day.

Three sports were played in the morning, followed by a lunch break, then three more were played in the afternoon.

Sports included soccer, football, cornhole and bocce.

"It was so nice to see how well the teams got along and how encouraging they were to their Special Olympics athletes," said Chiappetta. "You could see it on their faces, how much fun everyone was having."

There was also a station at the event where participants could learn about the #NoGoodWay campaign, which aims to end the use of the R-word in Canada.

Chiappetta said organizers hope to keep growing Motionball Caledon and that many people have already committed to coming back for the 2024 edition of the event.

"Many people that I encouraged to register… to talk to them after and hear how grateful they were to be able to participate and how much fun they had, it was really heartwarming for me," said Chiappetta.

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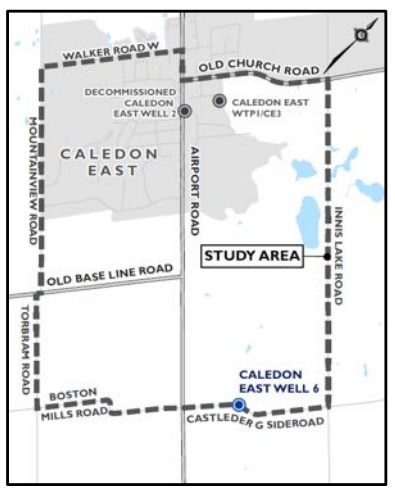
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Background

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

A new municipal well on the north side Castlederg Road, just east of Airport Road, referred to as Caledon East Well #6 was developed in 2020 as a supplementary source of supply alternative for the system, (new well location, CE6, shown in adjacent map) and is considered in the Class EA study.



Class EA Study Process

The Class EA study is being conducted according to the requirements of a Schedule 'C' project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (March 2023). The study includes an evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the required works/infrastructure, development of measures to reduce potential impacts, as well as public and regulator consultation.

Public Information Centre (PIC)

A first PIC session was held virtually on the Region's webpage (https://www.peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/caledon/revised-project-name.asp) from May 23 to June 10, 2022. The first PIC introduced the project, presented the decision-making process, the preliminary alternatives under consideration, and the preferred alternative recommended for further examination. The PIC material is available for review on the webpage.

A second PIC session is scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, October 4th, 2023
Time: 4 to 7 p.m.
Location: Caledon East Community Complex.
6215 Old Church Rd, Caledon East

The purpose of the second PIC is to present the preliminary recommendations of the Class EA study, including results of the evaluation process, and potential anticipated impacts and recommended mitigation measures. The second PIC will also provide an additional opportunity to gather feedback on the project and the preliminary recommendations of the Class EA study.

Peel staff members and the consulting team, CIMA+, will be available to provide details on the project and discuss your comments/questions. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide your comments. Comments received through the course of the study will be considered before a final decision is made.

Anyone who wishes to comment on or to be involved in this Municipal Class EA study should indicate their interest, preferably in writing to either of the project team members listed below:

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Sandra Rodriguez
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The Notice of Public information Centre #2 was first issued on **September 21, 2023**.

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

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Peel seeing "dramatic rise" in asylum claimants requiring emergency shelter

Shelter system currently operating at 247 per cent occupancy

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Rising levels of global unrest have led to an unprecedented increase in the number of asylum claimants in need of support in Peel.

At Region of Peel Council's September 14 meeting, Peel's Commissioner of Human Services, Sean Baird, brought forward a report outlining the scope of the issue. The report was authored by Peel's Manager of Housing Services, Leslie Moreau.

The report said Peel's shelter system is currently operating at 247 per cent capacity. It added that 57 per cent of shelter occupants were asylum claimants.

The Region said its shelter system has always been used to temporarily house asylum claimants; however, historically asylum claimants have accounted for about five per cent of shelter occupants.

As of August 27, 730 asylum claimants were residing in Peel's shelter overflow hotels. Another 16 were camped outdoors waiting for assistance.

Moreau's report said Peel started to see a sharp increase in asylum claimants in need of shelter this Spring.

According to the report, Peel is preparing a claim for funding from the Federal Government's Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP) to assist with the cost of running its shelters.

Region of Peel staff estimate its shelter system costs are currently $2.5 million per month and estimate a 2023 shelter system cost of $15 million.

"Staff will also work with community partners to design a sustainable model for sheltering asylum claimants in 2024, continuing to advocate to the federal and provincial governments for required funding," said Moreau in the report.

Peel submitted its IHAP claim on July 28 and is expecting to see money to help with its shelter system early next year.

Moreau's report said Peel's shelter system was not set up to house people from other countries fleeing war, violence, and persecution.

"A more appropriate, sustainable, and trauma-informed program is required, separate and apart from the shelter system to better meet the needs of this growing population," the report found.

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown said he's worried about asylum claimants being turned away from shelters due to overcrowding, especially as winter approaches.

Region of Peel CAO Gary Kent said he has a people first approach and that people need to be taken care of. He said he's been advocating for more funding, especially after seeing Toronto get some additional funding to support asylum claimants.

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie said she'll be pressuring the Provincial and Federal governments for funding to assist Peel.

"It is a very serious problem and I hope we can come to a resolution soon," said Crombie.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves sent a letter about the asylum claimant response that was received by Region of Peel Council on September 14.

In it, she said Peel is not getting its fair share of federal funding to help with its shelter system.

"I commend regional staff and our community support agencies who are on the front lines doing all they can to process the refugees as efficiently and compassionately as possible," said Groves.

Groves said she supports Peel's request for funding from the Federal Government.

Region of Peel staff plan to bring another update on asylum claimants to Council in October.

Mayor says Brampton wants to expand, take land in south of Caledon

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A transition team was appointed to manage this municipal changeup on July 5, 2023.

Groves said the transition team has yet to request a meeting with any of the Peel municipalities' Councillors. She said it has only requested meetings with heads of Council and CAOs.

"At this point if there was any information to report (I would have reported it)," said Groves. "Things are still very preliminary… the transition team is trying to figure it out themselves."

Groves said Caledon should not complicate the transition process nor show its hand at the negotiation table.

"If we are not careful… Brampton is looking to take a lot of Caledon's land [in] the south end of Caledon," said Groves. "My job is to make sure that doesn't happen."

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer said if Brampton wants to take land in the south of Caledon, Council should take a formal position against it. He said all Councillors deserve a chance to defend Caledon's interests, not just the Mayor and CAO.

de Boer said having regular updates on the transition process from Groves and Hyde at Council meetings would be beneficial. He said Council should work together and have a unified position that Groves and Hyde can take to the transition team.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said the information Groves shared at the September 12 meeting was the most she had received on the transition to date.

She said even if an update is "nothing to report yet" residents still deserve to know what is going on. Kiernan said democracy requires an informed public and residents in her ward want to know what is going on with Peel's dissolution.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said he brought his motion forward because he and his residents felt out of the loop. He said people ask him every day about the dissolution of Peel.

Sheen said in the spirit of communication, he wanted to schedule an update from Hyde on the transition. He said he doesn't care how the update is provided, so long as all members of Council get the same information at the same time.

Sheen said in the absence of good communication, people fill in the blanks and rumours take over.

Hyde said Council does not need to tell staff to bring updates to Council; that it is staff's job to do so. He said staff will bring frequent updates to Council and the community on the transition process as it moves forward.

de Boer said as the point of Sheen's motion was understood by staff, the motion should be referred back to staff. Council supported the referral.

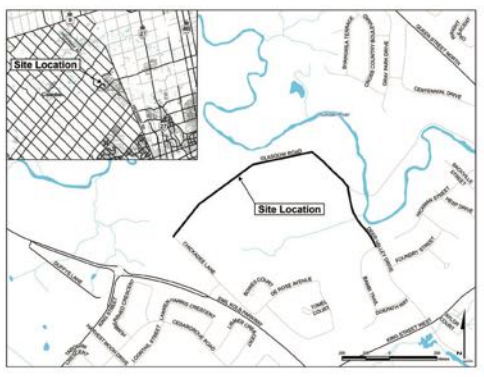


PUBLIC NOTICE

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

GLASGOW ROAD FROM CHICKADEE LANE TO DEER VALLEY DRIVE AND DEER VALLEY DRIVE TO BAMBI TRAIL

THE STUDY



In response to continued population growth and increased wear and tear on existing infrastructure through increased traffic, development, new infrastructure, and increased expectations as to the type and quality of services the Town provides, the Town of Caledon has identified the need for improvements to Glasgow Road, from Chickadee Lane to Deer Valley Drive. Through subsequent review of the original study area and discussions with the Town, the study area and limits of the preliminary design have been extended to include an additional 300 m of Deer Valley Drive, from Glasgow Road to Bambi Trail, to address a missing link in the Town's active transportation network. The active transportation facility will provide better pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, enhance bicycle and pedestrian travel, and ultimately improve livability in communities.

The project was initiated as a Schedule "A+" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, however, has since been elevated to a Schedule "B" project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). As such, public and technical agency consultation will play a key role in developing the study recommendations. The purpose of this Schedule "B" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is to identify the required improvements to the roadway, enhance safety, improve traffic operations, and better accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The purpose of this notice is to invite interested stakeholders to participate in an online Public Information Centre (PIC) #2. A notice was previously sent on January 12th, 2023 to provide notification of Public Information Centre #1 that was held in January 2023.

We invite you to join us for an Online Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 via WebEx webinar. The webinar will allow the project team to share information and receive input from the public on the study to date, including the problem / opportunity, existing conditions, and the recommended plan. The PIC material will be made available for review and comment from September 21st to October 23rd, 2023.

To listen to the Meeting, you may call 1-416-216-5643, Meeting Access Code: 2633 593 1494

To watch the meeting through WebEx online and to learn more about the project, visit:
caledon.ca/en/news/glasgow-road-environmental-assessment.aspx

Meeting date: Thursday, September 21, 2023
Time: 6 – 7 p.m. | Presentation to commence at 6:10 pm
and question-and-answer period to follow.

Anyone unavailable to attend the virtual meeting, a recording of the PIC presentation will be made available for review following the meeting.

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This notice was first issued Thursday, September 7th and 14th, 2023.

Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

12148 Albion Vaughan Road

Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

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

File Numbers: POPA 2021-0001 and RZ 2021-0003



**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.*

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 Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments regarding the proposed application(s) or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. Although registration is not mandatory, members of the public are encouraged to complete the Participation Request Form, available at **caledon.ca/speak-at-council**
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.

You can also ask questions or provide comments by:

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

APPLICANT :
KLM Planning Partners Inc. on behalf of Giuseppe Scena and Albion-Vaughan (12148) Inc.

LOCATION:
12148 Albion Vaughan Road.
Part Lot 1, Concession 7 (ALB), designated as Parts 23 and 24 on Plan 43R-3146
West side of Albion Vaughan Road, north of Mayfield Road, Bolton.

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PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for Official Plan Amendment (POPA 2021-0001) and Zoning By-law Amendment (RZ 2021-0003) applications to facilitate the development of one seven (7) storey apartment tower and one six (6) storey apartment tower on a shared two (2) storey podium. The development is proposed to be serviced by municipal water and wastewater services and includes a total of 265 residential units. The Official Plan Amendment proposes to redesignate the lands from Special Residential to High Density Residential and Environmental Policy Area. The Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to rezone the subject property from Rural Residential (RR) to Multiple Residential – Exception XXX (RM-XXX) with site specific permissions and Environmental Policy Area 1 (EPA1).

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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 and/or Zoning By-law Amendment, additional information and material, please visit caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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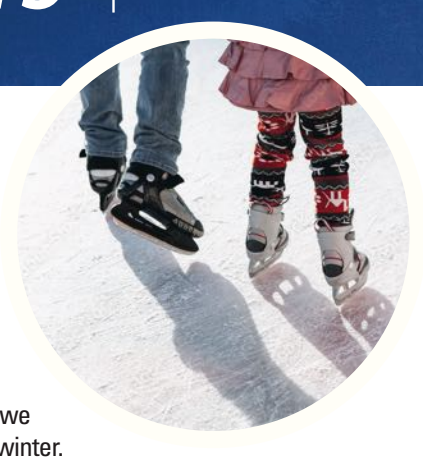
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Notice Date: September 21, 2023

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Volunteers Needed for Community Rinks

Skating is a favourite pastime for many of our residents, and we need your help to provide outdoor skating opportunities this winter.

We're looking for volunteers to support several community rinks around town. You will be responsible for maintaining the ice surface from during the winter months (weather dependent) and communicating with a Town-appointed liaison on the status of the rink throughout the season.

Volunteers are needed for the following community rinks:

- Inglewood Community Rink
- Alton Community Rink
- Valleywood Community Rink
- Mono Mills Community Rink
- Caledon Village Rink
- Palgrave Community Rink
- Humberview Secondary School

Interested in volunteering? Contact recreation@caledon.ca by October 31, 2023.

For more details on our community rinks visit **caledon.ca/skating**

Watch Movies in the Park

Join us at the Caledon Fairgrounds in Caledon Village on Friday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy our feature film under the stars. Bring a lawn chair and blanket or enjoy the film drive-in style. See you there!



Community Tree Planting



Join our Community Tree Planting event and help expand Caledon's green spaces. Join us at Foundry Park in Bolton on October 1 at 10:30 a.m. All equipment will be provided. For more information, visit **caledon.ca/energyandenvironment**.

Funding for Community Organizations

Is your not-for-profit community organization planning an event or working on a new project in 2024 that will enrich the lives of Caledon residents? Does your organization support activities that serve our community throughout the year?

You may qualify to receive funding through the Town's Municipal Agriculture Communities Grant (MACG) Program.

Caledon.ca/MACG
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Deadline for submissions:
October 20, 2023



BROCK WEIR
BROCK'S BANTER

Keeping us on our toes

I didn't always want to be a journalist.

My Grade 8 graduating yearbook, for instance, immortalizes a snapshot in time in which I wanted to be an archaeologist.

The origins of this dream – unlike so many of the priceless artefacts uncovered by the people who chased, followed and succeeded in this dream – have been lost to the sands, mists, and otherwise shifting soils of time.

Maybe it was an Indiana Jones obsession I've now forgotten about.

Maybe it was the countless "documentaries" (and I think it's fair to use that term pretty loosely) that were a hallmark of CITY-TV in the mid-1990s to mid-2000s that sealed the deal. After all, in a recent excavation of my basement, I've found several such programs I evidently felt prudent to commit to VHS tape, everything ranging from the secrets contained behind the blocks of Egypt's pyramids, the search for Cleopatra's tomb, the hunt for Atlantis, and even submarine missions down to the Titanic's wreckage.

Regardless of its origins, it was a dream that I held close to my heart for many of my formative years, before my goal posts suddenly shifted towards journalism.

My father, who studied journalism in the heady days 1960s before going out in the field to ply his craft in media outlets that once published under the Maclean-Hunter banner, might want to take some of the credit for this gear-change. Maybe there's a kernel of truth there that I'm yet to find, but the truth of the matter is, it simply dawned on me that such a career would be the perfect way to marry my interest in current events with a passion for writing.

It was a goal which, from that point, was more or less set in stone but, for a good long while, there were few opportunities to practice.

Preparing for Grade 9, an information session in August of 1999 opened my eyes to some of the possibilities that were out there. Among the extra-curriculars promoted by guidance counsellors and what seemed at the time to be impossibly mature soon-to-be-Grade 12 students was the possibility of writing for our student newspaper, the supposedly venerable The Forum.

That helped me get over my fears of leaving behind elementary school for the big leagues, but the reality was a different story.

Despite the best efforts of teachers and those students in Grade 12 and OAC (yes, this was indeed some time ago) who were leading the club, we were lucky if we were able to get out two issues a year; and they were hardly newspapers you could open up and pore over. We had to make due with a few pages of 8.5x11 stapled haphazardly in the top left corner.

We were hardly a threat to any media outlet before or since, but despite the experience being nowhere near what I imagined, it was a start, and a good opportunity to practice and grow.

But, just a year or two later, another opportunity came knocking.

My local paper was looking for new student writers for their monthly At the Schools section.

The idea behind the section was to highlight the unique voices of high school students, allow them to scratch the surface of their school environment, and report on the issues that mattered to them and their peers.

I can't remember the specifics behind the application process, but what I do remember is the excitement I felt when presented with the possibility and the even greater excitement that percolated to the surface when I realized that, whatever the application entailed, I had made the cut.

I could feel the proverbial butterflies as my dad drove me down from Newmarket to our first editorial meeting in a board room incongruously located near the back entrance of Hillcrest Mall, and they were fluttering something fierce when I took my seat at the table with my new volunteer colleagues.

Then it was time to make my pitch – a look at some of the programs that were in place for students with intellectual disabilities to learn and acquire practical skills and what was then a dearth of opportunities for them within the community once they aged out of high school programs in their early 20s. (Thankfully those days are long gone as parents and advocates since stepped up to fill what was nothing short of a canyon-sized gap in the system!)

As I wrote that story, I couldn't help but think a lot had transpired since my face first appeared in Metroland's Newmarket Era, then known as The Era-Banner, serving the communities of both Newmarket and Aurora, being given a helping hand by my mom as I walked along a pommel horse in a gymnastics program for toddlers!

And so it was: my first chance to see my byline in print, an instance never to be forgotten.

While I pursued journalism at university, my working career took a bit of a side-quest before a permanent opportunity to ply my trade in my new hometown came about. I found myself working at an independent newspaper seated alongside the reporters my name appeared alongside once-upon-a-time, now as colleagues, friendly rivals (I hope), united in the effort to train our respective and unique journalistic lenses on many of the same subjects, people, and events that make our communities "home" to so many people.

For better or worse; and over the years there has been plenty of both.

I'm a firm believer in the old adage that a rising tide floats all boats, particularly when it comes to the state of journalism, and there was no satisfaction to be taken in Friday's announcement that Metroland had gone into bankruptcy protection and would cease publication of a print edition effective September 14.

In many cases, these newspapers were part of the very fabric of our communities, some serving our towns for more than 150 years. As far as the people they employed, some were nearing 40 or even 50 years with their fingers on the pulse of the place we call home.

As much as we journalists prefer to relay the news rather than BE the news, these tireless reporters should be celebrated for their tireless work.

As a colleague, you welcomed me to the table as an equal, however callow; as competitors, you kept us on our toes; as veterans of our business, you deserved better – and I, for one, must say thank you.



ADVERTISING LOCALLY WORKS!



Let's spread the concept of long-living "blue zones"

by Mark Pavilons



The key to longevity, according to Carl Reiner, is to interact with other people.

Turns out he was right. And comedian George Burns, who made it to 100, once said the key to longevity is avoiding stress, worry and tension.

Turns out he was right, too.

The Dalai Lama contends that a long life depends on kindness and a good heart.

He is likely right as well.

I recently watched a short documentary on "Blue Zones," specific hot spots around the world where people routinely live to be centenarians. They don't only live long, but are active, spry, mentally agile and have no health issues.

Too good to be true?

"Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones" takes viewers around the world to investigate the diet and lifestyles of those living the longest lives. Explore the original blue zones, be immersed in their culture and lifestyles, and see how Blue Zones is applying the research in communities across North America.

In the early 2000s, Dan Buettner collaborated with National Geographic to reverse-engineer a formula for longevity. He scoured the globe for years in pursuit of places where people live much longer than average, and the concept of blue zones came to fruition. To date, the expeditions unveiled Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Ikaria, Greece; Nicoya, Costa Rica; and Loma Linda, California, as blue zones with the highest rates of living centenarians. These five spots share some similar elements – a plant-based diet, natural movement, and putting family first – that have been proven to promote longevity and health in residents.

It's a must-watch documentary and dives into one the Blue Zones around the globe – the Italian mountain villages of Sardinia; Japan's famous Okinawan people, the family and wine-oriented Greek Ikarians; the farmers of Costa Rica's Nicoya region; the tight-knit Seventh Day Adventists in Loma Linda, and the surprising rise of centenarians in Singapore.

There is no one simple answer. It's a combination of diet, exercise, simplicity, and yes, little to no stress or anxiety. Our species has been searching for the proverbial fountain of youth for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years. And what, my friends, would we do with immorality exactly?

Buettner, in his travels, created a chart that indicated all the right ingredients that perpetuated longevity. They include a sense of belonging and connection to others; a plant-based diet; a sense of purpose; physically moving naturally; having a positive outlook and overall just eating wisely. And let's not forget the wine, and a strong faith. Some people right here have right idea. Going for walks in the neighbourhood or on the trails.

Enjoying community activities, volunteering, gathering at special events. And drinking wine, well that goes without saying.

I have attended many events in King where the room is filled with kind people, chatting, laughing and enjoying a great "farm to table" meal. It just doesn't get any better than that.

One city caught my attention in the documentary – Singapore. Its residents have the highest life expectancy in the world at 81.4 and 85.7 for men and women respectively.

Mortality rates in Singapore due to cancer, stroke and heart diseases have also reduced over the years.

Their sense of duty and community is commendable. Their grass roots efforts during the pandemic were admirable.

There are other interesting aspects of Singapore that we in the west should take note of.

Roughly 90 per cent of households in Singapore live within a 10-minute walk from a park and 70% live within a 10-minute walk from public transit. It's one of the world's greenest and most liveable cities, said the report.

In a city of roughly 5 million, that's quite impressive.

Some 80 per cent of resident households live in Housing and Development Board flats, with 90 per cent owning their own homes. Families buying their first flat can use the Enhanced CPF Housing Grant.

Singapore is aiming for 20-minute towns within a 45-minute city, meaning people can walk, cycle, or ride to the nearest neighbourhood centre within 20 minutes, and complete most peak-period journeys between their homes and workplaces within 45 minutes.

Brilliant! Here, we all know that Toronto is an hour away from Toronto!

With the GTA struggling with a "housing crisis," why can't we take a lesson from Singapore?

Why can't Caledon become its own Blue Zone? We have the will, the resources, brain power and clean air to start. All we need is a bit more infrastructure, making every municipal facility, village core, just a quick jaunt from one another.

Can you imagine local centenarians walking, arm in arm, along a never-ending local sidewalk, admiring the greenery?

Herbal tea shops, an abundance of locally grown whole grains, nuts, fruits and veggies will dominate the landscape. Citizens will do Tai chi in every park. We could bring back community potlucks, where everyone gathers, bringing all the farm-to-table products we could ever need.

Yes, my friends, being a healthy centenarian is within our grasp. Let's all work together and take as many baby steps as we need to reach this goal.

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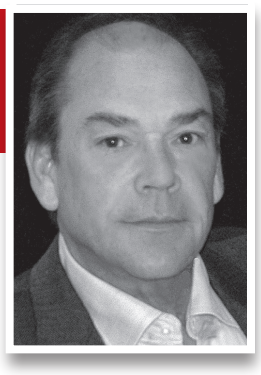
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Fahrenheit 451

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



That Huckleberry Finn was one wacky and adventurous boy.

I loved reading about him when I was a kid, and that of his pal Tom Sawyer. They floated around the Mississippi River on rafts, explored caves, found trouble, yet redeemed themselves at the end.

You got to love a kid like Tom, who had the savvy to convince his friends that whitewashing the fence – his chore given as a punishment – was actually fun. Tom sat back and relaxed while his friends agreeably did his chore for him.

Both of these novels are considered American classics by Mark Twain, yet are being pulled from school libraries because of some of the language, notably the use of an obviously racist term.

Of course, as it usually goes, it is a small minority making the decisions of which books are offensive.

Common sense would be to tell a kid reading one of these books the novels are set in 1840s, in a state where such languages was common – for the time. However, those terms are now considered offensive and shouldn't be used. That doesn't mean you should stop someone from reading the book.

This nonsense has now arrived in Ontario.

A school in Peel Region has to some estimates, apparently pulled over 50 per cent of its books from the school library, as a result of some new equity-based book weeding process. Yup, throw them out.

One student who brought this to the attention of media, was told the school removed all books published prior to 2008.

The school said it was done to eliminate damaged, mouldy, or outdated books, which makes no sense at all.

Unless a book is about betting statistics for gamblers on the upcoming football season, most books don't go out of date – they are of their time. If books are getting mouldy, you've got bigger problems in your building that inappropriate words on a shelf. Many people have books that are 50 or 100 years old in their home libraries that haven't gone mouldy or become dangerous.

It is a dangerous thing when any kind of government agency tries to tell people what they should, and should not read, and it's even more dangerous when "educators", working for the public think they should decide which books should be available to the public.

Fahrenheit 451, the dystopian novel by Ray Bradbury, presents a society where books have been outlawed, and "firemen" burn any that are found. The novel was inspired, in part, by the Nazi Book burnings – a campaign conducted to destroy books that were considered subversive or representing ideologies opposed to Nazism.

Whenever SOMEONE else, doesn't want YOU to read something, there should be cause for concern.

There are some parent groups that are opposed to some books being placed on public school library shelves. Most notably, they are books that discuss LGBTQ issues in various forms.

I can understand why some parents don't want their children exposed to such topics at a young age. Kids that young haven't figured out anything in life yet. They are still learning to tie their shoes.

However, the thing is, young children don't seek out books on gender identity or similar topics. No kid that age, on his own, ever went to the library looking for a such a book.

The only time a kid that age would be reading a book on the subject is when an adult gives it to them and tells them to read it.

I'm speaking from experience here – I was once a kid! At that age, girls like to read Charlotte's Web, and for boys, there was a series we all read about a kid named Henry and his goofy adventures or another series, long forgotten, about boys who built hot rods.

There's an easy solution to avoid reading a book you find offensive – don't pick it up and read it. That also goes for television, movies, magazines, stage plays, musical performances, and any other activity you don't like.

The Death of Democracy

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Perhaps the title of this particular column sounds a little dramatic. Democracy after all, according to people like freedom convoy supporters, has been on death's doorstep here in Canada for quite some time. Still others believe, as Sir Winston Churchill once said, that "democracy is the worst form of government – except for all the others that have been tried," implying all systems are terrible and perhaps we shouldn't worry too much about democracy's untimely demise. Why I am worried, however, and what has led to such a stark statement, is the end of the publication of 70 community newspapers whose primary focus is on local journalism.

We all know there is no such thing as a perfect world, but in about as close as we will ever get to one, democracy is indeed an imperfectly perfect form of government. One of the reasons this is so, has to do with a free and unbridled media who ask questions and remain dedicated to the relentless pursuit of truth in the face of an increasingly fake news dominated media environment. Consider what group exists that attempts to keep politicians in check? Media. Ask yourself who are the fact-checkers? Journalists. How are the masses kept informed about both world and local events? Through print media, including your local, community newspaper. Consider who shares the good news stories, the births and deaths in a small town? Where are the sports pages in which you might catch a glimpse of your grinning child and their little league team or a photo of an emerging hockey star we will see again in later years during a flashback segment on their career? It's certainly not the large dailies who share those glimpses into community life – it's your local print newspaper and much of that is coming to an end for 70 communities including possibly, right here in Caledon.

Local journalism is where new reporters head to earn their credentials, where they learn to hone their craft and how to question local officials while dreaming of the big leagues and holding our Prime Minister and other senior elected officials to task. Reporting on local initiatives provides the grounding needed to tackle the larger investigations – moving from a story on saving turtles or local salamanders to holding the Ontario government to task on the greenbelt fiasco. It's the media who hold the government to account (or try to anyway) and who inform us, the general public, sharing the news we all should know more about. Locally, it is also your community newspaper who employ your friends and neighbours, not just as journalists but in advertising, classifieds, printing and graphic design. Local media provides an avenue for your local bookstore or butcher shop to advertise their small business and in turn earn your support, perhaps then enabling that shop to support the local little-league team through sponsorship. In a free and democratic society, the freedom to own a business, hold elections and employ journalists to hold officials accountable are each fundamental cornerstones. If you think the closing of a local newspaper is no big deal – think again.

Moving to an online only format in a digital world might sound like it makes sense, but in an age where fake news abounds, where discernment of information is at an all-time low and where right now, large companies like Meta are blocking the sharing of news information on our social media platforms, the local print edition of the paper feels like the only place one can reliably rely on the news. What happens when no one holds the local government to account? Does it begin the slow spiral toward the decline of holding provincial, or even federal governments to account?

Local media matters and I don't think it's too much of a stretch to say we should be concerned that without it, democracy risks being overcome with graft and corruption.

Lana Payne, Unifor's national president (representing some of the newspaper employees impacted) said it best: "This is devastating. Devastating for these media workers. Devastating for local news. Devastating for the communities who depend on that local news and devastating for the fabric of our democracy…. The horrible irony of this announcement happening on World Democracy Day only deepens our awareness of what this loss will mean."

It is a very slippery slope indeed from not reporting on local news, to not having access to accurate information, to the pervasive proliferation of false information, to either no information at all, or government dictated and directed information.

When that happens, no one is being held to account at all and democracy? It dies.

DEENA SPEAKS DOG

Hi. I'm Deena Cooper, owner of Deena Speaks Dog. And, yes, I really do speak Dog. For the last 30 years I've been helping dog owners all around the GTA with everything they need to have happy, healthy and stress-free relationships with their furry friends. A preeminent behaviour modification specialist, I use my experience, love and lots of treats to help clients have joyful, obedient and confident dogs. At my place I offer boarding, agility training and behaviour modification in amongst the beautiful rolling hills of Caledon. And if you can't come to me, I'll always come to you! Check www.deenaspeakdog.com for details.

I'm excited to bring you a regular column about all things dog. I love sharing my knowledge to help! And if you have any questions, shoot me an email and I might just answer it here! E-mail deena@deenaspeaksdog.com . And give me an insta-follow @deenaspeaksdog for more.



THE NOSE KNOWS: WHY A DOG NEEDS THEIR OWN WALK EVERY DAY

Walking is great exercise, as you know. Fresh air, sights and sounds, a good leg stretch. And people with dogs tend to walk more than people who don't have the privilege of a four-footed-fur-friend. I often get asked about getting dogs to "heel" on a walk, and it is certainly a good thing to train your dog to do it, but… let me go out on a limb here. I am a great advocate of making *your* walk *your* walk, and your dog's walk something entirely different. It all comes down to this: Inquiring minds need to nose!

Your dog gets so much information and learns so much about his environment from sniffing. You wouldn't go out with a blindfold on, so don't rush your dog on his walk, and let him sniff around. This is, after all, his walk.

The nose is a prominent facial feature of every dog's cute face, but noses are also key to canine survival. Your dog's nose does more than smell the roses or a steak on the barbecue. We humans primarily depend on vision, but dogs use smell as the main tool to assess their surroundings and communicate with each other.

Dogs devote lots of brain power to interpreting smells. They have more than 100 million smell receptors compared to about 6 million in people, and the area of the canine brain devoted to analyzing odours is about 40 times larger than the comparable part of the human brain. In fact, it has been estimated that dogs can smell anywhere from 1,000 to 10,000 times better than people.

With a single sniff, noses get the whole story by using amines and acids emitted by other dogs as the basis for chemical communication. The smells communicate what a dog likes to eat, identifies gender and even mood. By simply smelling, a dog can determine if a new friend is male or female, happy or aggressive, healthy or sick. Dogs get a general idea about each other with a quick sniff but get more detailed information by getting up close and personal, which is why they often sniff each other's, ahem, "private places."

A dog can sniff a tree and determine what other dogs live in the neighbourhood. They can smell a visitor's pant-leg and get a good impression of where the person lives and whether he has pets at home. Even their great homing instinct depends on their ability to smell. Since dogs move their nostrils independently, they can determine the direction of an odor and use their sense of smell like a compass.

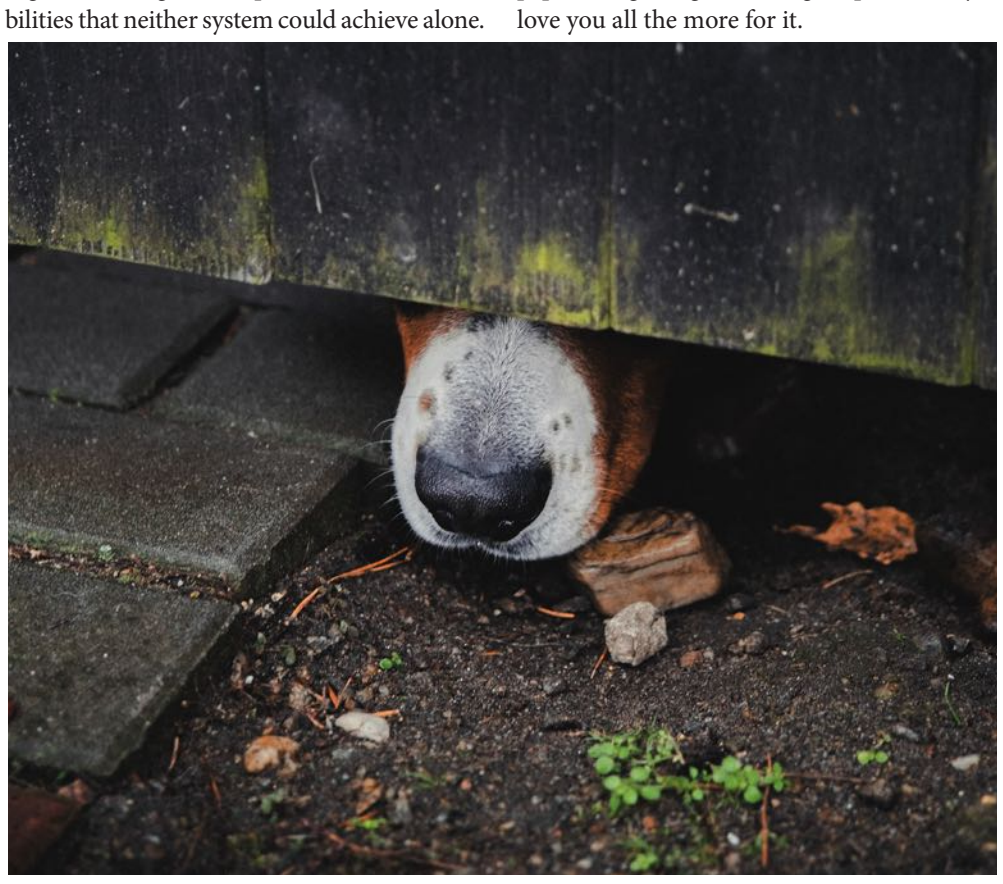
Dogs use their noses to tell one human from another. Our dogs do not need to see us to identify us. In fact, a dog's sense of smell is so adept that a blind dog has much less difficulty adjusting to the loss of vision than a human does.

Dogs also sense fear and anxiety via their noses. When we are stressed or scared, we secrete the fight-or-flight hormone, adrenaline, which dogs detect even though we can't smell it. When we are anxious, we also have increased heart rate and blood flow which carries body chemicals to the skin surface where dogs can pick them up more easily. So, there is no use trying to mask your true feelings from your canine companion. His sense of smell will not be fooled. This is how your dog seems to always know when you're upset and comes in for a hug to make it all better.

As well as the millions of smell sensors and the large processing centre in the brain, dogs also have an additional olfactory tool that increases their ability to smell. It's called Jacobsen's organ and is a special part of the dog's anatomy located inside the nasal cavity. This amazing organ serves as a secondary olfactory system designed specifically for chemical communication. The nerves from Jacobsen's organ lead directly to the brain and are different from the other nerves in the nose in that they do not respond to ordinary smells. In fact, these nerve cells respond to a range of substances that often have no odor at all. In other words, they work to detect "undetectable" odors.

The two separate parts of the dog's odor detection system, the nose and Jacobsen's organ, work together to provide delicate sensibilities that neither system could achieve alone. This makes them remarkably efficient smelling machines, which is why some dogs are trained to sniff out drugs, disease of explosives.

So when you take the dog out, let them sniff and follow their noses. It might not be as invigorating for you, but it's a whole exploration for your dog. If you want to go for a walk or a run and have your dog jog beside you, by all means do that. But also make sure your friend gets to wander and explore on a more leisurely sojourn every day. It's the dog's equivalent of reading the daily paper and getting the local gossip. And they'll love you all the more for it.



New co-chairs of Bethell Hospice Foundation board aim to take non-profit to new heights

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Bethell Hospice Foundation has new leadership.

Adrian Horwood and Bonnie Klaassen, who have each served on the Foundation's Board of Directors for several years, recently stepped into their new role as co-chairs of the board.

The Bethell Hospice Foundation (BHF) is the fundraising arm of Bethell Hospice, a not-for-profit hospice care home in Inglewood that provides hospice and palliative care services for free. It also provides free community programs, such as bereavement support programs.

Klaassen first found out about Bethell Hospice when she was looking to get more involved in the Caledon community.

"Everyone I spoke to mentioned how special the hospice is and what an incredible resource it is to have in our community," said Klaassen. "I thought it was a really good fit, to be able to get to know people and give back."

Horwood became involved with Bethell Hospice after receiving bereavement support services from Bethell Hospice's community programs. He lost his wife a few years ago.

"The support I got from Bethell… made a huge difference to me," said Horwood. "I learned the program I was going through was free, and I was really grateful. I wanted to give back beyond just giving a monetary donation."

Horwood said being on the BHF's board of directors has been a wonderful experience and he's met many amazing people because of it.

Horwood and Klaassen are taking over the Chair position from John Sanderson, who they dubbed "Mr. Brampton". Horwood joked that it would take two people to fill Sanderson's shoes, because he amazing in the position. Horwood and Klaassen became Co-Chairs because they both have busy personal lives and wanted to be sure a Chair would always be free to help with board matters.

Klaassen said the BHF has some ambitious fundraising targets to meet in the coming years. She said the community has always been a huge supporter of Bethell Hospice and the BHF is looking to expand and reach out to more community members.

Horwood said community support is going to be essential to support the growth of Bethell Hospice. He said across Canada, more people are becoming engaged with and donating to non-profits. However, because of economic pressures, average donation amounts are down. That's one of the reasons he said it is so important to reach new people.

Horwood said hospice care is an important part of the healthcare system. He said end-of-life care in a hospice costs one third of what it does in a hospital, and that the quality of care is better too.

Klaassen said as Caledon grows, Bethell Hospice wants to be able to grow its community programs to match.



PHOTO BY GEOFFREY COLE

Tickets on sale for Caledon Community Services' annual holiday gala

Non-profit seeking event sponsorship from local businesses

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A date is set for Caledon Community Services' annual holiday gala.

On December 1, Caledon Community Services (CCS) will host its Home for the Holidays Gala at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East. The theme for this year's gala is "Hope Under the Stars."

Donna Cragg, Director of Communications for CCS, said this year's event promises to be a dazzling evening.

Tribal Partners, a real estate developer which has completed projects in Caledon and has more in progress, will be the event's platinum sponsor again in 2023.

"Their unwavering support ensures that the Home for the Holidays Gala continues to make a significant impact on our community," said Craig in a statement.

At the gala, there will be starlit decorations, a full menu, live entertainment, and live and silent auctions.

"The evening will also be punctuated by heartwarming real-life stories from our neighbors, highlighting the profound impact of this annual gala in support of the most vulnerable in our community," wrote Cragg.

The Home for the Holidays Gala, which is led by volunteers, has been running since 1998 and has raised over $2.5 million for CCS.

Geraldine Aguiar, CCS' CEO, said proceeds from the event provide nourishing meals, warm homes, health and independence to hundreds of Caledon families, youth, and seniors.

"Please join us on December 1 for a celebration of kindness and generosity," said Aguiar.

Those interested in buying a ticket for the event can do so online at ccshome4thheholidays.com. CCS is seeking sponsorship from local businesses, and business owners looking to learn more can email gala@ccs4u.org or call 905-584-2300 extension 236.



PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER THE AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT

Name of Applicant:
St. Marys Cement Inc. (Canada)

Application Details:
Application is for a new pit and quarry.

This application proposes a Class A licence with an annual tonnage of 2,500,000 for aggregate extraction from a proposed below water pit and quarry.

The new proposed site is 261.2 hectares in size and is proposed to be located at Lots 14 to 18, Concessions 3 & 4, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel.

The Public Information Session will be held electronically on October 25th, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 pm. The meeting can be accessed at the following link: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bfccf1ee-8aa1-4dd5-9008-4dfd5f153185@3d234255-e20f-4205-88a5-9658a402999b

The Public Information Session can also be accessed by phone (audio only): +1 647-317-5882, Conference ID: 566 892 801#.

Digital copies of the detailed site plan and reports for the proposal are available at https://cbmcaledonquarry.ca/

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The last day on which comment(s) may be filed with the **Applicant** and **Ministry** is:

The **20th** day of **November 2023**.

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IPM COMMENCES – The Campfire Poets kicked off International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo on Saturday, September 16. The IPM takes place in Bowling Green from September 19 to 23. The event had a great turnout with attendees dancing, clapping their hands, and stomping their feet, to the covers of popular music that the Campfire Poets perform.

PHOTO BY PETE RICHARDSON

Claim a piece of history with the 104th International Plowing Match's commemorative benches

Robert F. Hall students among the bench-making team

BY PAULA BROWN
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Dufferin County residents have the chance to take home a commemorative piece from the 104th International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo to remember the event for years to come.

In recent years, commemorative benches have become a tradition at the International Plowing Match as a practical way for residents and businesses to show their support for the match and contribute.

These benches are still available for purchase for local residents to commemorate the historic agricultural event.

"The benches – from the wood right through to the construction and labour – are representative of the strong community partnership that must be activated to bring an event of this magnitude to fruition," said Sandy Brown, Chair of the Bench Sponsorship Program and member of the IPM 2023 local committee.

Four high schools and one church congregation were involved in the bench craftsmanship, including Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne, Emmanuel Christian High School in Fergus, Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon, Grey Highlands Secondary School in Flesherton and the Christian Reformed Church in Orangeville.

Orangeville Home Hardware, Shelburne Home Hardware, Orangeville Building Supply and AVERTEX Utility Solutions Inc. all stepped up and donated the building materials for the project.

The spruce and pine wood benches that have been specifically handcrafted for the commemorative project will be placed through the International Plowing Match site during the match week to allow visitors a place to sit if they need to.

Visitors may notice plaques affixed to the back of the benches, which name individuals, families, farm families, and businesses that have supported the commemorative project by sponsoring the benches.

Following the end of the International Plowing Match, those who sponsored the program will be able to take their bench home as a reminder of the once-in-a-lifetime week-long event, which will see crowds flock to Bowling Green.

While many of the benches have already been claimed by sponsors, organizers of the program said they still have a few benches that are available for sale for $500 each.

Anyone interested in purchasing an IPM bench can contact the chair of the bench sponsorship program, Sandy Brown, by email at sandybrown1000@gmail.com.

Benches will be available for pickup after 5 p.m. closing on Saturday, September 23, and Sunday, September 24.

Hydro One energizes 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo

Mini electrical grid built to support event

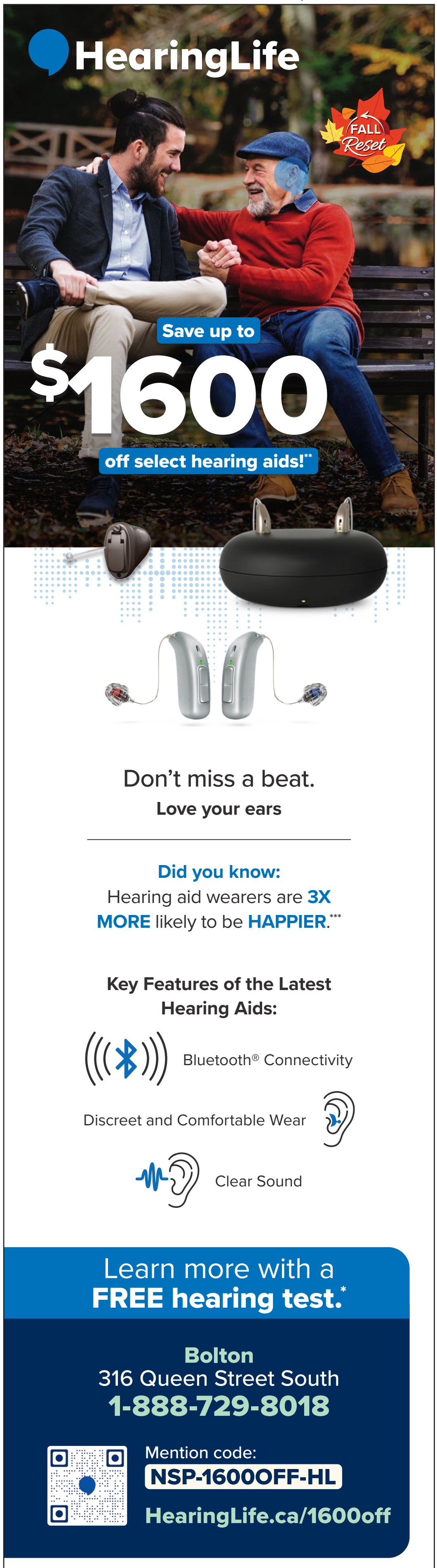
Hydro One, together with its partners Aggreko, LineStar, Milwaukee Tools and Wesco International (Wesco), will power the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) running September 19 to 23 in Bowling Green.

For more than 20 years, Hydro One has supported the IPM by building the electrical grid that powers several events and activities, including plowing competitions, the hundreds of vendors exhibits, and live entertainment enjoyed by an average of more than 80,000 visitors annually.

"We're proud and honoured to energize our farming customers' largest annual event," said Lindsay Zylstra, Vice President of Supply Chain at Hydro One. "The International Plowing Match hosts our rural, farming and small business customers and it is important to us that we give back by supporting this fantastic event through the efforts of our dedicated and talented employees."

Guido Iannucci, Core Trade Specialist, Milwaukee Canada, shared his excitement about joining forces with Hydro one for this year's IPM.

"We're excited to join Hydro One for the first time at this year's event. Not only do we have the opportunity to demonstrate our strong partnership but also the tools Hydro One crews use while supporting their customers," he added, "By providing innovative tooling solutions for the attendees and their respective trades we can deliver on increased productivity and safety."



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Young Orangeville resident leading the charge for annual Autism Speaks Canada Walk

BY PAULA BROWN
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The autism community in Dufferin County will be coming together once again to take part in the annual Autism Speaks Canada Walk.

Leading the helm of this year's event will be the 2023 walk ambassador, 11-year-old Orangeville resident Tyler Clinch.

"I feel very honoured and excited to take on this role," said Tyler. "We have been participating [in the walk] since it started in Orangeville and I thought it was my turn to share my story."

Tyler was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder a couple months shy of his second birthday after showing signs of being non-verbal and having limited social cues. After receiving his diagnosis, Tyler began speech therapy and participated in a daily program called the Early Start Denver Model until age 3.

Attending school has played a significant role in Tyler's life, allowing him to thrive both academically and socially with his classmates. Two passions of Tyler's include math and coding.

"Autism means that my brain has some special abilities that are different from everyone else. My biggest strength is math and how my brain works fast to answer the questions. I am smart and love being in school with my friends," said Tyler.

Tyler and his family have taken part in the annual Autism Speaks Canada Walk in Orangeville since its inception.

"We are super proud of him to be engaging with the community this way. Tyler is very proud of his autistic abilities and strength, so it's a huge step for him being able to acknowledge his autism and expressing it into the community," said Tyler's mom, Krista Clinch.

Taking on the role of ambassador for the 2023 Autism Speaks Canada Walk in Orangeville, Tyler hopes he can be an inspiration for other local youth to be proud of their autistic abilities.

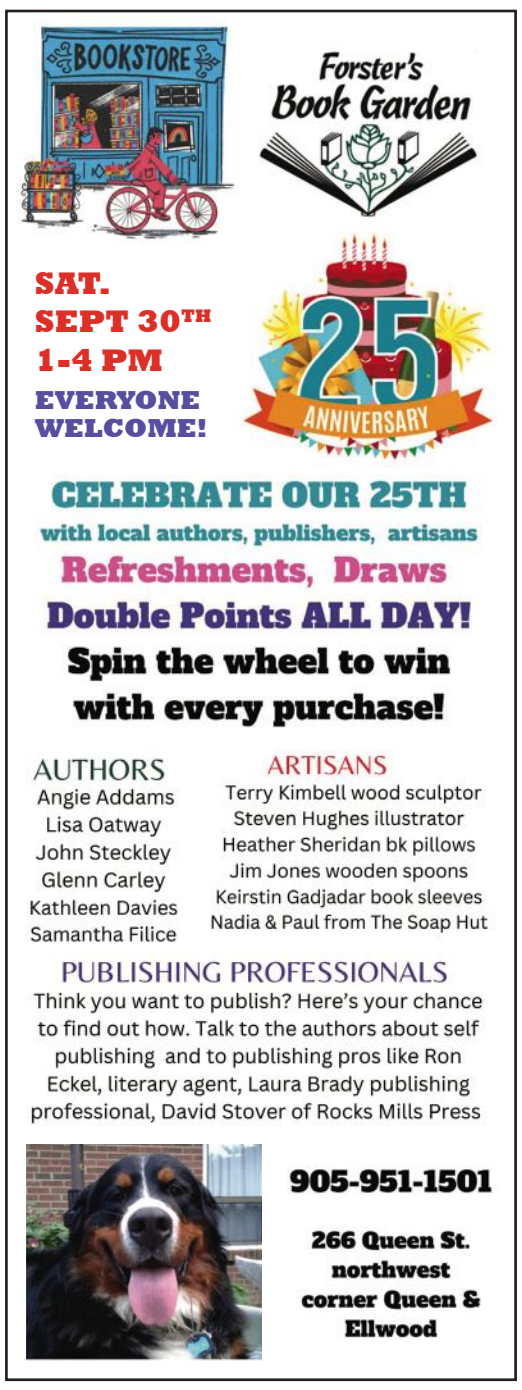
"Having autism does not make you less valuable as a person," he said.

Founded in 2006, Autism Speaks Canada (ASC) is a non-for-profit organization focused on promoting the acceptance of people with autism and being a catalyst for autism research breakthroughs. ASC also works towards increasing childhood screening, timely interventions, and improving the transition to adulthood for people with autism.

.This year, the fundraising goal in Orangeville for the walk is $17,000, and at the time of print, the event has raised just over $8,500. Team Ty, represented by Tyler Clinch, is one of the top teams for donations, having raised over $2,700 thus far.

Those interested in donating or registering to participate in the Orangeville Autism Speaks Canada Walk can do so by visiting https://autismspeakscanada.akaraisin.com/ui/walk2023.

The 2023 Autism Speaks Walk in Orangeville will be held on Sunday, September 24, and will start at 11 a.m. at Fendley Park.



Theatre Orangeville celebrates 30 years in community

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Theatre Orangeville will offer new initiatives area students to mark its 30th anniversary year.

Thanks to Theatre Orangeville supporters, every child who attends the theatre as part of a school program can come to shows free of charge, with $100 to help with bussing costs.

During COVID, many children lost opportunities to attend live performances.

The goal, according to Artistic Director David Nairn is to enable 3,000 to 4,000 kids to enjoy live theatre.

Theatre Orangeville offers subscriptions for five or three shows per season, plus the add-on at the beginning in September, for focusing people on coming back to the theatre.

Nairn says theatres are critical in creating gathering spaces and places to share a creative experience.

"It's in our DNA," he reasoned. "We are hard-wired to be together. Now, we remind people that humans have always come together to listen and tell stories."

This year, Nairn says the facility is licensed for Friday and Saturday performances with their sponsors, Adamo Estate Winery, Hockley Valley Brewery Co. and Pommies Cider for the whole theatre and the lobby upstairs.

The concession can now accept payments by cards.

Theatre Orangeville's Stage to Screen brings the theatre productions to screens at home for anyone not wishing or able to come in person. People living anywhere can access this system. Productions are seen in real time, with the 270 people sitting in the theatre.

"We need to remind ourselves who brought us here…the patrons. For the last 30 years, we've been telling stories about Canadians with plays written by Canadians," he said.

The 2023-2024 season opens with The View from Here, starring Jamie Williams and Melanie Janzen is first, from October 12 to 29. A married couple, this comedy by Mr. Williams is about a couple wondering at life's differences from their expectations; you can count on the laughs.

Over the holidays from November 30 to December 23, is Theatre Orangeville's first Panto: Cinderella...If the Shoe Fits.

Nairn laughs at the mere mention of it. He and Debbie Collins have written it. With years in Pantomime, Ms. Collins has brought all the hilarity of Pantomime, the music and audience participation.

He told us, "We'll do this again next year."

February 8 to 25, the Theatre will present Norm Foster's Doris and Ivy in the Home, the ladies spin-off from his hilarious Jonas and Barry in the Home.

By the Light of a Story by Kristen Da Silva runs from March 7 to 24, about a young widow grieving her novelist husband's death, has to deal with the "ghost writer" coming to complete his unfinished book.

Commissioned by Theatre Orangeville, Leslie McCurdy and Cassel Miles have written an original work, The Darktown Strutters' Ball, running April 25 to May 12, a fascinating history of song, dance and story-telling.

And that is what David Nairn is sure it is all about.

To purchase a subscription, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the box office 519-942-3423, also located at 87 Broadway.





KYLE SEEBACK, MP DUFFERIN-CALEDON

Building Homes, Not Bureaucracy – A Plan to Build Homes Canadians Can Afford

Housing affordability is an issue that I hear about every day. Many Canadians are starting to believe they'll never own a home. They feel defeated and I understand why – the minimum down payment for the average home has increased 126 per cent since 2015!

After eight years of Justin Trudeau, housing costs have more than doubled. Before Justin Trudeau, it took 25 years to pay off a mortgage - but it now takes 25 years just to save up for a down payment.

Home prices have skyrocketed across Canada, including right here in Dufferin-Caledon.

According to the Toronto Real Estate Board, the average price for a home in Dufferin was $843,559 in August 2023. In Caledon, the average house price is $1,316,520. It's no wonder 9 in 10 young Canadians don't believe they will ever own a home.

Recently, Pierre Poilievre and our Conservative team announced a real plan to fix Justin Trudeau's housing crisis, the Building Homes, Not Bureaucracy Act, which establishes policies that will bring homes that Canadians can afford. It will do this by removing gatekeepers and red tape, giving bonuses to cities that free up land, and make transit funding dependent on building more homes.

I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and quickly go to work on implementing this plan. It's time to restore the dream of home ownership for my constituents in Dufferin-Caledon and for Canadians across the country.

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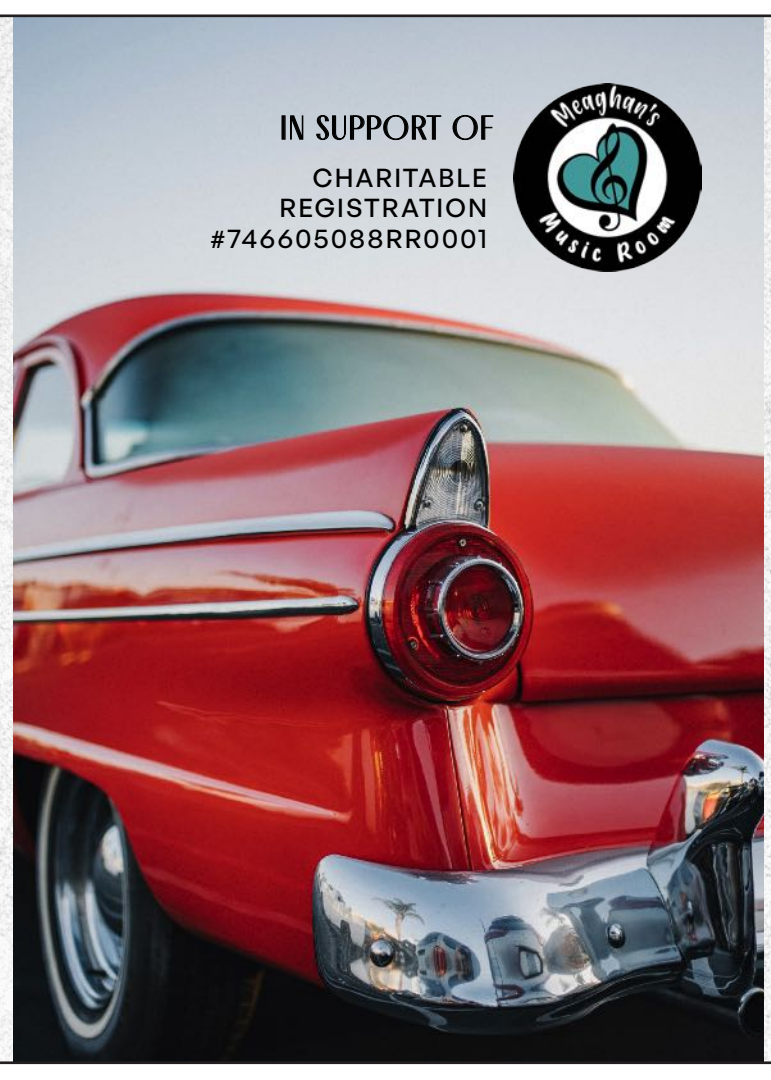
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Caledon's Bob Knuckey wins Ironman World Championships

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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A Caledon man has completed a truly impressive athletic feat.

At the age of 75, Bob Knuckey won his age group at the Ironman World Championships in Nice, France.

An Ironman race consists of a 3.9-kilometre swim, 180.2-kilometre bike ride, and 42.2-kilometre run — all done back-to-back.

The course in Nice was so challenging that Knuckey was the only person in the 75-79 age category to complete it. This herculean effort earned him a standing ovation from athletes across all age categories at the post-race Ironman awards ceremony.

The course was especially challenging because of its biking section. In fact, Knuckey says he suspects that Nice was chosen for the race specifically to challenge athletes with arduous hill climbs.

"It just kept going up and up and up, with not much down," said Knuckey. "I'm positive they picked the hardest bike course they could."

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Bob Knuckey, Ironman world champion, with his winner's jacket, medal, and "salad bowl". PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



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Caledon East Community Complex's grand re-opening attracts hundreds of residents

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Municipal lawmakers, dignitaries and staff came together to celebrate the Complex's grand re-opening on September 16.

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With the new and improved Complex as a backdrop, Mayor Groves introduced the members of Caledon Council—Mario Russo, Christina Early, Lynn Kiernan, Dave Sheen, Doug Maskell, Nick deBoer, Tony Rosa, and Cosimo Napoli – and thanked them for their civic leadership.

She also singled out the attendance of new Caledon CAO Nathan Hyde who was recently appointed under the auspices of the "strong mayor powers" implemented by the provincial government.

Although a phalanx of black-uniformed event security guards took up the left perimeter and fanned out to more strategic deployments, there was no need seemingly for crowd control at this celebratory event that was dominated by Mayor Groves's connection to the Councillors on her team and to the family members of Cory Trepanier who were present not only for the Ribbon Cutting, but also for a dedication ceremony of the Cory Trepanier Studio housed in the East Caledon Library branch in the Complex.

Mayor Groves spoke glowingly of Trepanier—a Canadian landscape painter and filmmaker who passed away in 2021 after a valiant battle with cancer—and his contributions to the Caledon arts and cultural community.

She said she found it to be a fitting tribute that Trepanier's memorial studio was located in "the largest recreational complex in Caledon."

Groves also outlined the features of the Complex including its swimming pool, a new branch of the Library, an arena, an indoor walking track, meeting spaces for community groups, notably a space designated for the Caledon Sports Hall of Fame, as well services for the owners of canines such as dog-washing and drinking stations.

After the Mayor highlighted the Complex's impressive slate of features and services, she noted its Green and Sustainable attributes including "LED lighting, electric motors, and in-floor heating" all in keeping with "the Town's Climate Action Plan to be fully implemented when zero emissions are achieved before 2050."

Despite the dire images conjured up by references to climate change, especially given this year's catastrophic wildfires and related chaotic weather events, Mayor Groves said she looked toward the immediate future with positivity and issued an invitation to citizens to "enjoy the outdoor rink and pavilion that will be in place this winter."

Mayor Groves closed her upbeat and succinct address by noting that, "the Complex serves our plan for livability." She added that it will "meet the needs of our community as we grow in population."

Following her speech, dozens of residents approached her for a photo and, for some, a hug.

After the hugs and photos, she reflected on the best part of the ceremony which was "seeing everybody at today's grand opening."

"All the different groups from our community were represented; so many grandparents and children were present. It's very nice to see so many segments of our community supporting and using the Complex. I especially like it because it's so walkable."

Regional Councillor Mario Russo echoed Mayor Groves's remarks about the importance of a vibrant community center.

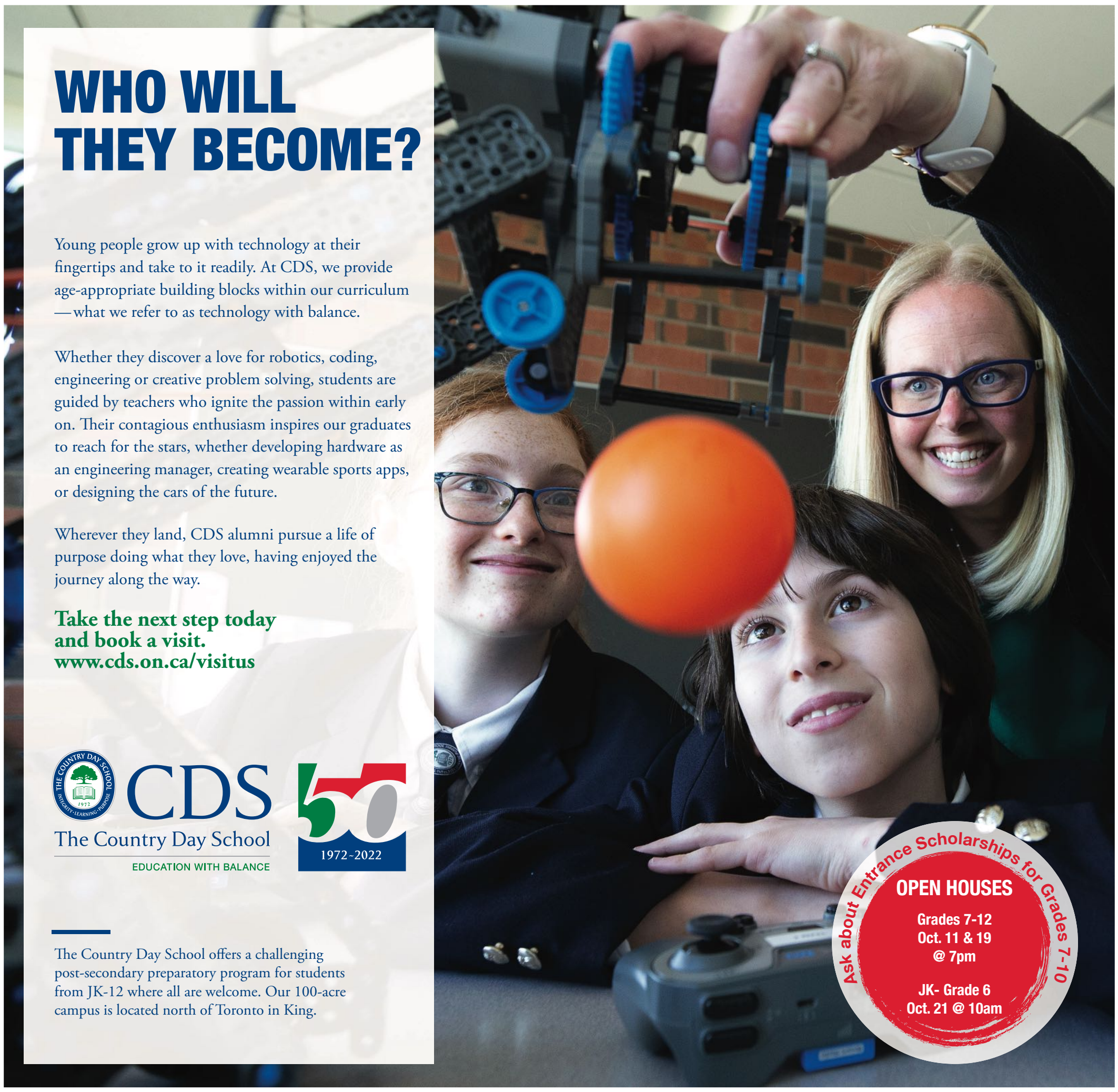
"It's a flagship — on the doorsteps of Town Hall – and serves as a way to welcome visitors and residents as they drive or walk into East Caledon. We're happy to have it here."

Councillor Russo also expounded on how services have risen exponentially in Caledon from generation to generation.

"One of the things that long-time residents have mentioned to me is that they had next to no recreational facilities when they were growing up in Caledon and they praised the new Complex because there's something for nearly everyone.

"It's not perfect and we'll address its deficiencies, but we think the Complex's new physical plant will provide enough for a wide range of citizens' interests. The Complex will be enough for so many in search of recreational activities."

Both Mayor Groves and Councillor Russo's words were in keeping with a celebratory occasion during which local citizens were invited by municipal leaders to recreate in a beautiful new facility in the Town of Caledon on a sunny September afternoon.





Shortstop Brett Chater has been a defensive stalwart all season for the Brewers and has been a great leadoff hitter. He notched three hits in a losing cause in New Lowell on Sunday.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Bolton Brewers on the brink as New Lowell Knights nab 3-1 series lead with two weekend wins

BY JIM STEWART

Yogi Berra once noted "It's like déjà vu all over again" and you wouldn't be able to fault the Bolton Brewers for feeling the same way as the often-befuddled legendary catcher.

The Brewers, the dominant team in the NDBL in the regular season and in two playoff series, find themselves trailing the New Lowell Knights for the second consecutive season in the NDBL Championship.

New Lowell, backed by two excellent complete game pitching performances by Brandon Norrie and Nick Hodgson, swept both weekend games to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven Strother Cup final.

Norrie scattered four hits over seven innings and struck out five Brewers en-route to a 4-1 win on Saturday afternoon in Bolton at North Hill Park.

Hodgson's durability was at the heart of a 4-3 Knights' home win on Sunday afternoon.

The Knights' ace gave New Lowell a quality start of seven regulation innings plus two more extra innings of work over which he allowed three runs and seven hits while striking out two.

With Hodgson on the mound in Game 4 of the series, New Lowell came out swinging in support of their starter in the bottom half of the first inning.

Leadoff hitter Steve Bowman hit a homer on the first pitch, followed by Todd Patton's emphatic two-run shot from the four-hole to stake the Knights to a 3-0 lead. Bolton replied with two runs at the top of the fifth and tied the game 3-3 at the top of the sixth.

However, Chris Greer—who had two hits for the Knights – scurried in from third to plate the winning run in the bottom of the ninth on a Brewers' throwing error and New Lowell walked off the Brewers to take a 3-1 stranglehold on the series.

Brett Chater led the Brewers' offence with three hits and a run scored.

Steve Warden chipped in two hits and two RBIs for Bolton.

On Saturday during Game 3 at North Hill Park, the Brewers opened their half of the first inning on a promising note when Chris Fafalios drove in Brett Chater to stake the home side to a 1-0 lead over their NDBL rivals.

Unfortunately, Chater was the only Brewer to cross the plate as Bolton's bats stalled at home for the second consecutive playoff game.

The Knights responded by scoring two in the third inning, one in the fourth, and one more in the fifth en route to a 4-1 win. Todd Patton paced the Knights' attack with two hits. Steve Bowman, Brandon Norrie, Brett Elliott, and Steve Baldry delivered an RBI each for New Lowell. Adam Dzib had two hits for the Brewers.

Knights' starter Brandon Norrie threw a seven-inning CG and made the last out of the game to secure the road win from start to finish.

The righthander delivered an impressive quality start for the visitors.

According to Brewers' Head Coach Mike Wallace, Norrie's performance was the difference between the sides on Saturday.

"He was the factor. He threw a good fastball this afternoon and his slider was working for him."

Coach Wallace lamented his team's power outage in Game 3.

"The offence was dormant today, unfortunately, and we didn't put enough pressure on them."

The pressure to which Coach Wallace referred has surely been shifted to the shoulders of the Brewers as they face elimination in Game 5 at 1:00 on Saturday afternoon at New Lowell Recreation Park.

As Yogi Berra once quipped famously, "If you come to a fork in the road, take it" and the Brewers have clearly arrived at that fork at Highway 50 for the second year in a row.

However, the boys from Bolton can take heart in Berra's most famous malapropism – "It ain't over till it's over" – and force a Game 6 at North Hill Park on Sunday with first pitch thrown at 12 noon.

Game 7, if necessary, would start at 2:30 on Sunday as part of a series-ending doubleheader. Until then, the Brewers will have to retain a singular focus on Saturday and channel their inner Yogi since "Baseball is 90 percent mental. The other half is physical."

Smart Headwaters Campaign raises $825,000 at annual fundraising gala

The 24th Annual Headwaters Foundation Gala was a resounding success, raising a historic $825,000 (NET) in one evening for Smart Headwaters, the campaign to bring MRI and other needed equipment to the local hospital.

The fundraising evening, which took place on Friday, September 8, kicked off with the announcement that George and Bonnie Ledson are donating $100,000 to Headwaters Health Care Foundation's (HHCF) campaign.

"This was an unexpected and exciting surprise to all those in attendance," said HHCC in a press release. "The Ledsons have long been supporters of Headwaters Health Care Foundation. Their remarkable generosity created great momentum for donations to follow throughout the evening and inspired others to make significant contributions as well."

Speaking on behalf of the Gala Committee, Chair Jenn Conroy said, "This year's event was the most successful Gala to date! We are so incredibly proud of our community and are already looking forward to next year."

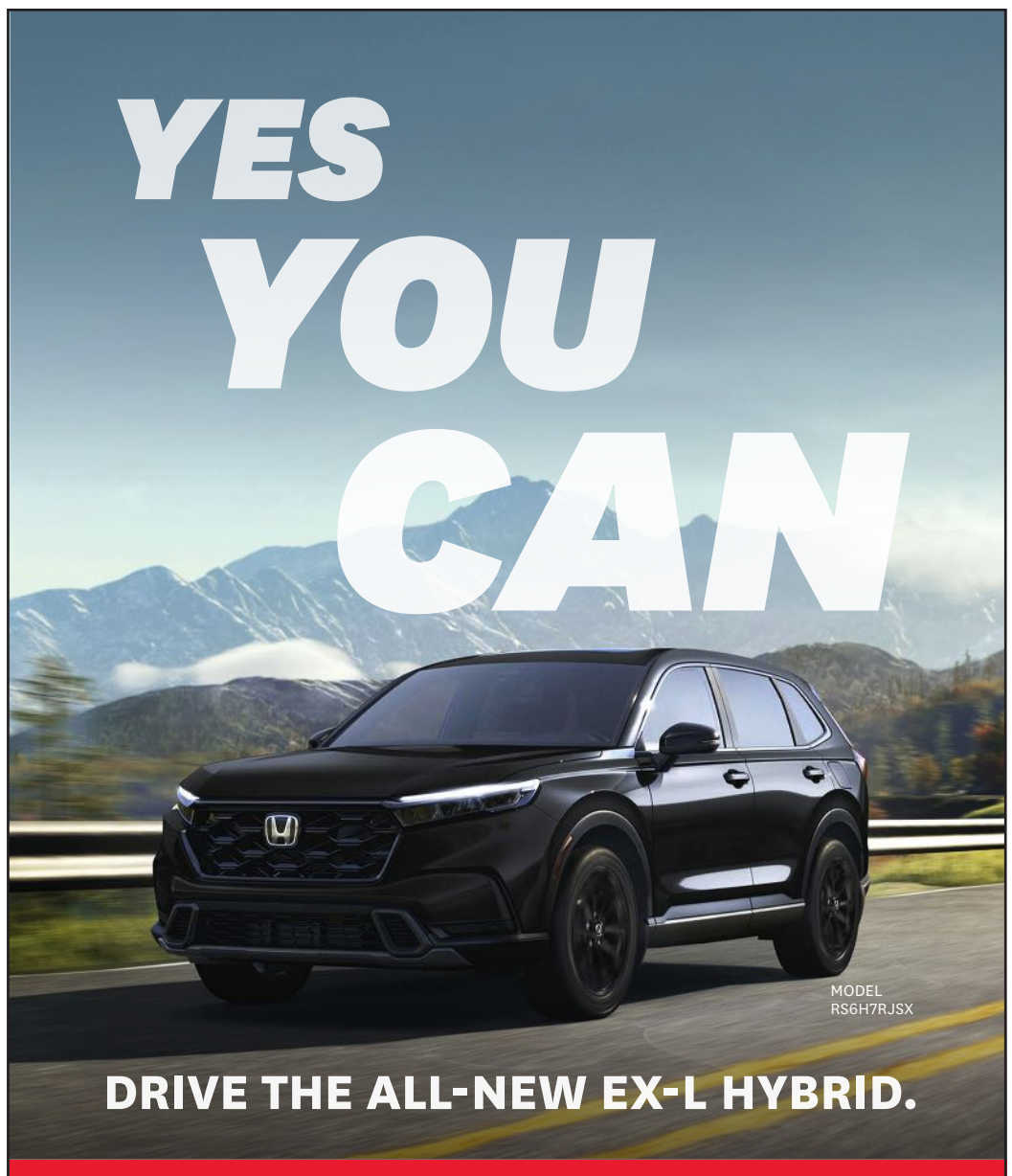
K.C. Carruthers, Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO said, "What an unforgettable evening of fundraising for our hospital. I am absolutely thrilled to share that the Denim & Diamonds Gala was the Foundation's most successful event of any kind! I want to sincerely thank all those involved including sponsors, volunteers, attendees, staff and most importantly the Gala Committee. Great appreciation goes out to the Gala Committee who work tirelessly to make this event so special year after year. It is truly transformational for health care in our community."

The Headwaters Health Care Foundation said it would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the guests in attendance of the gala who delightfully embraced the 'Denim & Diamonds' theme, dazzling everyone with incredible outfits.

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Funeral service will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church, 5 First Ave. Orangeville Ontario on Saturday October 7th, 2023 at 11:00 am. with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Reception to follow at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St. Orangeville.

The family wish to thank the oncology (Dr. Gray) and palliative care team (Doctor Comeau, Krista, Carol, Carolyn, Deb, Sylvie and many others on the third floor) at the SJRH, and the Oncology staff (Dr. Robert El-Maraghi and Dr. Jacky Lai) at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

Memorial donations in memory of Craig may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Movember Campaign or a charity of one's choice Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

HARVEY, DESMOND (DESMAN)

Peacefully at his home on Saturday, September 16th, 2023 at the age of 81. Beloved husband of Eleanor Harvey. Dear father of Selwyn (Sandi), Desmond (Ronda) and Rodney (Rina). Cherished Pa of Corwyn, Tyson, Reegan, Sadee and Delilah. Remembered by his sisters Joan Brathwaite, Elma Brathwaite and his brother Oscar Harvey. Desman will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

A Celebration of Desman's life will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, September 30th, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Visitation will begin at 1:30 pm. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
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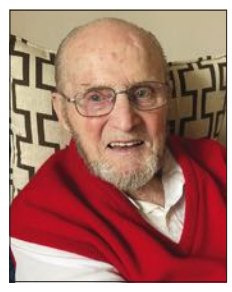
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Harald Julius Paul Meesen
March 10, 1929 – September 8, 2023

It is with profound sadness that the family of Harald Julius Paul Meesen, age 94, announces his passing at the Margaret Bahen Hospice in Newmarket, Ontario, on Friday, September 8, 2023.
Born in Kiel, Germany, on March 10, 1929, to his parents Heinrich and Gretchen Meesen, Harald was a beloved husband to the late Rita Meesen, who passed in 2016.
He was also a loving father to Monika, Heinrich (Francine) and Sonja (Chris), as well as a proud Opa to Charles (Laurie), Alexandre (Isabelle), Jacqueline, Barbara (Paul), Nicole, Meesen (Thomas) and Burton. Harald was also a Great Opa to Charlie, Lexi, Henry James, Harley and Eve.
Harald leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness. Harald came over from Germany to Canada in 1956. He met his wife Rita from Switzerland in Toronto, and they were married in 1957.
Harald had various jobs until settling into his career as sales manager for Delico Ltd. After spending 20 years in the Toronto area, Harald and Rita moved to a farm in Grand Valley, where they lived off the land and enjoyed raising animals. Farming, family and friends were Harald's devotion and passion.
After selling the farm in 1996 to be closer to his grandkids, he began his next passion, cutting trees, chopping wood and making maple syrup in the spring with anyone who wanted to work by his side.
Harald would always be the first one to jump in and help anyone in need. He had a smile that would light up a room and always lent an ear to listen or helping hand.
Harald had a big heart, a great sense of humour, and was an easy person to be around. He was the strongest and kindest man who will be missed dearly.
A Celebration of Life will be held in Aurora, Ontario, at the Aurora Armoury in the Town Park on September 24, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m.
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Knuckey was only person in 75-79 age category to complete gruelling French course

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Even when athletes were given brief reprieve by a downward slope, Knuckey said it was still challenging. Hairpin turns and deadly cliffs meant athletes couldn't lose their focus for a second.

Some might have used this fact as an excuse to go a bit slower. Knuckey used it as a way to save time.

"I was flying down the hills," said Knuckey. "It was like, wild abandonment… I did use the speed going down."

When Knuckey completed the bike section of the race, he said his legs felt completely dead. He walked for a little while, before remembering who he was dedicating his race to and beginning to run.

Barrie Shepley of the C3 Canadian Cross Training Club is Knuckey's coach. Shepley's wife Caron is currently battling cancer.

"I thought about Caron… and that kept me going as she's going through a lot worse than what I'm going through," said Knuckey.

Knuckley completed his swim in about an hour and 20 minutes, putting him ahead of anyone over the age of 70. It took him just over eight hours to complete the bike ride, and around five and a half to complete the run.

Knuckey's finishing time was 14 hours, 57 minutes and 40 seconds.

Upon finishing, Knuckey collected his thoughts before meeting with all the supporters who came to see his race. He said he was sore for three days after the race, but was able to get some sightseeing in while still in France.

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