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**THE RUN ON "HAUNTED HILL"** – Residents turned out in droves on Sunday morning for Bolton Rotary's annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run. A great way to kick off Hallowe'en, participants in various age groups helped raise approximately $15,000 for youth programs in Caledon. For more on this year's event, and other spooky sights, see Page B5. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

# Peel's emergency shelter system operating at 270 per cent capacity

## Region taking steps to address increase in homelessness

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There are more people than ever experiencing homelessness in Peel.

According to an October 26 report from Sean Baird, the Region of Peel's Commissioner of Human Services, Peel's emergency shelter system is operating at above 270 per cent capacity.

The report said the number of people living on the streets and in encampments in Peel is increasing to unprecedented levels.

"The system is unable to keep up with demand," reads the report.

Most people experiencing homelessness in Peel are single men and women between the ages of 25 and 54, though the Region is seeing an increase in seniors and youth living rough too.

In 2023, the Region counted 128 encampments where people are living rough, a 167 per cent increase from 2022. It said encampments in Peel are often small and hidden from sight, unlike larger encampments in neighbouring municipalities like Toronto.

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# Caledon hosting winter clothing drive for asylum claimants

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Region of Peel has seen a surge in asylum claimants fleeing persecution in their home countries.

This has led to Peel's shelter system being pushed to its limit, and many asylum claimants living rough outside of shelters.

With winter approaching, Town of Caledon staff have decided to start a winter clothing drive for these asylum claimants. From now until November 7, residents are encouraged to drop off gently-used winter clothing items at the Caledon East Community Complex and Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness.

Items for individuals of all ages are appreciated, but adult clothing is most in need at this time.

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# The Sisters Touch of Christmas store opens for 2023 season

## All purchases made at store go towards those in need and charitable causes

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER



This gingerbread village can be won in a charity raffle.

**PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

Christmas magic is already in the air at a local store.

On October 26, The Sisters Touch of Christmas store opened its doors to begin selling handmade Christmas products, specially-curated items, and its famous one-of-a-kind hand-painted Christmas ornaments.

The store is located at St. Kosmas Aitolos Greek Orthodox Monastery (14155 Caledon King Townline South) and it's unique in that all profits from it go towards supporting those in need and charitable causes.

It's also unique because its handmade products are created by the nuns who live at the monastery.

Sister Philothei, a nun at the monastery, said the Sisters have been working hard on new one-of-a-kind hand-painted ornaments and have even created some larger ones this year. There's also ornaments available with a battery-powered "candle" inside them that creates a beautiful glow.

Sister Philothei said it takes many long hours to make each ornament, and only so many are made each year. The ornaments can be customized with a name and date at no extra charge, and a message can be added to them for an additional fee.

The Sisters Touch of Christmas store began as a Christmas bazaar in 2003 and has grown greatly over the years into the store it is today. No square-inch of space is wasted inside the store and when one enters, it's like a Christmas wonderland.

The Sisters themselves make many items that are for sale at the store, such as tea blends, maple syrup, seasoned olive oil, baked goods, skin care products, and painted dishes.

They also bring in a variety of goods, and Sister Philothei said the Sisters pride themselves on the quality of items they bring in. She noted they always try to offer items for every price point.

Sister Philothei said there's always trends in Christmas decor, but this year's theme is a classic red and green — though the Sisters offer Christmas decor for any colour palette.

Each year, the Sisters host a fundraising raffle with a Christmas-themed prize. This year's prize is a decorative "gingerbread village" that's worth $800. Tickets are $5 each or three for $10 and just like store purchases, raffle ticket sales go to charity.

Sister Philothei said so many people are in need of help with food, clothing and shelter.

"This is why we give, we feel it is so important," she said. "If everybody just gives a little bit, think of the difference we can make in the world together."

The Sisters Touch of Christmas store is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

The store will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 24.

# 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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# Survey reveals more Canadians struggling with mortgage payments

**BY BRIAN LOCKHART**

If you are feeling the crunch every month when your monthly mortgage payment is deducted from your bank account, you're not alone.

A new study says the number of Canadians who are struggling with monthly mortgage payments is increasing.

Along with that burden, many homeowners are worried about potentially higher payments when their mortgages come up for renewal at a higher interest rate.

Data released by the Angus Reid Institute in October 2023 indicates that 15 per cent of mortgage holders say they find paying their mortgage to be "very difficult."

That's up from eight per cent in March and 11 per cent in June.

The survey says that even if the Bank of Canada holds key interest rates steady at five per cent, 79 per cent of survey respondents are worried that they will face higher payments when it's time to renew their mortgage.

While homeowners with variable-rate mortgages were less likely to find monthly payments to handle currently, they were also more likely to be worried about what might happen during their next mortgage renewal.

Canada's central bank held the key interest rate steady last month but also left the opportunity for more rate hikes, citing concerns about the persistence of underlying price pressures.

The September consumer price index report helped ease some concerns about the inflation rate, which dropped to 3.8 per cent.



# Peel Public Health remains underfunded: Regional staff

## Public health unit to get one per cent funding increase per year over next three years

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Region of Peel staff say more funding is needed for public health.

On October 26, a report from Nancy Polsinelli, Peel's Commissioner of Health Services, and Peel's Acting Medical Officer of Health, Kate Bingham, was brought to Region of Peel Council.

The report states the Province has said Peel Public Health will receive a one per cent funding increase, equal to $500,000 per year, for the next three years.

While the increase is welcome, said Polsinelli and Bingham's report, the impact of it is minimal.

It said the increase does not account for inflation, Peel's population growth, or Peel's ongoing public health funding shortfall.

Polsinelli and Bingham's report said Peel receives lower per-capita funding than most other public health units in Ontario.

"Underfunding impacts Peel's ability to meet community needs and provide timely access to services," said Polsinelli and Bingham in their report. "Ongoing support from Regional Council and advocacy to the Province for sufficient funding are therefore required."

Regional staff estimate Peel Public Health will have a $9.5 million funding shortfall by the end of 2023. Staff say in 2022, for cost-shared public health programs, Peel Public Health was funded by the Province at about $34 per capita while Toronto and Hamilton were funded at $49 per capita.

Polsinelli and Bingham's report notes the Province has not committed to providing any COVID-19 funding past 2023, which is creating uncertainty.

The report also gives some examples of how Peel's public health system is strained.

From 2018 to 2021, there was a 67 per cent increase in opioid toxicity deaths in Peel. From 2018 to 2022, 682 people died from toxic drugs in the Region.

Regional staff say only two harm-reduction mobile vans and one planned supervised consumption site exist to serve the entirety of Peel, which is not enough to address the opioid crisis.

From 2017 to 2022, there was a 12 per cent increase in the number of food premise inspections needed in Peel, as well as a four per cent increase in recreational water facility inspections needed.

Regional staff said in 2022, about 8,500 public health inspections weren't able to be completed due to insufficient resources. Staff said available resources were prioritized for high-risk premises and ensuring at least one inspection per year was done for most premises.

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## CHARGES FOLLOWING INCIDENT WHICH LEFT OFFICER INJURED

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested two individuals in connection to an attempted murder investigation.

"On October 23, 2023, shortly before 7:00 a.m., officers were called to Tundra Road in the Town of Caledon for a report of a suspicious vehicle," say Police. "During the course of the interaction with the vehicle and occupants, one officer was injured and the suspects fled the scene.

"On October 26, 2023, with the assistance of the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), the OPP Physical Surveillance Unit, the Central Region Emergency Response Team (ERT), and Central Region K-9, two individuals were arrested."

Tajinder Pal Singh, 26, of no fixed address, was charged under the Criminal Code with:

- Attempt to commit Murder - Section 239(1)(b);
- Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm - Section 221;
- Dangerous Driving Causing Bodily Harm - Section 320.13(2);
- Flight from peace officer - Section 320.17;
- Theft of a motor vehicle - Section 333.1;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over $5000 - Section 355(a)

Akashdeep Marahar, 23, of no fixed address, was charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over $5000 - Section 355(a)

The two accused remain in custody and are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville for a Bail Hearing.

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation by the Caledon Detachment Major Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, and with the assistance of the OPP Regional Support Team, OPP Forensic Identification Services and the Central Region Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement (TIME) team is continuing.

## SERIOUS COLLISION INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious collision on Highway 10.

"On October 26, 2023, just after 8:00 a.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a four-vehicle collision on Highway 10, near Old School Road," say Police. "Three commercial vehicles and a passenger vehicle were involved. The driver of the passenger vehicle sustained serious and life-threatening injuries and was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre.

"Highway 10 in both directions between Old School Road and King Street 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.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

## IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a collision with impaired operation.

"On October 29, 2023, shortly before 9:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a two-vehicle collision in the intersection of Highway 50 and Old Church Road," say Police. "Minor injuries were reported. During the course of the investigation, the officer formed grounds that one of the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

As a result, Ralph Zilli, 57, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 16, 2023, to answer to the charges. The driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charges have not been proven.

"Some drivers continue to take unnecessary chances. Motorists are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture.

"If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it."

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.

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving.

## SERIOUS ASSAULT

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious assault that took place in the Town of Shelburne.

"On October 26, 2023, at approximately 2:25 a.m., OPP officers responded to a 9-1-1 call at an address on Simon Street in the Town of Shelburne," say Police. "Officers located a person inside the residence suffering from serious injuries. The victim was transported to a local hospital."

As a result of the investigation, Paul McNevan, 51-year-old, has charged with the following:

- Attempt to Commit Murder;
- Aggravated Assault;
- Break, Enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence;
- Disguise with intent;
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose;
- Mischief Under $5000;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Opioid.

The accused individual was transported to the Dufferin OPP detachment where they were held pending a bail hearing.

The charges have not been proven.

There is believed to be no public safety risk, as investigators do not consider this to be a random incident, say Police.

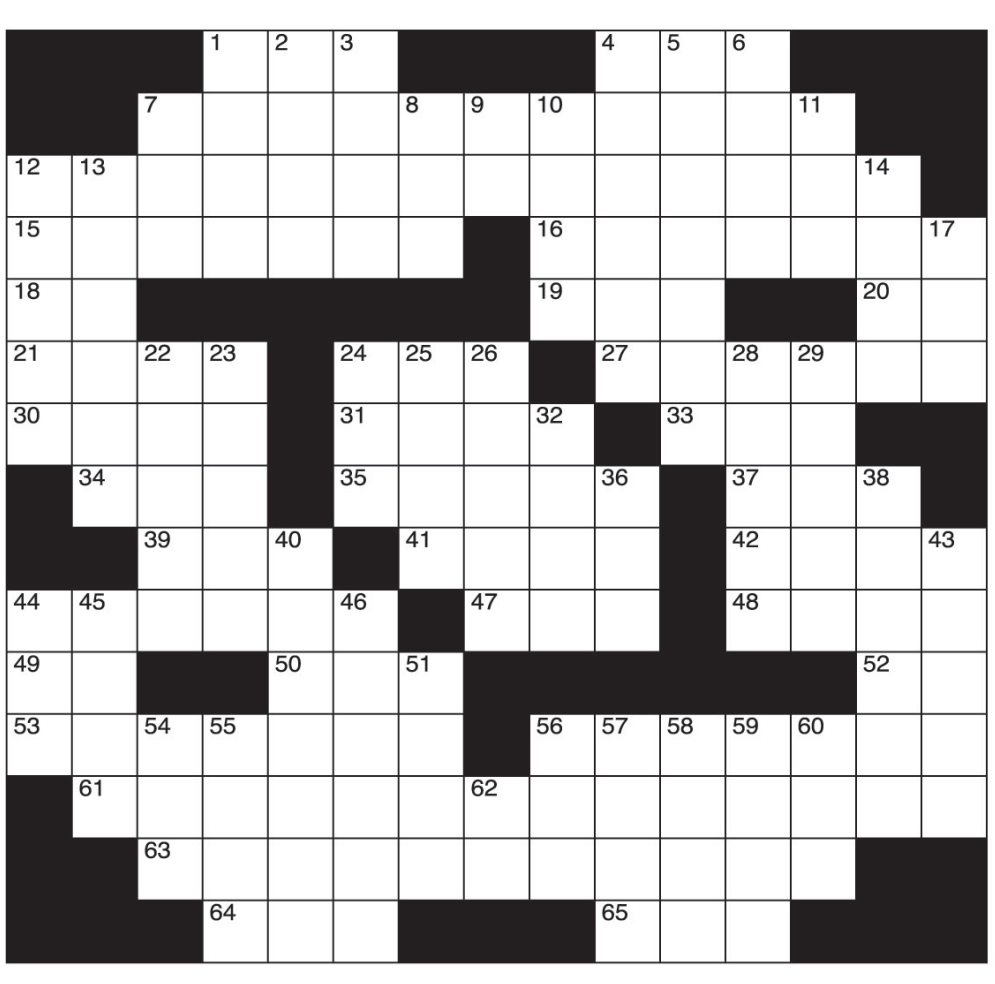
The investigation is ongoing by members of the Dufferin Crime Unit. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- 8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to $2,000.




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4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "oohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

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# Shop with a First Responder returns for 2023

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Caledon Fire and Emergency Services are pleased to announce the return of "Shop with a First Responder," previously known as "Shop with a Cop."

The planning is underway for the 11th annual Shop with a First Responder event.

For the very first time, Caledon Fire, the Town of Caledon, Caledon Community Services (The Exchange), and Caledon OPP have teamed up to offer the program on November 26, 2023

Each year it runs, several children from families experiencing financial difficulties or facing some type of a crisis in our community are identified to participate.

Participants are treated to a morning of shopping, gifts, and food, while building positive relationships with local first responders.

The Shop with A First Responder event, supported by the Optimist Club of Caledon, entirely relies on community support and involvement to ensure its continued success and sustainability.

All donations are used for expenses associated with the program such as the purchase of gifts, food, venue, supplies, and other giveaways.

Monetary donations are to be directed to the Optimist Club of Caledon.

For further instructions on how to donate, please contact A/Sgt Brisebois at joe.brisebois@opp.ca.

"We thank you for your consideration and generosity to support this important initiative," say Police. "Your donation will help deserving children and their families in Caledon to have a brighter and merrier Christmas, while continuing to build relationships between first responders and the community we serve."

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# Gently-used items can be dropped off in Bolton and Caledon East

Continued from FRONT

Sandra Sharpe, Community Development Liaison for the Town of Caledon, said Peel's shelter system is currently at over 270 per cent capacity. She said just a week ago, there were over 100 people living rough outside of shelters while waiting to be processed.

Sharpe said the Region of Peel is looking to receive support from the Provincial and Federal government for the crisis.

"It's an enormous problem," she said. "We're looking at how we can prepare these asylum seekers for the coming winter… and one of the things we thought could help is providing winter clothing."

The Town of Caledon is looking for all kinds of outerwear including scarves, hats, mittens, and winter coats.

Sharpe said as of two weeks ago, there were 953 asylum claimants in Peel's emergency shelters and overflow sites.

At a September 14 Region of Peel Council meeting, a report on asylum claimants in Peel was brought forward. It detailed the scope of the issue, at the time reporting that shelters were at 247 per cent capacity.

The report noted that Peel is preparing a claim for funding from the Federal Government's Interim Housing Assistance Program.

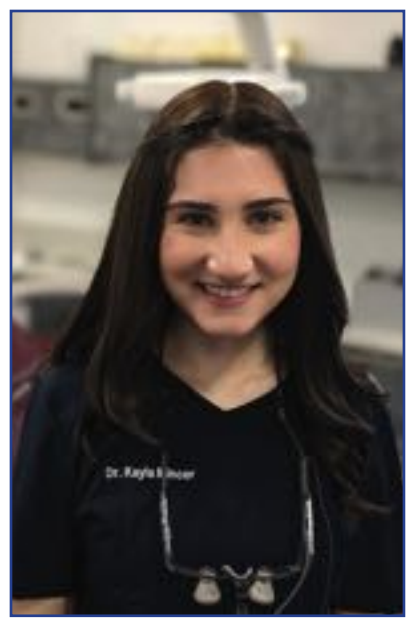
Caledon Mayor Annette Groves sent a letter about Peel's asylum claimant response that was received at the September 14 meeting.

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

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

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Local triathlete Jason Fonger stands between ecoCaledon co-chairs Lucrezia Chiappetta and John MacRae at a previous Enviro Challenge event.

FILE PHOTO

# Repair café event coming to Caledon Seniors Centre

## ecoCaledon hosting fourth and final event in its Enviro Challenge series

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The final event in ecoCaledon's Enviro Challenge is coming soon.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on November 18, ecoCaledon will host a repair café event at the Caledon Seniors Centre in Bolton (7 Rotarian Way).

The repair café will feature over 15 fixers and exhibitors.

Fixers can repair your broken clothes, jewelry, pottery and even small electrical items — and will show you how they do it. This all comes at no charge, and is part of ecoCaledon's drive to encourage people to live more sustainably.

There will also be speakers at the event, educating residents on topics like electric cars and ways to save money while reducing one's impact on the environment.

The event will also feature holiday crafts for kids and local sustainable vendors.

All year long, ecoCaledon has been hosting its Enviro Challenge series.

It launched in May with an event about reducing food waste and plant-based eating. There, residents learned how their food choices impact the environment. Local triathlete Jason Fonger was a guest speaker at the event, and he shared how he's able to compete at a high level while on an entirely vegan diet.

Fonger said in order to address the climate crisis, meat consumption can't keep increasing indefinitely. Producing one beef burger takes around 2,500 litres of water and creates 20 per cent more greenhouse gas than a plant-based alternative.

At the May event, ecoCaledon shared how even eating vegetarian on some days of the week can reduce one's carbon footprint. It also shared resources on meal planning and plant-based meal planning.

The Enviro Challenge continued in June with an event about transportation. At Caledon Day, ecoCaledon teamed up with the Caledon chapter of the Electric Vehicle Society to offer test drives of electric vehicles.

At the event, ecoCaledon also shared ways people can reduce their carbon footprint when traveling such as by not idling and combining shopping trips.

The third event in the Enviro Challenge was held in September and was all about saving energy at home, from small and simple actions to large home retrofits.

Residents learned of ways to save energy at home such as unplugging unused appliances and chargers, replacing old light bulbs with more efficient LED bulbs, and using an energy-efficient thermostat on an eco-setting.

John MacRae, co-chair of ecoCaledon, shared ways that Caledon residents have been implementing what they've learned from the Enviro Challenge in the lead up to its last event.

"Cita's made several veggie-based dinners including 'Eggplant Rollatini' with tomatoes… Bob has been test driving electric cars so he will know his electric car of choice to buy later next year," said MacRae. "Maria has applied for government grants and has a contractor ready to install an energy saving heat pump. Margo and her family are taking new energy-saving steps…"

For more information on ecoCaledon's Enviro Challenge and to sign up for it, those interested can visit ecocaledon.org.



# HomeJames-Caledon offering 15 nights of service this holiday season

## Community program strives for safety on local roads

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
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Caledon residents can get a free, safe ride home over the holidays.

HomeJames-Caledon is entering its 16th year and has chosen 15 dates on which it will be providing service.

HomeJames is a community program that provides a designated driver service for people in their own vehicles.

"HomeJames-Caledon aims to ensure the safety of our neighbors, friends, and family on the roads," said the organization in a statement. "HomeJames-Caledon has been at the forefront of providing a responsible and essential service to the community and the 16th year promises to be another milestone in its mission to prevent accidents caused by impaired driving."

HomeJames-Caledon will begin service on November 17 this year.

Other dates of service are as follows: November 18, 24 and 25; and December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31.

Volunteers are always welcomed by HomeJames-Caledon to support its mission.

"By becoming a volunteer, you can contribute to the safety and well-being of your community," reads the release. "Join us in our mission to save lives."

HomeJames-Caledon volunteers now have access to a user-friendly volunteer registration and dispatching system.

Users of the HomeJames-Caledon service can benefit from more ways to request a ride this year. HomeJames-Caledon accepts ride requests through its website, smartphone app, and by phone.

"This expanded 'request a ride' method offers greater convenience for those needing a safe ride home," reads the release.

HomeJames-Caledon's website is www.homejames-caledon.ca and its phone number is 905-951-9000.

Anyone interested in volunteering for, or donating to, HomeJames-Caledon can visit the above website or call the above number.




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Bylaw service delivery levels
TOWN OF CALEDON

As Caledon grows, we want to ensure our bylaw services meet your needs.

To have your say visit **haveyoursaycaledon.ca/bylawreview** and complete our short survey on bylaw enforcement.

Your comments will help shape an updated service delivery model so we can continue to meet the needs of Caledon residents.

LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Day Services

To honor the memory of all Canadians who have served their country in time of war, the following services will be hosted in the Town of Caledon.
Services will take place at:

**ALTON**
Sunday November 5
10 a.m.
Alton Legion Hall,
1267 Queen St
*Potluck lunch following service*
*Contact The Alton Legion at 519-942-4021 for more information.*

**CALEDON EAST**
Friday November 10
10:50 a.m.
Caledon East Cenotaph
(located at Town Hall)
6311 Old Church Road

**BOLTON**
Sunday November 5
12:30 p.m.
Bolton Cenotaph
Centennial Drive
Laurel Hill Cemetery
*Contact Jimmy Pountney 905.857.1847 or saloninnovations@hotmail.com for more information.*
*Facebook Page: Bolton Remembrance Service*

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55+ | Stay Active this Fall & Winter



Take advantage of **FREE** walking track access at the following locations:

- Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness (anytime with a Caledon Seniors Centre membership)
- Caledon East Community Complex (Mon-Fri: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat/Sun: 2 to 8 p.m)

Also, for 55+ groups looking to socialize, **FREE** access* to community rooms and lounges are available at:

- Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness
- Caledon East Community Complex
- Southfields Community Centre

*Subject to room availability.

For full details visit **Caledon.ca/Adult55-Programs**

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# When someone tells you who they are...

Have you ever had a spare moment to sit down and truly think about who you really are?

I'm not talking about pinning down your name, birthplace, and general background – hopefully you know that already! – but, instead, what you represent, how you hope others see you, the very personal philosophy that guides your life?

We should all give it a shot, but who really has the time these days?

Well, we all have the time if we really try to make it, but, if you really don't, I'm sure that, before too long, there will be a cavalcade of others who want to fill in the blanks.

There is an old saying that appears to be getting a lot more usage these days, and that is, "When someone tells you who they are, believe them."

I don't know when it started to really gain traction, but I remember it being trotted out with significant regularity in the second to last U.S. Presidential election where what was coming out of the mouths of some candidates was brushed off as pandering to a base of voters rather than representative of real platform planks let alone policy.

When the sound bites translated into legislation, some were left scratching their heads as to how it all went wrong. Well, they told you who they were but convinced yourself not to believe them.

Over the past Thanksgiving holiday, once the turkey had been finished and we were all sitting around the table chatting, discussions turned to our Provincial and Federal leaders – in place or aspiring – and what they represent.

When the chat swung around to one particular individual, the family member I was conversing with dismissed the rhetoric that was coming from the podium as mere electioneering that couldn't possibly translate into policy that would impact their life.

I'm not sure what would have given them the idea, except for self-comfort, but they were content to believe it and wouldn't be swayed otherwise – but we have seen this movie before.

"When someone tells you who they are, believe them," indeed.

Beyond politics, we see this spill into social issues as well.

Consider for a moment the backlash being continually levelled unjustly at the Trans community.

They are persons out there trying to live their lives authentically, as they feel they are inside, with the same rights, privileges and, ultimately, peace that cisgender folk do, yet see pushback every single day from those same cisgender folks who, despite what they say, really have no idea what it is like to walk a mile in their shoes.

Somehow people who have not walked down that proverbial road inexplicably feel they know what's best for others and are unmoved by the ample evidence that suggests otherwise.

"When someone tells you who they are..."

It all seems, at least to my mind, relatively straightforward – but last week we got something of a curveball when the CBC's Fifth Estate ran their investigations into the heritage of Canadian music icon Buffy Sainte-Marie.

Sainte-Marie, who has been an acclaimed artist for the better part of 60 years now, has, it was stated by family members and others, been falsely claiming Indigenous heritage, a factor that, despite her prodigious talent, has been a cornerstone of her career since bursting onto the scene in 1963.

The documentarians interviewed several family members who cast doubt on Sainte-Marie's story, including her claims that she was an Indigenous child who was adopted by Italian-American parents in New England, and charted various ways on which her origin story had changed since she began building her career as a young chanteuse.

On the surface, this is one area where, "When someone tells you who they are, believe them," might not apply. But, again, at least on the surface.

The evidence presented was certainly compelling, but will it be the end of the story? Not if Sainte-Marie and her adopted family in the Piapot First Nation have anything to do about it.

"I am proud of my Indigenous-American identity and the deep ties I have to Canada and the Piapot family," said the singer in a statement just before the program unspooled, stating that her mother told her she was adopted, there was no documentation, and she might have been born "on the wrong side of the blanket."

"As a young adult, I was adopted by Emile Piapot (son of Chief Piapot, Treaty 4 Adhesion signatory), and Clara Starblanket Piapot (daughter of Chief Starblanket, Treaty 4 signatory), in accordance with Cree law and customs," she continued. "They were kind, loving, and proud to claim me as their own. I love my Piapot family and am so lucky to have them in my life. I have always struggled to answer questions about who I am. For a long time, I tried to discover information about my background. Through that research what became clear, and what I have always been honest about, is that I don't know where I'm from or who my birth parents were, and I will never know. Which is why, to be questioned in this way today, is painful for both me and for my two families I love so dearly."

The Piapot First Nation also has her back, adding separately: "She is our Auntie, our relative, and a beloved member of the Piapot family and community. The accusations which are about to be made of our Auntie Buffy are hurtful, ignorant, colonial – and racist. No one, including Canada and its governments, the Indian Act, institutions, media, or any person anywhere can deny our family's inherent right to determine who is a member of our family and community.

"Buffy is our family. We chose her and she chose us. We claim her as a member of our family and all of our family members are from the Piapot First Nation. To us, that holds far more weight than any paper documentation or colonial record keeping ever could. We are a sovereign nation, a sovereign people – Canada does not get to determine who we claim as a family, and neither does the media. It's up to us to determine who is a member of our community and our family. Every understanding of our spiritual practice, the history our grandparents shared with us, and the traditions of the Cree refute your suggestion that our Auntie Buffy is not Indigenous or a member of our community."

I am not here to determine who Buffy Sainte-Marie is. Is the paper trail troubling? Yes. Are there nuances to this story? Yes. Is there more to consider beyond our own traditions of what constitutes a family? It seems that there are.

"When a sovereign First Nation tells you who is and is not a member…"

An interesting national conversation awaits us.




# Pluses and minuses; the ledger of life

*by Mark Pavilons*



When we prepare for a job, role or volunteer position, we're often asked about our pluses and minuses.

Of course, we brag a bit about what we bring to the table, and downplay our negative qualities.

When we really do a deep dive into our personal numbers – the proverbial ledger of life – it's quite a different story.

On a day-to-day basis I like to look at the "balance sheet" at the end of the day. Am I ahead? Am I in the hole? Did I break even?

For example, I recently made a purchase on eBay but the transaction didn't go through. No biggie, but I used $200 in gift cards that I've been holding onto for that special buy. I didn't want that to get lost in the shuffle, or get eaten by a technical glitch.

Several phone calls to eBay customer service and I was assured the balances would be restored and I can "try again." That's a phrase we encounter all too often when going down the internet rabbit hole.

While it eventually worked out, it involved dealing with the seller to complete the deal. For a company as large as eBay, that relies on technology, how do "glitches" happen exactly?

Let's call this a zero on the ledger, a break even if you will.

My wife encountered a whopper regarding the purchase of our daughter's prom dress from a well-known retailer. Apparently online rules are much different than if you popped into the store.

There was a time crunch, and we weren't sure if we'd find one at the physical store, so my wife ordered one online, as a solid Plan B. Well, the dress didn't come in time for the prom and we did find one in the store.

The worst part was trying to return the online purchase. The store offers a credit, and doesn't really accept returns, even though this is new, unopened, as it arrived. We argued it didn't arrive in the specified time. Despite having all the receipts, they are still refusing to take it back, after literally three months of email exchanges and phone calls.

Chalk up $400 in the minus column. Unhappy consumers all around. A family member spent a week in Newfoundland, and her return flight to Toronto was cancelled due to a "staff shortage." Never heard of such a thing. The flight they offered was a day late and involved 10-hours and three stops. No one would accept such an offer.

She had to fork out $400 on a major airline to get home in time for work and school.

Chalk up $400 in the minus column. She's making a claim, and hopefully she will be fully reimbursed. But it will take time. She did get reimbursed for her original flight.

In this day and age, where airlines are still recovering from the COVID losses, one would think they'd be on their A game.

So far, our ledger is loaded with red ink.

How about our TV and Internet provider at home? I'm on the phone almost monthly about this or that, lost signals, wifi goes down, etc. Down the automated rabbit hole again, with the bot who can only answer rudimentary questions. Due to high call volumes there's a huge wait. Are there that many problems that customers are overloading the phones at 9 p.m.? Again, with the latest in 5 gig fiber optics, what the heck is going on? Why are we paying such huge monthly fees for mediocre service?

A huge payout, definitely a minus here.

For me, if I win $10 in the lottery and use that money to buy tickets, I consider it a win. Yes, it's break even, but I see it as a plus, since I don't have to fork out any out-of-pocket money.

I never did well in math. They say playing the lottery is for people who can't do math.

Most of us, by now, are accustomed to online banking. My parents never mastered it, and didn't even own credit cards until the late 1990s. Cash was king, and there's a resurgence of that line of thinking, to help employees and small businesses.

I will never forget my late uncle and his sense of humour. He was a cash guy and his wallet was always bursting with bills. The only negative to that was a famous story he told. After getting paid on a Friday, he and another employee took the company van, one with an open door on one side. While driving, they swerved on a slippery road, and headed for the ditch. While they were unscathed, their wallets weren't. He said $20 bills littered the roadway!

While today's banking is also lightning fast, mistakes and oddities still occur. This is where we can see, in plain sight on the screen of our smart phone, our daily or weekly pluses and minuses. For me, it's not a pleasant sight. It's like watching a horror movie on my phone, minus the bloodshed.

I still don't get ATM charges when using another bank's machine. They're all connected, using the same platform, like Interac. It's at times like this that I feel a kinship with the legendary figure Robin Hood. Just saying. Chalk up another minus here.

Our collective aim is staying above water, ahead of those pesky automatic withdrawals. With the ease of e-transactions, it's easy to lose track of our bank account balance. Out of sight, out of mind, I guess. We've got debit on our phones and bank cards; a multitude of credit cards, access to e-transfer and PayPal.

Money flows like water. I remember my dad telling me in his final years that money went out by the thousands, not hundreds anymore.

Ain't it the truth?

My son, the ever-critical thinker, wants to know why the banks, financial institutions and government have such control over our lives. Good question. My comeback is always, because we allowed it, and we empower them. But it's not right, or fair, he counters.

Well, given the state of affairs in the world today, I think "fair" and "right" have gone out the window.

The world, or universe for that matter, cares little about us average human beings.

I hope you have more pluses than minuses in your daily lives. As for me, I'm the one in the small dinghy, swirling around in circles, without a paddle!




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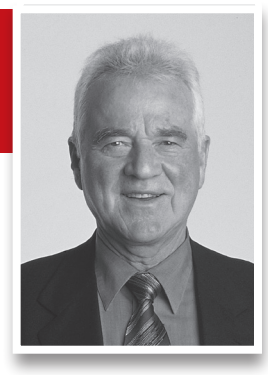
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# Why are fewer Canadians starting their own business?

## FRANK STRONACH
### THE PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC CHARTER OF RIGHTS



There are more small businesses in Canada closing up shop than there are people starting a new business.

That's the disturbing finding from a new study carried out by the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and the University of Montreal.

According to the study, Canada has 100,000 fewer entrepreneurs today than 20 years ago, despite the fact that our population has grown by more than 10 million people. In other words, only half as many people are starting their own businesses compared to two decades years ago.

And of that group, approximately one-third will close their doors within the first five years.

BDC, which is a federal crown corporation specifically created to help Canadian entrepreneurs, said the study was "worrying because entrepreneurship is crucial to the economy, fueling innovation and economic growth."

The small business bank also called the decline in Canadian entrepreneurship "alarming" because of the enormous role small business plays in creating new jobs – or as BDC put it: "Entrepreneurs are the backbone of Canada's economy: They spearhead innovations. They're responsible for virtually all net new job creation. They drive growth and transformation."

In searching for reasons why entrepreneurship is no longer an attractive career option for many Canadians, BDC cited the "more complex business environment" that entrepreneurs and small business owners face.

But the real question is: Why is the business environment more complex today than it was 20 or even 50 years ago?

I believe the main reason is that government is suffocating small business to death. Canada's small business owners and entrepreneurs are struggling to cope with a mind-boggling amount of red tape, regulations, rules, forms and never-ending government compliance requests.

All of this added regulatory burden has sapped productivity and crippled the competitiveness of small businesses in Canada.

Last year, the Chartered Professional Accounts of Canada urged the government to act on a task force report from over ten years ago that identified over 60 areas where government could reduce red tape and regulations.

But nothing was done – and in the ten years since the report was published, the paperwork and regulatory compliance that small business gets saddled with each year has continued to get worse.

The other key factor hampering small businesses is the tax that's levied on them in their early stages of incubation and growth – a crucial period when cashflow is king and profits are typically re-invested in product development and hiring new employees to fuel future expansion.

So how do we get more Canadians starting their own small business? And how do we help the hundreds of thousands of small businesses across Canada struggling to make a go of it?

I believe the best solution is the creation of an economic charter of rights – one that takes the chains off small business by reducing the regulatory burden we've imposed on them. By doing this, we'd give small businesses the conditions they need to thrive and flourish.

An economic charter with these key principles would trigger a wave of entrepreneurship and would give existing small business owners a fighting chance to keep their doors open and grow. It's also the reason why small business across Canada should rally together in support of an economic charter.

If any business association in Ontario wants to learn more about the proposed Economic Charter, I'd be happy to speak at your event and tell you more about how the charter can help small business. Email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

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# Plus ca change...

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### TALK CALEDON



Several of my conversations of late have revolved around the topic of human nature. For most of us, it is our nature to nurture. To care for others, for ourselves and for the world around us. Sadly however, it appears it is also human nature to do all kinds of other things that are the very opposite of nurture. Whether it's politics, war, disasters, gun violence or even traffic chaos, plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose. Loosely translated, that is to say, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Locally, we're experiencing a lot of change. The Town of Caledon staff turnover rate is alarming. We've talked about that already and while we might wonder at the reasons why, apart from one person having all the power that is, still the work of the Town goes on. While it currently appears there is no one in charge of Bylaw, we are nonetheless undertaking a review of the Bylaw department and service delivery levels - asking Caledon residents to chime in on their experiences with bylaw enforcement.

Personally, I'm not sure we need a study because human nature is, well, human nature. I predict the following results: residents in Ward 2 will complain about vehicles parking all over the place, unless, of course, you're one of the many residents who wants to park six vehicles on your concrete "driveway" that also just happens to take up the entirety of your front lawn. People from all wards will complain about the myriad of illegal trucking yards that exist, while owners of said yards will continue to ignore bylaw enforcement and give every appearance of running a perfectly legal truck operation that just happens to be located on farmland. Finally, bylaws will continue to be upheld, or amended, as the powers that be see fit. As an example, and not to be negative but, take the recent bylaw amendment to address a stop gap measure on quarry development. It'll exist until it doesn't. When a determination is made, locally or provincially, that a quarry is worth too much revenue potential and residents aren't worth enough, quarries will be dug. People are people. Governments need money. Bylaws will be studied and bylaws will be ignored. Plus ca change, plus c'est meme chose.

Human nature being what it is, locally (and in regions across Canada) we continue to be harangued by people who think they are saviours; first saving us from the government and vaccines, now on a mission to save our children. More camps are being set up, more marches in the streets, more blowing of horns and hot air - this time about how we must protect children from the dangers of education. It's a scary place out there and trust me, it's not because your kids went to a storytime hosted by drag queens. The only dragging going on that's dangerous is from uninformed "million marchers" who are dragging historically marginalized communities through the mud, along with anyone and everyone who stands in support of them. Human nature at its "best," the inference here is that educating children about all the unique and special ways we are unique and special, threatens some of us, but generally speaking, only those who think "different" is dangerous.

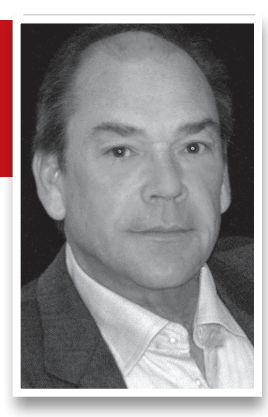
Speaking of people chiming in on a "hot-button" topic, I'm not sure those considered to be white, colonial settlers should be weighing in on anything to do with the Indigenous (or lack thereof) identity of Buffy Sainte-Marie. Surely we must all agree there can be no equivocation whatsoever that a "pretendian" is morally bankrupt, but so to, perhaps, were the reasons for exposing Buffy Sainte-Marie in the first place. The CBC has single-handedly undermined the path of Indigenous efforts to move forward by riling up some Canadians who now feel at liberty to question any Indigenous history, including a history of trauma, based solely on the potential that one Indigenous cultural icon might be fake. The only people who should be commenting with any moral authority on the topic are those impacted by the story - Indigenous persons.

While on the topic of moral bankruptcy, it's been a while since we talked about our good friend Mr. Ford. Still calling us "folks," in that endearing way of his, he continues to try and charm his way out of the massive hole he's dug for himself in recent months. Many surmised that "returning" the Greenbelt back to where it belongs was simply a smokescreen, designed to lure attention away from even bigger controversies still to be uncovered (as if decimating the greenbelt wasn't bad enough). In yet another "bombshell" announcement, it appears the pundits were correct. Mr. Ford must have really wanted to be in construction growing up because it certainly seems that if it has to do with land, MZOs, building highways and paving over greenbelts while also building a massive spa for the elites on the shores of Lake Ontario, his hard-hatted head has somehow been in the middle of it all. Plus, it appears all his best-est friends are in construction too.

"Mistakes were made," he said when acknowledging the greenbelt disaster. I wonder what he'll claim when the RCMP ask him why 18 "folks," who just happened to be guests at his daughter's wedding, also just happened to receive favourable MZOs? Mistakes indeed. Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose.

# The wrong equation

## BRIAN LOCKHART
### FROM THE SECOND ROW



This interesting story, or maybe a parable, came across my Facebook page the other day.

I thought it was interesting enough to share:

At the start of the first class of a new school year, a teacher wrote several equations on the blackboard.

The first equation was 4+6=12. She then followed up with several more equations, all with the correct answer.

When she was done, she looked to the students and they were all laughing at her because of the first equation which was wrong.

Then the teacher said the following:

"I wrote that first one wrong on purpose because I wanted you to learn something important. This was for you to know how the world will treat you. You can see that I wrote nine equations right, but none of you congratulated me for it. You all laughed and criticized me because of one wrong thing I did. So, this is the lesson: The world will always focus on the one wrong thing you do even if you do good a million times. But don't get discouraged, always rise above all the laughter and criticism."

There is a lot of truth in this little story. Very seldom do you hear about the good things you do, but make a mistake, and people will let you know.

The irony of the above parable isn't lost, however, because if there is one person who always, and I mean always, points out your mistakes – it's a teacher.

When I first entered high school, I was determined to be a good student. One of the first classes I enrolled in was electricity.

I had been informed by my older brother, that in high school you couldn't submit hand-written reports.

When we got our first big assignment in that electricity class, I took it seriously. I did the work, and got out my own little portable typewriter, and spent hours making sure every word was spelled correctly, and the entire report was neatly typed with good clean copy. I was proud of the job I did.

After the reports were graded, and handed back to us, across the top of my report, written in big red letters were the sarcastic words, "Who did your typing?"

I was a shy kid at the time, and didn't follow up on this. However, I should have gone back to the teacher and demanded extra credit for producing a paper he thought was beyond the ability of a Grade Nine student – who he didn't even know.

I should have then demanded credit on top of that in the way of an apology from the teacher for making an assumption without checking facts, being unprofessional, and basically being a jerk.

That stupid comment from that teacher set the tone for the rest of my time in high school. I had little respect for any comment any teacher made about my work from that point on. As far as I was concerned, they were there to criticize, not point out the good things you did.

It is true, in life, that people are far more likely to point out a mistake, than praise someone for a job well done.

A baseball umpire can make 100 perfect calls in a row, however it is that one missed call that results in the crowd yelling out the insults.

If a person in a coffee shop makes a coffee the wrong way, the customer almost always has to make derogatory comment about such bad service, without thinking about the other 1,000 coffees that day that were made to order.

You can drive a car for 30 years with no accidents or tickets and no one will thank you for your good driving. However, have one accident and suddenly you are deemed a risk and your insurance rates will go up.

I recall a concert by the late tenor, Luciano Pavarotti, where for some reason, his voice warbled or cracked on the high note. The Italian crowd started booing. Apparently they take opera very seriously in Italy.

The man had decades of beautiful performances, but could not be forgiven for one mistake.

No one ever stops a police officer and thanks them for doing a good job and keeping the streets safe. But if one person catches a cop on video wrestling with a drunk who is on probation and took a swing at him, they demand "justice" for the criminal.

Criticizing is apparently a lot easier and more satisfying that praising someone.

Sometimes you can deliver a compliment, thank someone, or just say something nice, and it will improve the day of two people – the person who received the compliment, and yourself for giving it.

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# Region taking steps to address increase in homelessness

Continued from FRONT

The Region is seeing a drastic increase in expenses from overflow in its shelter system. Overflow expenses for 2023 are expected to be nearly $27 million, and in 2024, overflow expenses are expected to be around $42 million.

Peel owns, operates or funds eight emergency shelters with a combined total of 449 beds. When these are full, Peel provides temporary emergency shelter through hotel rooms.

In 2022, over 4,000 people used Peel's shelter system.

The October 26 report, which was brought forward at a Region of Peel Council meeting held that day, listed recommendations for Council to approve.

It said while the recommendations would help the issue of homelessness in Peel, ultimately, significantly more resources than what the Region can generate would be needed to reduce and eliminate homelessness in Peel.

In addition to the actions recommended in the report, Council was also urged to continue advocacy to secure more funding from the Provincial and Federal governments.

Council approved the staff recommendations.

The recommendations included the extension of contracts for additional security services, provision of temporary overflow hotel accommodations, and the securing of as-required catering services for supply of meals for those living rough.

Actions the Region will take include expanding its outreach program and maintaining its "do not turn away" policy at its shelters.

Peel will be working to create 338 new shelter beds, 186 of which are replacement beds, by 2028. These beds will come from three different projects that are already in progress.

The Region will be working to improve access to social support for those experiencing homelessness, as well as hiring more housing support workers.

It's also looking to find space for asylum claimants outside of the shelter system, as there's been a large increase in the number of asylum claimants in Peel. Staff said they'd bring more information on this to Council in a future report.

Actions the Region will be researching, but does not yet have budget approval to begin implementing, include expanding drop-in programs; creating encampment policies and protocols; enhancing homelessness prevention; removing barriers to shelter use; building even more shelter beds; and advocating for a more sustainable response program for asylum claimants.

# Robert Kortgaard Trio to play concert in Caledon East

## Trio features pianist, double bassist and soprano singer

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An award-winning Canadian pianist and his bandmates are coming to Caledon for a performance.

At 7:30 p.m. on November 18, the Robert Kortgaard Trio will perform in the great hall at St. James' Anglican Church in Caledon East, located at 6025 Old Church Road.

Caledon Chamber Concerts, a local non-profit, arranged the concert and will have a seven-foot Steinway grand piano brought in for the performance.

Kortgaard is a pianist and was born in Regina. He grew up in Calgary before completing his Bachelor and Master's degrees at The Juilliard School in New York City.

He's performed all over the world and has received numerous arts awards. Kortgaard is the artistic director of the Leith Summer Festival in Ontario and the Under the Spire Music Festival in Prince Edward Island.

Joining Kortgaard in his trio performance is Andrew Downing on double bass. Downing lives in Toronto and is a composer, band leader, and music educator.

He composes music for groups he plays in, as well as for many other groups throughout Canada. Downing was recently nominated for the Louis Applebaum Composition award through the Ontario Arts Council.

He also has two Juno Award wins for albums of his own composition. Downing currently works as a teacher at the University of Toronto.

Rounding out the Robert Kortgaard Trio is soprano singer Patricia O'Callaghan.

O'Callaghan has six solo albums and can speak French, Spanish, and German. She's known for blending a variety of languages and cultures into her performances.

O'Callaghan teaches at The Dan School of Drama and Music at Queen's University, and at The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity's Evolution: Classical program.

Those interested in buying tickets for the Robert Kortgaard Trio concert can do so online at caledonchamberconcerts.com. Tickets can also be purchased by email at caledonchamberconcerts@gmail.com and phone at 905-880-2445.

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# Local theatre company celebrates successful first performance run

## Over the Footlight Productions put on performances of "Something Rotten" from October 26-29




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**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Caledon theatre company's recent production of "Something Rotten" were something awesome.

From October 26 to 29, Over the Footlight Productions (OTF) put on performances of the comedic musical at the Vaughan Playhouse.

Lucy Todish, co-founder of OTF and producer of its performances of Something Rotten, said the performances were well-received.

"It was fantastic," said Todish of the show's run. "We had a great audience and some really positive reviews which was nice."

Todish said she was pleased that Caledon Mayor Annette Groves came out to see the Saturday night performance of the show.

She said the OTF actors were so happy to be able to finally perform for an audience.

"They worked so hard for the past six months," said Todish, noting how much work it is to put on a big show. "They fed off the energy as well, it's nice to have the audience responding to the jokes, songs and dances."

Todish said the musical's opening number got a great reaction from the audience, and it set a great tone for the rest of the show.

While the cast was making waves on the stage, their behind-the-scenes crew was just as hard at work managing lighting, sets, props, costumes and more.

Todish said the efforts of those who work behind the scenes aren't talked about enough; that they really make the theatre come to life.

"We had to make sure we had the right lighting, the right set design to set the mood for the audience," said Todish, "There were a lot of props that we had to make… and I can't say enough about the costumes."

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa was involved with the show, as he was its executive producer. Todish said his help in securing sponsorships was invaluable.

"He was a huge part of this," she said.

Todish said she is so proud of the entire cast of Something Rotten.

"Everybody did an amazing job," she said.

OTF is a not-for-profit theatre company started earlier this year by Todish and fellow Caledon resident John Thomas. It's partnered with the Stage Academy Theatre Association.

To inquire about volunteering for OTF or participating in its next performance, interested parties can email overthefootlight@gmail.com. Todish also encourages anyone interested to follow OTF on Instagram @overthefootlight.

Todish said the theatre company will be deciding on its next production in the next few months.

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# Public Notice

Peel Region working with you

## Notice of intention to adopt a Budget and to amend by-laws fixing fees and charges

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel is providing notice that it intends to adopt the 2024 Regional Operating and Capital Budgets, and to amend by-laws fixing fees and charges for Regional services. This includes fees and charges for the use of Peel water, wastewater, sewer, and waste management systems, and any increases, additions, deletions or changes to the Fees By-law.

The Regional Council Budget meetings are open to the public and residents may attend. The meetings will also be live streamed on **peelregion.ca**. The 2024 Regional Operating and Capital Budget will be available at **peelregion.ca/budget** as of November 2, 2023.

Any person or organization wishing to make representation to Regional Council should email their submission or request to delegate to the Office of the Regional Clerk at **regional.clerk@peelregion.ca** or call 905–791–7800, ext. 4545 at least 72 hours prior to the budget meeting (i.e. by 9:30 a.m. on the Monday prior to the meeting) for the purpose of listing your name and the topic on the appropriate agenda.

The Regional Council Budget meeting to commence discussion and consideration of the Regional Operating and Capital Budgets is scheduled for:

**Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
5th Floor, Council Chambers
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

The Budget may be approved in whole or in part at the above-noted Regional Council Budget meeting or any subsequent Regional Council Budget meeting. If the matter is considered at a subsequent Budget meeting of Council, no additional notice will be provided unless Regional Council directs otherwise.

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Dated this 2nd day of November, 2023

CFO-0046 23/10

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



# Public Notice

Region of Peel working with you

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NO. 1
## Schedule 'C' Class Environmental Assessment
## Bolton Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvements

**Background:**




Peel Region has initiated the Bolton Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study. This MCEA builds off a Feasibility Study recently completed by the Region which outlined conceptual water and wastewater projects that service the additional development proposed within both the intensification and greenfield growth areas in the Community of Bolton. Additionally, the MCEA will complete a comprehensive evaluation of all potential alternatives to develop the optimal water and wastewater servicing solutions to meet existing needs and growth within the Bolton study area.

**Process:**

The study follows a Schedule 'C' Class EA process, including:
- Consultation with Indigenous Rights Holders
- Engagement with Indigenous stakeholder, agencies, and the public
- Investigating alternative water and wastewater servicing strategies, routes, and design concepts
- Confirming the preferred solution including alignments, siting, design, and construction timing

**Your Input is Important:**

Three Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present the findings of the Class EA and to provide an opportunity to give feedback to the project team. PIC No. 1 will be held in person and will present the study's problem/opportunity statement, existing study area conditions, overall evaluation approach and ask for public input. Information will be presented on display boards and staff will be available to answer any questions and discuss next steps in the study. PIC No. 1 details are provided below:

**PIC No. 1**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
**Location:** Albion Bolton Community Centre – Auditorium
150 Queen St. South, Bolton L7E 1E3

PIC No. 2 is planned for Spring 2024 and will be finalized and published at a later date.

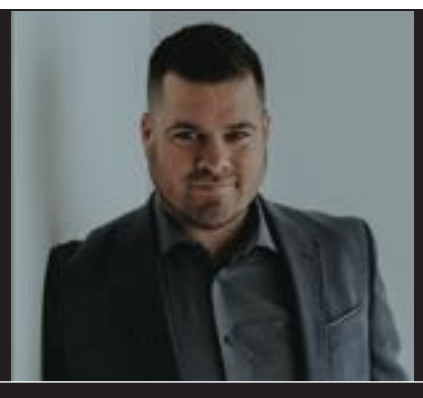
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For more information on this study, please visit the Region's website at: **www.peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/#current** (Caledon) or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.

The Region of Peel is committed to ensure that all Regional services, programs, and facilities are inclusive and accessible. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any accommodations to provide comments and/or feedback for this study.

**This notice was first issued on November 2, 2023**




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# Scott, Perrino, and Walker lead Caledon Golden Hawks to 6-5 comeback win over second-place Orillia Terriers

## Golden Hawks split back-to-back weekend games versus Orillia and Schomberg

**BY JIM STEWART**

Arunas Scott scored four points including a hat trick, Andrew Perrino cued a comeback by dishing out three assists in the second period, and Chad Walker made 34 saves in a two-period substitute goaltending appearance to lead the Caledon Golden Hawks to an impressive 6-5 come-from-behind victory over the Terriers on Saturday in Orillia.

Caledon split a challenging weekend slate of games, losing a hard-fought 3-2 decision to the Schomberg Cougars at the Mayfield Recreation Complex on Sunday afternoon. It was the Cougars' fourth consecutive win and moved them into first-place in the North Carruthers Division with an 11-3 record.

At the West Orillia Sports Complex on Saturday evening, the Golden Hawks fell behind early when three Terriers – Devon Edwards, Marcus Petroff, and Caden Carroll – scored nine minutes apart to stake Orillia to a 3-0 lead. Caledon's powerplay responded at 16.37 when Scott—on a helper from Anton Smirnov—narrowed the Golden Hawks' deficit to 3-1.

However, Orillia forward Colton Dumond slipped the puck past Caledon goaltender Marek Andreali with two seconds left in the opening frame to restore the Terriers' three-goal lead and ended the Golden Hawk goalie's evening after surrendering four goals on sixteen shots.

Chad Walker replaced Andreali to start the second period and the move appeared to backfire initially as Noah Mountain beat Walker 42 seconds into the middle frame to put the Terriers up 5-1.

However, the Golden Hawks were undaunted by the early setback and fired five unanswered goals to claim victory.

The comeback was cued by Scott who scored at 5:16—on assists from Nathan Gelsomini and Andrew Perrino—and bulged the twine 37 seconds later to secure his hat trick. Perrino assisted on Scott's third tally and added his third assist of the period to continue the rally when Anton Smirnov fired a power play goal with eight minutes left in the middle frame to diminish the Terriers' once-commanding lead to 5-4.

The Golden Hawks set the tone in the final frame in Orillia when Tyler Van Dehn—with helpers from Nicholas Volpe and Patrick Polaczek—beat Terriers' goaltender Brody Pritchard and pulled Caledon into a 5-5 tie. 65 seconds later, Caledon slipped a sixth puck past Pritchard when Jacob Altomare scored the game-winning goal on an assist from Scott.

Walker turned aside all twenty shots he faced in the third period to preserve the win and was selected Second Star of the Game by PJHL staff. Scott—on the strength of his three goals and one assist—was selected First Star of the Game.

On Sunday afternoon, it was a hard-hitting, spirited contest from puck drop versus first-place Schomberg. The Cougars struck first when Jacob Duggan whistled a shot from the left point 86 seconds into the game that found the back of the net behind Walker. Wesley O'Hara and Carlo Lionti earned assists on the opening goal.

Eight minutes later, with Caledon's Nathan Gelsomini in the penalty box, the Cougars took a 2-0 lead when speedy Matthew Lychek banged in a rebound off Captain Adam Miller's blast from the blue line. Miller's accurate shot from the point was set up nicely by Michael Termini, but the Cougars' power play marker seemed to snap a tired Caledon squad to attention.

The Golden Hawks pushed back in the wide-open first period that featured 41 total shots on goal.

Caledon pinned the Cougars in their own end with sustained pressure in the final three minutes of play.

Only the crease heroics of Christopher Thompson and the efficacy of the Cougars' PK squad kept the Golden Hawks off the scoresheet. The big Schomberg netminder turned aside all 19 shots directed at him in the opening frame—most notably when he flashed the leather twice at 2:29 and 2:07 – to keep the hard-charging and much-improved home team from putting one on the scoreboard.

However, the persistent Golden Hawks solved Thompson four minutes into the second period when Antero Allen banged in the puck in a goal mouth scramble to narrow the visitors' lead to 2-1.

Arunas Scott—who continued his hot hand from the previous night's game in Orillia – earned the assist on Allen's first goal of the season.

The Cougars continued playing a heavy game versus the Golden Hawks in the middle frame, but it cost them. Schomberg's Assistant Captain Carlo Lionti was banished from the contest at 11:14 for hitting from behind and was assessed a major penalty.

Less than 45 seconds later, Zach Gallow took exception to be being tackled from behind by Gelsomini who thwarted the Cougar Assistant Captain's short-handed breakaway attempt. Gallow was assessed a double minor in the ensuing fracas and Schomberg found itself at a 5 on 3 disadvantage for four minutes. In a defensive stand that was the turning point of the contest, Caledon kept the Cougars pinned in their own zone with excellent power play rotation and opportunities, but Schomberg's penalty killers blocked six Golden Hawks shots and Thompson looked after the rest.

After killing off the combination of major penalties and double minors, speedy Cougar Luke Szabo made a power move off the right wing and drew a penalty with 25 seconds left in the second period. The Cougars' power play went to work and within 12 seconds, Schomberg took a 3-1 lead when blueliner Andrew Hrinco blasted a shot top shelf that beat Walker high stick side. It was Hrinco's seventh power play goal of the season. Carter Longland and Szabo drew assists on Hrinco's howitzer that sent the Cougars to the dressing room with a two-goal lead.

Schomberg needed that two-goal cushion because crafty Caledon forward Patrick Polaczek crept in from the weak side and tucked the puck between the post and Thompson to pull the Golden Hawks to within one with 8:07 left on the clock. The skillful Golden Hawks playmaker Nicholas Volpe earned his eighth assist of the season and Brandon Orr tallied his first helper on the elusive Polaczek's fifth goal of the campaign.

Joey Furlano—playing his first game as a visitor at the Mayfield Recreation Complex—created a perilous situation for Schomberg. The productive Cougar, who tallied five points in two wins versus Alliston and Midland on Thursday and Friday, drew a tripping penalty at 5:45 to put Caledon on the power play for the 11th time in the game. Again, the spirited Schomberg PK was up to the task and killed off Furlano's untimely infraction.

Coach Mark Hrinco commented on the efficacy of his penalty killers and his team's need for more on-ice discipline.

"Unfortunately, our penalty killers have had lots of practice this season. Fortunately, they have been really good, especially today in the second period when we found ourselves at a 5-on-3 disadvantage. We're pretty deep with really good penalty killers and it's a good thing as a coach to look down the bench and have multiple options and combinations to put out there."

Coach Hrinco credited his penalty killers' ability to block shots against the Golden Hawks.

"In a small rink like this, one of the things we talked about before the game was the importance of blocking shots to limit chances."

Coach Hrinco was also quick to praise his best penalty killer, goaltender Christopher Thompson, and his 42-save performance: "He was very stellar. Chris went beyond today and helped get us this victory on the road."

The exhausted Cougar goaltender, who turned aside 22 of 23 shots to earn the W in Midland on Friday night, also praised the penalty killers in front of him: "We had guys sliding and blocking shots to make my job easier. Our D did a great job of keeping Caledon to the outside so I could see the puck."

Thompson likes the momentum that the Cougars have generated in their four-game win streak.

"We're all playing well. We need to keep playing like a top team, but we have to cut down on our penalties. We have to keep this going. It's a tough division with lots of good teams."

Thompson withstood the Golden Hawks' final spirited push as his steady counterpart Walker was pulled for an extra attacker with 1:58 on the clock. The Cougars' netminder saved the best for last as he smothered a goal mouth scramble at 1:30, repelled another Caledon shot at 48.8, and shut the door at 21.5 to preserve the victory. Walker—who stole the Golden Hawks' win in Orillia with two periods of brilliant substitute goaltending-- turned in another excellent performance between the pipes for Caledon by stopping 38 of the 41 shots and raised his Save Percentage for the season to .930.

With the weekend split, the Golden Hawks (5-8-1-1) moved into a tie for fifth place with the Penetang Kings (5-6-1-1) with 12 points each in the North Carruthers Division.

Caledon's next PJHL games are Thursday, November 2, in Schomberg against the first-place Cougars and Friday, November 3 in Innisfil versus the ninth-place Spartans.







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TOWN OF CALEDON

# Domestic violence is an epidemic, says shelter director

BY JAMES MATTHEWS

It's time municipalities across Ontario declare intimate partner violence an epidemic.

That's the message Norah Kennedy, the Executive Director at Orangeville's emergency shelter for domestic violence, Family Transition Place, brought to Orangeville Council at their October 30 meeting.

And it had a particular gravity given the murders that had happened in Sault Ste. Marie in late October.

In what police have called a case of intimate partner violence, a 44-year-old man in Sault Ste. Marie, in October, murdered four people, including three children, before he killed himself. Another woman was injured.

"A family and lives were destroyed because of an act of violence by a man with a history of intimate partner violence," she said.

Those deaths brought the list of femicides so far this year to 50.

"Yet again we bore witness to the horror and the devastation that gender-based violence wreaks on individuals, on families, on communities, on all of us, actually," Kennedy said.

When the murders happened, Kennedy said she was in Thunder Bay at a conference of agencies that work against gender-based violence. One of the attendees, a 40-year veteran of the shelter movement, said she believed there would be an outcry when domestic violence is brought to light.

"And it would be done because, when people knew that this is what was going on, there would be an end to it," the veteran colleague said to Kennedy.

But, after 40 years of seeing such abuse, Kennedy said her colleague no longer believes people care to see an end to violence against women.

An inquest into a similar previous intimate partner murders recommended that municipalities declare intimate partner violence an epidemic, she said.

The term is most familiar in a healthcare context.

"So, we might wonder what this issue has to do with health care," Kennedy said. "But violence against women is a health issue. The effects ... on the social determinants of health are uncontestable."

Homelessness, poverty, food insecurity, the deterioration of mental health and the misuse of substances, isolation, unemployment, and death are among the outcomes of domestic violence.

"Violence against women has a significant impact on an individual's wellbeing and their health," Kennedy said. "But it's also a social service issue. It is a societal issue. It is a municipal issue. It is a provincial and federal government issue. It's my issue and it needs to be yours as well."

In 2023, Family Transition Place provided shelter to 74 women and 40 children.

"And it would've been higher," she said. "Every year prior to the pandemic, it was higher than that. It's only not higher because women with their children or women who are there singly have nowhere to go."

What housing there is that's available is unaffordable. Calls to their crisis line have increased by 23 per cent, which brings that number up to 4,768 calls in a year from people seeking help.

Every 48 hours in Canada, a woman or girl is killed by violence.

"So, is it an epidemic?" Kennedy said.

More than 40 communities have declared intimate partner violence to be an epidemic.

City councillors in Sault Ste. Marie voted unanimously in favour of declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic.

And Kennedy said she'd be extremely proud to see Orangeville Council follow suit.

"Actions like that can be seen for what they mean to be," she said. "An avowal that others do still do believe that we can end violence against women and that it's critical that we do that."

Mayor Lisa Post tabled a notice of motion for the next meeting to declare domestic violence an epidemic.






Orangeville Kia has been honoured with a Top Market Share Award for 2022 by Kia Canada for having the top market share in the Central Region. The local dealership prides itself on its "no pressure" style of sales and, as a result, has many repeat customers return to buy their next automobile.
PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

# Orangeville Kia recognized for outstanding achievement

**BY BRIAN LOCKHART**

Orangeville Kia has been honoured for their leadership and top sales in the region by receiving the Top Market Share Award from Kia Canada for being number one in Ontario.

The Orangeville Kia dealership opened 12 years ago and is a family-run business which has achieved success by treating customers fairly with a no-pressure style of selling cars.

"This award is for the top market share in Central Region," explained Orangeville Kia President Phil Richards. "When they took a look at the primary market areas, we were number one in Ontario."

While Orangeville Kia services a wide area, including Orangeville, Shelburne, and surrounding towns, they have customers that reach out to them from all over the province.

"We've had customers from Manitoba and from the east coast," Phil said.

With the internet allowing customers to shop far and wide for automobiles, quite often they will choose Orangeville Kia based on information they have found online.

Phil said they are a top seller because of the way they treat their customers when they visit the showroom.

"We're not a high-pressure dealership. We're family owned and operated – our slogan is 'Driven by Integrity.' We try to be that fair dealer. If you buy one from us, we want you to come back. We have one gentleman that has bought ten cars from us over 12 years."

The award is presented annually by Kia Canada to honour dealers who have achieved a great deal of success over the year.

Orangeville Kia general manager Ryan Richards accepted the award at a dealer meeting in Victoria, BC.

"Any recognition is always good," Phil said. "The fact that we're number one in central region, means we're doing a good job for Kia."

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# Trust, Not Fear Makes A Happy, Well-Behaved Dog

The notion that you have to be the Alpha Dog in your household is a popular one, but frankly it isn't an idea I support. I have been training dogs for over 30 years and there is a better way. Allow me to explain.

Many Trainers, including several very popular and high-profile ones, use aversive techniques such as punishment, depravation and scolding to get a dog to behave. It does work, at least in the short term, but it leads to behaviour *suppression* as opposed to *modification*, and it doesn't really allow your dog to be themselves. Forcing your dog to trot obediently at your side can be useful, but doing it all the time robs your best friend of a lot of the joy he gets from sniffing and exploring during a walk. We discussed how important scent and exploration is for a happy dog a few weeks ago in my article "The Nose Knows." I advocate for a balance – teach your dog to heel for 10 minutes of the walk, then you pick a spot where you let him meander off into that pile of leaves where he'll get all the local dog gossip… through his nose. This way you'll have a better-behaved dog for a longer period of time.



As regular readers will know by now, I'm a Behaviour Modification Specialist. I emphasise the *modification* aspect of that title. I love all the dogs I live and work with, and I only use positive reinforcement techniques. A newspaper or pronged collar has no place in training a dog. The "do it or else" model of training is based on an old theory of wolf packs having an Alpha Wolf. It has since been proven that wolf packs are in fact led by a group of adult wolves which loosely comprise a "parent" group, and "children", which are the younger animals in the pack. Not unlike a human family group.

It has become increasingly popular to raise human children punishment-free using a practice called "gently parenting." I'm not going to weigh in on the right way to raise kids, butfor dogs it is definitely the way to go. My experiences have shown me that this is the case, but there's also plenty of research to support this. Despite the mounting evidence against it, the dominance model of training persists. This is due in part to the fact that coercive training, which uses fear and pain avoidance, can indeed appear to be an effective shortcut to so-called good behavior. But the results are often short-term, the product of the dog merely suppressing a behavior rather than modifying it, and they can come at the cost of the dog's mental and physical well-being. Most people want to do right by their pets, and learning that you inflicted unnecessary pain, panic, and suffering on an innocent creature can be hard to accept. However, dogs are naturally forgiving and loving, and it is never too late to train (or un-train) your dog to using treats and praise.

The whole point of dog ownership is to help



dogs exist happily and safely in a world which is not made for them. How fortunate, then, for both sides, that the most effective method is kindness. We must find a balance, though. For example, you might like having your dog hang out on the couch with you. Great. But then your friend comes over, sits on the couch and is greeted by a growl for taking the spot that your dog has claimed ownership to. Not so great. The solution for this is to simply train your dog that he sometimes has to go to his bed, so every couple of days of couch time, build in a day of dog-bed time. You're still being loving and nurturing to your dog, but he doesn't feel like the couch belongs to him. Having said that, I often wake up in the morning to find two cats and two dogs cozied up with me on the duvet.

If you'd like to know more about my "gentle parenting" techniques for training dogs, please visit www.deenaspeakdog.com and drop me a line. You'll also find my Deena approved treats on there, and a schedule for my training classes. Your best friend will thank you, and you'll deepen the bond between you and your pet.

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# Runners have a scary good time at Bolton Rotary's annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run

## Funds raised from event will be used to support youth programs in the community

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents embraced the Halloween spirit at a recent charity run.

On October 29, Bolton Rotary hosted its annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run event outside of the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness.

The event raised approximately $15,000 for youth programs in Caledon.

It began at 9 a.m. with a one-kilometre kids fun run, and there were many kids in attendance in costumes ranging from cute to terrifying. At 9:30 a.m., the five-kilometre walk/run began and the adults participating were wearing costumes too. It made for a fun atmosphere and when the runners took off from the start line, it was a sight to see.

After the run, participants were welcomed inside where there was chili, hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate served. There was also face painting and backdrops in front of which to take Halloween photos.

Volunteers from the local Girl Guides and Alpha Dogs Robotics teams assisted at the event, and Bolton Rotary member Karen Fast said they were a great help.

Fast said she's been receiving great feedback about this year's run and is hearing from many people who say they'll be back next year. With each year, Bolton Rotary looks to expand their Haunted Hill event and get more people involved and next year will be no exception.

Some of Fast's favourite costumes of the day included participants who were dressed up as bananas and raccoons.

Fast said she wanted to express sincere thanks to all who sponsored this year's Haunted Hill Walk/Run.

The event was sponsored by All-Lift Ltd., Banas Stones, Bolton Park Dentistry, Bolton Veterinary Hospital, Bolton Carpet and Interiors, Core Financial Group, Fines Ford, in Memory of Bob Smith, Metalcraft Spinning and Stamping, Nobleton Veterinary Clinic, Rafat, Ri-Go Lift Truck, Scotiabank, and Sierra Excavating.

# Hocus Pocus screening draws crowds





**"ANOTHER GLORIOUS HALLOWEEN…" –** (Top) The Santiago family came out to enjoy a screening of the Halloween favourite "Hocus Pocus" at the Caledon Fairgrounds on October 27. (Below) Edward and Isabella Graham had fun at the Town of Caledon's Movies in the Park event. **PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN**

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# Cassie's Place to benefit from Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign

## Local non-profit supports individuals with disabilities

**BY ZACHARY ROMAN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents can support a good cause while enjoying a tasty treat this month.

From November 13 to 19, Cassie's Place and Tim Hortons are teaming up for the Smile Cookie campaign.

During this time, special Smile Cookies will be sold at all Caledon Tim Hortons locations.

The proceeds from these cookies will be split 50/50 between Cassie's Place and Tim Hortons Foundation Camps.

Cassie's Place is a Caledon non-profit that provides a home away from home and many enriching programs for individuals with disabilities.

Tara Wilson, Marketing Coordinator for Cassie's Place, said the non-profit is immensely grateful for the support of local Tim Hortons restaurants.

"This partnership showcases the incredible support from local restaurant owners in Caledon and the power of community collaboration," said Wilson. "With the unwavering support of the Caledon community, together with the incredible generosity of Tim Hortons, we can collectively make a significant difference in the lives of those we are dedicated to serving."

Every year, Tim Hortons restaurants across the country sell Smile Cookies, with proceeds from the cookies being donated to local charities.

The Smile Cookie campaign dates back to 1996 when it was launched and raised money for the Hamilton Children's Hospital.





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# Astronaut tours Bolton facility ahead of space mission

BY MARK PAVILONS

A mission into space starts on the ground.

And praising the efforts of the Canadian space industry is all in a day's work for astronauts.

Canadian Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen toured Canadensys Aerospace Corp. in Bolton, along with other CSA representatives, getting a first-hand look at local talent and genius.

Hansen and his colleagues will be aboard Artemis II on its 10-day mission to the moon and back. It's scheduled to launch in November of 2024.

Hansen noted he's an advocate for the Canadian space industry. He's taken part in numerous tours and presentations with CSA to showcase Canada's role in space exploration.

He's more than happy to "play my small part" in promoting Canadian prowess.

He was quite interested in the technology and processes created by Canadensys, intently listing to details of the systems being developed. The astronaut is unassuming and even humble.

He noted most average Canadians don't know about the "genius" that exists in Canada, adding he's quite impressed with the work undertaken by Canadensys. Success is hard-fought he said, adding people will one day look back at the work done within the walls of Canadensys.

The astronauts are training for the mission as equipment becomes available. The foursome will share duties and all are training for every job in the vehicle. He said he will get a chance to fly Artemis II at one point during the mission.

Astronauts on their first flight aboard NASA's Orion spacecraft will travel farther into the solar system than humanity has ever traveled before.

Their mission will be to confirm all of the spacecraft's systems operate as designed with crew aboard in the actual environment of deep space. The Artemis II flight test will be NASA's first mission with crew and will pave the way to land the first woman and next man on the Moon on Artemis III. Building on those early missions, NASA's Artemis program will return humans to the Moon for long-term exploration and future missions to worlds beyond, including Mars.

Hansen said they will undertake an equatorial orbit of the Moon and they're hoping to see things on the far side that have never been seen by humans before. Admittedly, the crew will push the craft to its limits.

While not directly associated with Artemis II, Canadensys and its team of engineers are leaders in designing and building Canada's first lunar vehicle. They are also recognized as leaders in avionics and sensors for space exploration.

During Hansen's visit, people had a chance to operate the small, but mighty remote-controlled rover prototype.

One Canadensys staffer noted the hearty rover does have backup systems, prolonging the unit's life. Hopes are the rover can last two to five months on the lunar surface, gathering engineering, environmental and geological data.

Frank Teti, GM of Canadensys, noted all of their parts are rigorously tested, ensuring they're built to last. The company is all in and happy to be part of the space program for the long haul. Teti said they all see the benefits of their technology, which will help humankind for many years to come.

The Artemis project is on track and just recently, the Orion crew and service modules for the Artemis II mission were joined together inside the Neil Armstrong Operations and Checkout Building at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

King Township's Jim Middleton, the company's Director of Strategy and Operations, has been involved in space exploration since the 1970s. He is known for his work on the initial Canadarm used on NASA space shuttles, and was responsible for creating the robotic arms on the ISS. The success of the Canadarm solidified Canada's participation in the space program and set the stage for Canadian technological prowess.

Hansen will be an amazing ambassador for Canada on this important mission.

Teti said when launch day comes, "the whole world will pause."

For more, visit www.canadensys.com/



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Artemis II astronauts, from left, NASA astronaut Victor Glover (left), CSA (Canadian Space Agency) astronaut Jeremy Hansen, NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Reid Wiseman stand on the crew access arm of the mobile launcher at Launch Pad 39B as part of an integrated ground systems test at Kennedy Space Center in Florida on September 20.

The test ensures the ground systems team is ready to support the crew timeline on launch day.

# Mulmur Township seeks community input on proposed 2024 EDM festival

BY PAULA BROWN

The Township of Mulmur is seeking input from the community on a proposed music festival scheduled for the summer of 2024.

The proposed music event, called Lit Galaxy Festival, is being organized by Vaughn, ON-based production company iRadios, and is scheduled to be held from June 28 to June 30 on a 153 acre field located at 556210 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline.

The Lit Galaxy Festival will consist of a series of electronic dance music (EDM) shows and is said to feature six headline acts and over 40 supporting DJs and performers on three stages. The proposed outdoor event will include food and retail vendors, yoga and meditation sessions, visual art installations, workshops, and Canada Day celebration fireworks.

The anticipated attendance of the three-day music festival ranges between 5,000 and 25,000.

According to a letter sent to Mulmur Council on October 10 from festival organizer Johny Mikhael, the purpose of the event is "to capture the hearts, minds and souls of guests through the different art forms and food."

The proposed festival has already sparked debate online since the Township of Mulmur asked for the community's input, with some residents supporting the event for its uniqueness and possible tourism benefits, while others have raised questions regarding noise, location and the legitimacy of the event.

The Township of Mulmur will be hosting a community meeting on November 15 at 7 p.m., during which residents and agencies will be given the opportunity to ask questions and speak to the applicants and provide feedback to Mulmur Council to assist in their decision-making.

The meeting can be attended in person at the Mulmur Township offices, located at 758070 2nd Line East, or online via Zoom with the link and meeting ID available on the Mulmur Township website.





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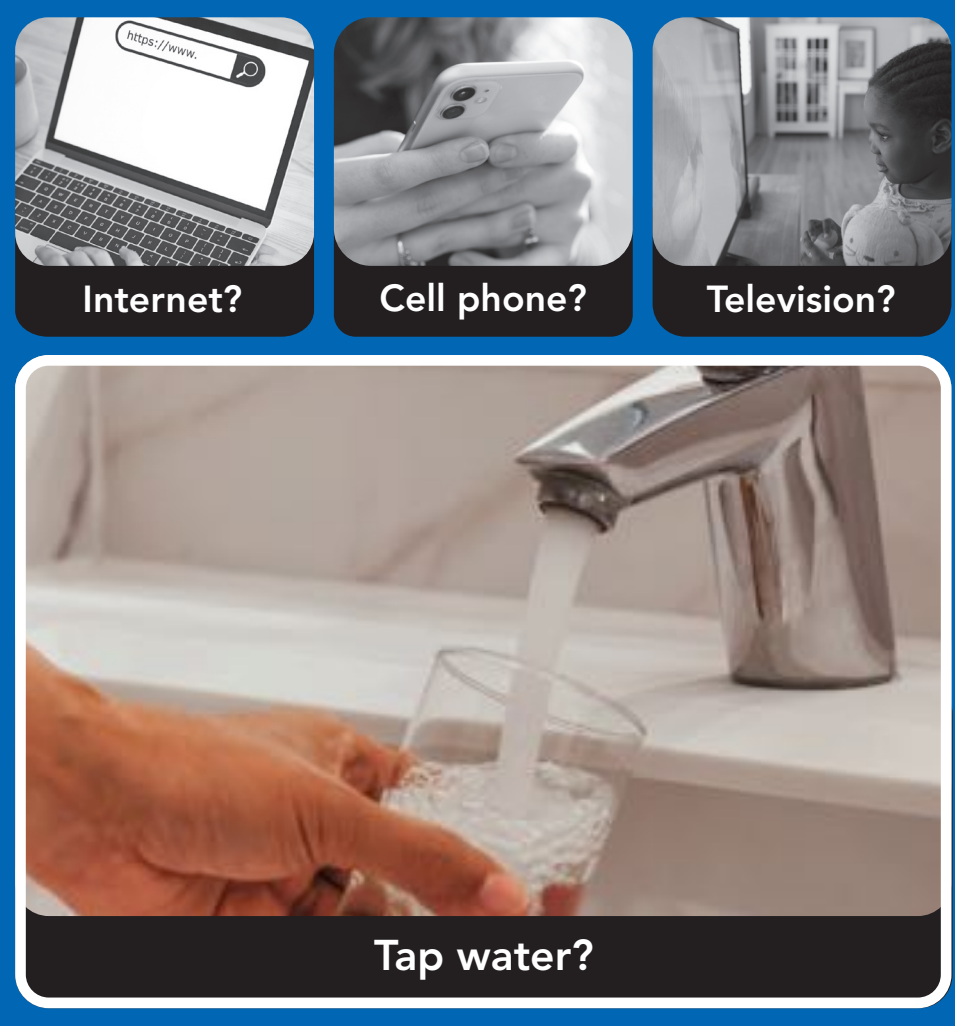
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Bernice spent many years as a devoted teacher in the communities of Shelburne and Hamilton. Her kindness, curiosity, intellect and quest for knowledge made her a natural fit for this role.

Bernice enjoyed playing euchre, reading, traveling, volunteering, and spending time with family and friends. She loved watching all sports - especially the Maple Leafs and the Blue Jays. Her dog Pixie and walking with her dear friend Elaine brought her countless hours of joy as did playing a variety of games with her grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will take place at the New Horizons Room at the Mel Lloyd Centre, Dufferin Oaks, 167 Centre Street, Shelburne on November 5 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. A memorial for Bernice will occur at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to Matthews House in Alliston or the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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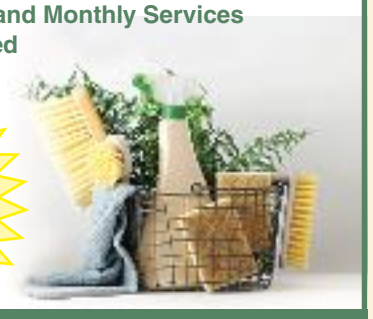
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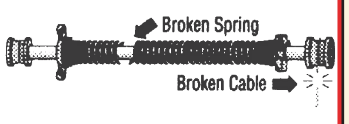
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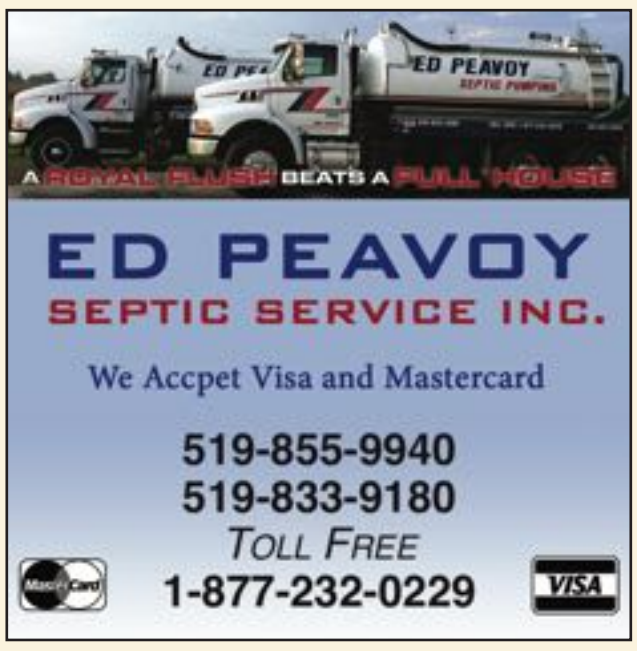
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