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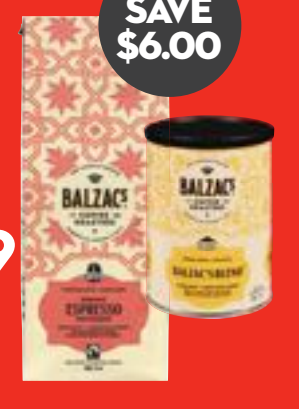
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"HEART OF CALEDON"

More than 75 teams descended upon the Caledon East Soccer Complex this past weekend for the second-annual Heart of Caledon soccer tournament. The tourney saw significant growth this year compared to its debut last year, where they welcomed 30 teams. For full coverage, see Page B1.

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Celebrating a Century of Plowing Tradition: Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association Plowing Match returns Aug. 28

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association is celebrating its 100th year as an association, and you are invited to join in the celebration at their Plowing Match on August 28.

"This year's annual event is special because it represents the centennial of the organization," shared Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association president Glen Early. "We are collectively following in the footsteps of those who originally conceived a plowing competition for Peel County way back in 1925."

Celebrating 100 years, the Plowmen's Association is eager to invite everyone to the celebration and reconnect with the community and they hope to see everyone from young to the young at heart, as well as those experienced in plowing.

Those in attendance will be able to see both traditional plowing methods of the past and modern techniques.

"Showcasing plowing methods of the past also emphasizes the long-held standards of stewardship of the land, at the same time as preserving the tradition of community fellowship," shared Early.

The association is hoping to attract at least one horse team competitor.

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Movies in the Park brings friends, family, and fun to Inglewood



Families gathered around shortly before the movie began. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

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"This is kind of what you dreamed about when you moved to a place like Inglewood," says Breanne Cole while sitting with her husband, Geoffrey Cole and their kids at this year's first Movie in the Park.

The Town of Caledon is running Movies in the Park again this year, providing families and residents the opportunity to join them at sunset to watch a feature film under the stars.

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Bolton Starbucks awards grant to CCS to fight food insecurity

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Jaspreet, Lillian, Nikki, Smriti, Lizzie, Tanya, Tyler, Jam, Hasan, Yusuf and CCS staff Donna and Cathy. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Representatives of Caledon Community Services (CCS) were at the Bolton Highway 50 Starbucks last week where they were presented with a Starbucks Neighbourhood grant cheque for $5,400.

Since September 2019, Starbucks partners have submitted more than 170,000 nominations for their local community charities, which has resulted in 16,000 Neighbourhood Grants, totalling over $25 million.

The goal of Neighbourhood Grants through the Starbucks Foundation is to support local charitable organizations that make a meaningful impact in the communities their coffeehouses serve while inspiring partner action.

"We invite our partners to nominate a local organization in their community to receive a grant," said Smriti Bhandari, District Manager, Starbucks Coffee Company.

Bhandari shared that CCS has been their food share partner as well as their Coldest Night of the Year partner for a few years now.

"It was natural that the partners at our location in Bolton would want to nominate Caledon Community Services for this year's Neighbourhood Grant as they do so much in the community we live and serve in. We were lucky enough to receive a grant of $5,400 to support CCS for 2025!" said Bhandari.

Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer with CCS, shared that this grant is more than a gift, "it's a lifeline for so many families."

"This support means we can meet the growing demand with nutritious, culturally appropriate food that's served with dignity, and that grant goes far beyond filling the plates," says Kupriianova.

Kupriianova said visits to the CCS Exchange Food Bank are currently at an all-time high, and one in three people relying on their food bank is a child.

She says that with back-to-school season just around the corner, Caledon families are beginning to face impossible choices.

"Healthy snacks or a new backpack? New shoes or dinner on the table?" illustrated Kupriianova.

"One of the moms that relies on CCS Exchange Food Bank has recently shared that without this support, she would probably run out of groceries before she has money to buy more, and without the back-to-school program, she would struggle to have money for food and get everything for school; she would have to pick and choose between things to get and leave behind."

"Thanks to our caring community and corporate partners like Starbucks, this mom and hundreds of others like her, because right now there's more than 450 children and their families relying on CCS Exchange Food Bank, more moms like this one won't have to pick and choose," says Kupriianova.

She said this grant allows them to "lift a weight off of parents shoulders" and kids can go back to school confident, ready to learn, and not on an empty stomach.

"We're very grateful for corporate partners like Starbucks, who are committed to a stronger community, and who understand that this stronger community starts with ensuring no one goes hungry, no one is left behind, and yet with demand far outpacing our capacity, we rely on our caring community and partners more than ever before," says Kupriianova. "[We are] grateful to Starbucks and their team for the grant for this community investment, and it is a very important investment in our community's well-being."

The partnership, she added, goes beyond the Neighbourhood Grant Initiative.

Through their partnership with Starbucks, CCS receives weekly donations to its Exchange Food Bank.

The Starbucks Community Partnership initiative also means that their partners are actively participating in many initiatives and events that are happening throughout the year, like the Coldest Night of the Year walk.

"With 1,300 Caledon Neighbors relying on the CCS Exchange Food Bank today, our resources are stretched beyond capacity. Every single day, the demand continues with tariff uncertainty, with growing pressures, economic pressures, with the food insecurity crisis that never really went away," says Kupriianova. "There's increased pressure, and having partners like Starbucks in our corner year-round ensures that there's resources, there's a lifeline, there's a response to existing and emerging challenges in our community, coming from the very basic foundation of having access to nutritious food to the next step in pursuing a journey back to health, back to independence.

"As families continue along that journey, we can be there for them, thanks to caring donors, supporters, volunteers, and corporate partners like Starbucks."

CCS also relies on its community to be there for those who need support.

"If you're able to, please continue to support Caledon Community Services," says Kupriianova. "But if you or a loved one is struggling, we're here."



Jim Cuddy Jamboree raises more than $17,500 for Headwaters

BY SAM ODROWSKI

An accomplished singer and poignant songwriter recently brought the community together in support of local healthcare.

The 20th Annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree came to the Lyric Pond in Honeywood on June 29 in support of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF), and it was announced on August 19 that it raised $17,587.

"This beloved community event brought people together this summer through music, generosity, and a shared commitment to ensuring exceptional health care is available at Headwaters Health Care Centre," reads a statement from HHCF.

"The Jamboree, held at Lyric Pond in Honeywood, brought together music lovers and community members for an unforgettable evening of live performances and philanthropy. We extend our sincere thanks to Jim Cuddy and friends for lending their time and talent to this meaningful cause."

K.C. Carruthers, CEO of HHCF, noted the foundation's gratitude for the funds raised through the concert.

"We are honoured to be the beneficiary of this year's Jim Cuddy Jamboree," said Carruthers. "This generous contribution will help us invest in the equipment and resources needed to continue delivering exceptional care close to home."

The HHCF said it is appreciative of Bill Duron, HHCF board chair, and Heather MacEachern, who both led the organization of the event.

"It's inspiring to see how music and community can come together to support something as vital as local health care," said Duron, event organizer and board chair. "We're incredibly thankful to Jim Cuddy and everyone who attended for helping us raise funds that will directly benefit patients at Headwaters."

The funds raised through the Jim Cuddy Jamboree support equipment purchases at Headwaters, which aren't covered by government funding.

Headwaters Health Care Centre is located at 100 Rolling Hills Drive, Orangeville.



Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association Plowing Match returns August 28

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At the event, some local agricultural implement dealers will be on hand displaying the latest tractors and alternative tillage equipment.

There will be a strong focus on the historical aspect of the association as it rounds out its centennial year, showcasing both the world and Canadian Champion Plowman of recent years and of the past – including William Dixon.

In 1961, Dixon, from Caledon, won the world championship of plowing.

"He's still alive today to talk about it, that's kind of special," shared Early.

Plowing will be underway around 10:30 a.m. and wrap up around 2 p.m.

For the first time in many years, the event will feature a half chicken barbecue for $10.

The lunch break also includes the crowning of the new Queen of the Furrow.

The first Ontario Queen of the Furrow competition was held in 1960 and continues to be an initiative that supports young women in agriculture and encourages building of tomorrow's community leaders, according to the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Past Ontario Queens from Peel-Dufferin will also be recognized.

During that time the winner of the Mayor's Invitational Class for Plowing will also be announced – and attendees can't forget about the ongoing door prizes!

"This community celebration also serves as a bridge between the urban and rural divide that sometimes exists today in Peel and Dufferin, showcasing plowing methods of the past as well as today," said Early.

The match will take place at 14495 The Gore Road, in Caledon.

Tickets can be purchased online beforehand and also upon arrival at the event.

To register, email pdplowmens@gmail.com or call 519-400-3160.





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ALCOHOL-RELATED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged three drivers with alcohol related offences.

"On August 2, 2025, at approximately 1:40 a.m., Caledon OPP officers were on general patrol in the area of Dixie Road and Mayfield Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Officers located a stationary vehicle in the road, facing the opposite way of traffic flow. Investigating officers conducted a traffic stop upon the vehicle and subsequently formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

Following the investigation, Tamika Messam, 34, of Newmarket, was charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand.

The charge has not been proven.

"On August 3, 2025, just before 4:00 a.m., Caledon OPP officers received a report of a single vehicle collision on Dotchson Avenue, near Kennedy Road, in the Town of Caledon. Officers arrived on scene and subsequently formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

As a result of the investigation, Gurtej Gill, 44, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The charges have not been proven.

"Just hours later, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Caledon OPP officers responded to a report of a disturbance in the area of Boston Mills Road and Airport Road, in the Town of Caledon. Officers arrived on scene and began to investigate. Shortly after, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

Following the investigation, Rodrigue Yvan Fotso Mbe, 25, of Scarborough, was charged with:

- Obstruct Peace Officer;
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand.

The charges have not been proven.

All accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 21, 2025, to answer to their charges. The vehicles were also impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licences were suspended for a period of 90 days.

"The OPP remains committed to keeping our communities safe through enforcement and public education. Penalties for failure or refusal to comply with demand are similar to those imposed upon a driver charged with operation while impaired. These penalties include an immediate 90-day licence suspension, seven-day vehicle impoundment, as well as licence reinstatement fees. Additional penalties are imposed upon conviction and increase for each proceeding offence."

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

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver with numerous offences after a recent investigation.

"On August 3, 2025, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Caledon OPP officers were on general patrol in the area of Highway 10 and Old School Road in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The in-cruiser Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) system issued an alert regarding a licence plate infraction. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop upon the vehicle, but the driver failed to stop for police and fled the area. Shortly after, the vehicle and driver were found in a nearby ditch, after being involved in a single vehicle collision.

"Officers continued their investigation and formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

Following the investigation, a 21-year-old from Mississauga, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle;
- Flight from peace officer;
- Drive vehicle with cannabis readily available;
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available;
- Fail to surrender licence;
- Fail to remain;
- Use licence plate not authorized for vehicle.

The accused was held for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton to answer to their charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The driver's vehicle was also impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licence was suspended for a period of 90 days.

"Drivers continue to take chances. It's simply not worth the risk. 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."

ROAD RAGE INVESTIGATION

Officers of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious road rage incident that occurred on August 13, 2025 between the hours of 11:00 p.m., and 12:14 a.m., in the Town of New Tecumseth and are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect vehicle and driver.

"At approximately 12:14 a.m. on August 14, 2025, police received a report from a motorist who had been involved in a road rage incident," say Police. "The victim was travelling westbound on County Road 1 when they observed a white Ford F-150 pickup truck ahead of them swerving and braking erratically.

"Upon reaching the intersection of County Road 1 and Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, the victim passed the suspect vehicle, stopped, and briefly confronted the driver. The victim did not obtain a description of the driver or a licence plate number.

"The victim continued westbound on County Road 1, but the suspect vehicle quickly reappeared behind them. Both vehicles turned northbound onto County Road 50. As they approached the intersection of County Road 50 and Highway 89, the victim entered the left turning lane while the suspect vehicle entered the right turning lane, positioning itself side-by-side with the victim's vehicle.

"At that moment, the victim heard a loud bang, initially believed to be a rock striking the vehicle. Upon returning home, the victim discovered a bullet hole in the front passenger door. Officers attended the scene and recovered bullet fragments from the door."

The suspect vehicle, described as a white Ford F-150, was last seen heading eastbound on Highway 89 toward Alliston.

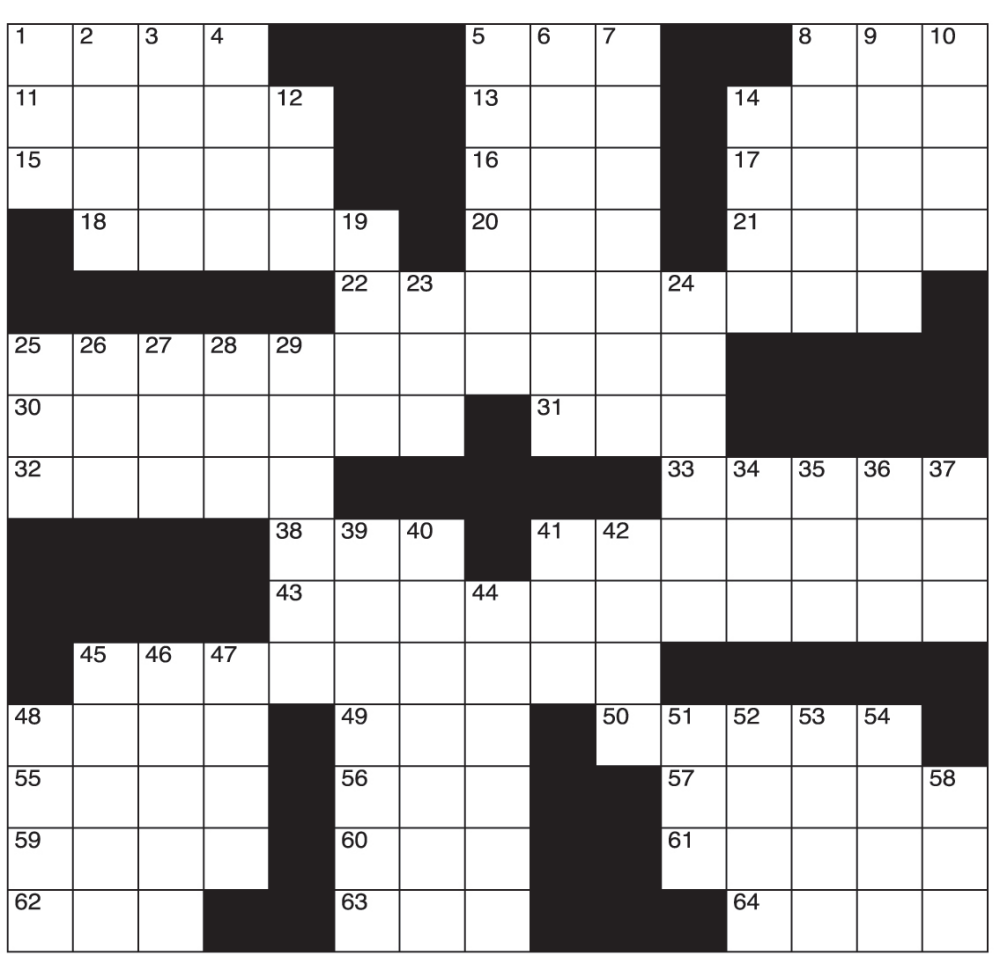
Investigators are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who may have dash cam footage from the area between 11:00 p.m. on August 13 and 12:30 a.m. on August 14 to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous tips can also be submitted through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



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2. Expression of sorrow or pity
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34. Consume
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37. Israeli city __ Aviv
39. Removed the husk
40. Mass of rocks and sediment
41. Two-year-old sheep
42. Area units
44. Prison overseer
45. Walked
46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
47. Tax
48. 50 percent
51. Swiss river
52. Tattle
53. Actor Idris
54. Resist authority (slang)
58. Egg of a louse

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SAFETY STRATEGIES FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is urging families, caregivers, and communities to take proactive steps to protect individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, particularly when wandering or going missing becomes a concern.

According to the Alzheimer's Society of Ontario, 60% of people with dementia-related memory problems will become lost or wander at some point, often without warning.

The OPP encourages the use of multiple safety strategies, including tracking devices and community-based programs, to help locate individuals quickly and safely. No single product or strategy can guarantee safety, but combining technology with community awareness can make a critical difference.

Tracking Devices: What to Know

Tracking devices, also known as locator devices, use technologies such as GPS, radio frequency (RF), or Bluetooth to help caregivers and emergency responders locate a missing person. Each technology has its own strengths and limitations:

- GPS: Best for outdoor tracking; requires frequent charging;
- RF: Effective indoors; shorter range than GPS;
- Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE): Long battery life; limited range, especially in rural areas.

Before choosing a device, families should consider several factors to ensure the right product is chosen. A comprehensive list of locator devices, including physical devices and mobile apps, has been compiled by the Aging and Innovation Research Program, in collaboration with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario and AGE-WELL NCE.

Project Lifesaver: A Proven Partnership

The OPP has partnered with several Alzheimer Societies across Ontario to implement Project Lifesaver, a program designed to protect and quickly locate individuals at risk of wandering. Participants wear a lightweight bracelet transmitter that emits a unique radio frequency signal. When someone goes missing, trained officers use specialized receivers to locate the signal, often within minutes.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) began its involvement with Project Lifesaver in 2005, when the Essex County Detachment launched a pilot program in partnership with Project Lifesaver International. In 2008, the Caledon Detachment followed with its own pilot initiative. These early successes demonstrated the program›s effectiveness in locating individuals at risk of wandering due to cognitive conditions such as dementia. As a result, the OPP formally endorsed the use of Project Lifesaver later in 2008, supporting its broader implementation across the province.

It is a community decision whether to adopt Project Lifesaver. The OPP is willing to partner with any community in our jurisdiction to support Project Lifesaver and will absorb the costs for all officer training associated with the program. More than 20 OPP-policed communities currently partner with Project Lifesaver. Visit projectlifesaver.org for more information.

Additional Resources and Safety Measures

Finding Your Way helps people living with dementia, their families, caregivers and communities to recognize the risk of going missing, be prepared for incidents of going missing, and ensure that people with dementia can live safely in the community;

The Alzheimer Society of Canada recommends early conversations about tracking devices and safety strategies, especially following a diagnosis. These discussions should reflect the individual's values around privacy, independence, and safety;

Door alarms can alert caregivers when someone leaves the home.

The OPP continues to work with health organizations, long-term care facilities, and families to promote safety and awareness. If someone you care for is living with dementia, please contact your local Alzheimer Society or OPP detachment to learn more about available resources.

To report a missing person, call 9-1-1 immediately.

WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET EVERY TIME: OPP

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is continuing to urge everyone heading out on, or near, the water to make one life-saving choice: wear your life jacket - every time, every ride.

Despite calm conditions and proximity to shore, many boating-related drownings occur when people least expect danger. In fact, 89% of victims in boating-related drownings were not wearing a life jacket. Most of these tragedies happen in small vessels, like canoes and kayaks, and are preventable.

In 2024, drowning remained one of the leading causes of accidental death in Ontario, especially among men aged 20-60. But the risk extends beyond boating. According to the Drowning Prevention Research Centre of Canada, 35% of water-related fatalities in Ontario are linked to swimming, while another 13% are attributed to walking, running, or playing near water, accounting for nearly half of all drownings when combined.

Young children, weak swimmers, and non-swimmers should always wear a life jacket when near water, even in shallow areas. Supervision and proactive lifesaving decisions, like wearing a life jacket, are key to avoiding tragedy.

What You Can Do:

- Always wear a properly fitted, Transport Canada-approved life jacket;
- Set the example, especially for children and new boaters;
- Check weather and water conditions before heading out.

Modern life jackets are lightweight, comfortable, and designed to save lives. Don't just bring it, wear it. Make it a habit. Make it home.

Region's Free confidential paper shredding returns this fall

Peel is offering residents free confidential paper shredding at select Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) on the following dates:

- September 6: Bolton CRC;
- September 20: Fewster CRC;
- October 4: Heart Lake CRC

Paper shredding on these dates will be available during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Residents can bring unbound paper documents such as taxes, bills, income statements and personal information.

To keep traffic flow moving quickly and efficiently, visitors will not be able to stay and watch their documents be shredded. Along with your papers, we encourage residents to bring non-perishable food items to donate to a local food bank.

Regular fees apply to all other items brought to the CRC for disposal.

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Caledon East Public Square



The Caledon East Revitalization Task Force (residents, staff, and Council) is seeking your input on the best community use for this new **Public Square**.

Have your say on what you'd like to see in the new Public Square!

Scan the QR code or visit haveyoursaycaledon.ca/caledon-east-revitalization

MUSIC in the Park

LIVE LOCAL ARTISTS



Thursday Evenings | August | 6–8 p.m.
Dennison Park – Southfields Village

Join us for free, family-friendly entertainment featuring live local artists performing across a wide variety of musical genres.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy great music in the heart of your community.

caledon.ca/music

Food and Friends: 55+ Social Breakfast Program



Join us for a free breakfast and meet fellow seniors in Caledon! Breakfast will be served at the Town Hall Café (6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East) on select Friday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Be sure to check the schedule before arriving!

Registration is required.
Visit **caledon.ca/adult55** or call 311 for schedule details and more information.

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ARTS & CULTURE



Food and Friends: Caledon Breakfast Program brings 55+ community together



TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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With the recent enhancement of the Town Hall café, the Town of Caledon has been able to host a variety of programs and initiatives.

One of these programs is "Food and Friends: 55+ Social Breakfast Program", a community initiative designed to reduce social isolation and improve food security for adults aged 55 and older in Caledon.

With the program beginning on July 11, "the program has already brought together a diverse group of residents who otherwise might not have met," shared Judith D'Souza Soares, Commissioner of Community Services.

Soares shared that the idea for the program came from "the recognition that a shared meal can be a powerful tool for building community."

The Town of Caledon wanted to create an easy, accessible way for older adults in the area to connect, make new friends, and feel part of a supportive network.

"Breakfast felt like the perfect choice – casual, familiar, and a great way to start the day," says Soares.

The program also aligns with the Town's Age-Friendly Caledon Action Plan, which calls for more opportunities to reduce social isolation and promote community engagement.

Soares shared that while Caledon has a strong sense of community, many older adults still experience loneliness due to factors such as transportation barriers, health challenges, or the loss of social networks over time.

"Food insecurity can also be a concern, whether because of limited income, lack of access to fresh and affordable food, or difficulty preparing meals. These challenges can affect both physical health and emotional well-being, which is why programs like this are so important," says Soares.

Soares said they have already seen lively conversations, new friendships forming, and people leaving with smiles and plans to meet again through the program.

"One participant said that every day of the week she ate alone and now because of this program she has wonderful seniors to have breakfast with on Fridays," added Soares.

As Session One of the Food and Friends 55+ Breakfast program comes to a close, Soares invites residents to look forward to the following sessions.

"Residents can look forward to a welcoming space where a good meal is just the starting point. Each session will offer friendly faces, meaningful conversations, and the chance to build lasting connections. Participants even sing, dance, and one participant brings his accordion and plays for everyone!"





Theatre Orangeville's Young Company Drama members posed outside the Rehearsal Hall, where they rehearsed "The Neverending Story." This week, they are at the theatre, putting together all the aspects of tech, lighting, and sound with the crew. The play will open this weekend with four performances, from Aug. 22 through 24. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"The Neverending Story" comes to Theatre Orangeville

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

What a thrilling spectacle there will be this weekend, August 22 to 24, at the Orangeville Opera House when Theatre Orangeville's Young Company Drama brings The Neverending Story to the David Nairn Stage.

They are performing the on-stage version of this tremendous story, with the script by David S. Craig.

Fantastica (Fantasia), the land of stories, is in danger!

In brief, The Neverending Story begins when young Bastian happens upon a strange book of the same name and hides in his school's attic to read it. Yet, this is not a simple few hours of leafing through a curious book – this is an all-in adventure, a quest to save our very valuable imaginations.

It seems the Nothing has come to steal all the stories and bring an end to imagining, to blank out those stories and leave behind sad emptiness where wondrous tales once lifted our spirits.

Somehow, the Childlike Empress choses young Atreyu, as the hero who must make the quest to save Fantastica. Atreyu is the same age as Bastian. How the story intertwines them and introduces the many characters they face and deal with are among the many reasons we should be filling the theatre to see this amazing production.

Lucas, playing the role of Atreyu, commented, "Atreyu is sent to go on this quest and he has to figure how to and attempt to save Fantastica from the Nothing."

The eleven actors and director Pat Rundell took a 20-minute break to talk about the show with the Citizen late last week. They outlined many interesting things about the stage production. Primarily, there are several changes to the characters from the movie to the stage.

"The surprise is the difference on our stage from the movie," the cast said variously. Some of the beloved characters are different but the new characters are endearing and make up for the change, adding that this script has been performed in many other professional theatres.

The character, Falkor, is more like a dog in the movie but on stage he is a Dragon, "upbeat and comical."

Bastian, with Kevin in the part, can see Atreyu but Atreyu never sees Bastian.

The question of how they began to get into the show was answered by Charlotte saying, "We started by learning how to be absolutely more focussed."

The setting is a magical place, one that will invite the audience own imaginations to travel with the story tellers and the creation of it, along with the many, many characters. There was a sort of 'role call' as they made clear that two actors are supporting five characters each; another three; one with four and so on until the quick changes back stage will definitely be in sequence and ready.

Sophie explained a lot of the set comes from fabric: "We use our imagination so it looks like a process of fabric."

At the time of this interview, they were still at the rehearsal hall and commented that there would be "lots of discoveries" once they were in the theatre this week but their assurance was that they are very confident of all being well.

"This show is completely different from anything else Young Company has done, never had so many people involved."

One exception was a 2019 open air production, which included actors from Young Company and Creative Partners on Stage of A Midsummer's Night Dream, on the waterfront Amphitheatre in the Island Lake Conservation Area.

There are 11 puppets in the story and one, designed and made by Wendi Speck and her team, that takes all 11 of them to carry it!

When asked who among them looked forward to taking on a life of acting and theatre, several hands went up, grounded as they are in the professional experience Young Company has given them.

When further asked what brought them to audition and want to be part of this production, once again they took turns answering and the room rang with their affection:

Simon expressed his view, "We come into a warm environment of opportunity to grow and develop our skills."

"We become a tight community," Mickey added.

"This story shows the importance of imagination."

"New friendships are made by working together."

"We are learning the importance of persevering on doing what you're trying to achieve."

Time was nearly out and there was room for one more question: Why people should definitely come to see this remarkable show?

Payne said, "People aren't using their imaginations," and Avary added, "It's magical and scary about bringing an end to the world of imagination."

Sarah is sure, "People will really connect with the characters," with Madeline offering that "they will appreciate the creative skills it took to build the show."

Madeline made the point, "We have worked really hard."

Scarlett wrapped it up by saying, "There is so much emotion."

To catch tickets for one of the four performances of The Neverending Story this weekend Aug, 22 to 24, you can go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the lpeople at the Box Office at 519-942-3423, A warm welcome at the Box Office invites you to purchase tickets at the Opera House, 87 Broadway.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application

FILE NUMBERS: RZ 2025-0009

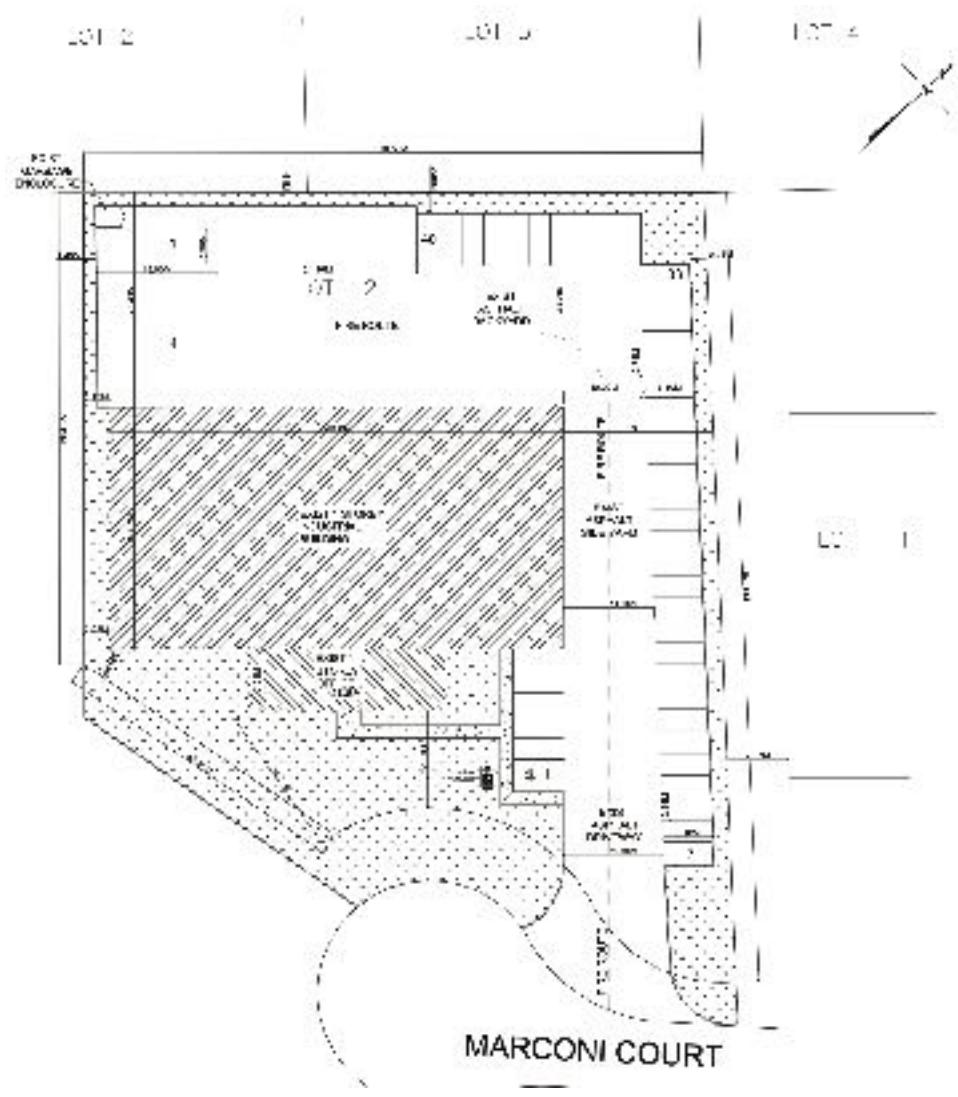
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT: Recon Consulting (Reza Sekhavati) on behalf of Elite Trucking Repair

LOCATION: 8 Marconi Court, West of Simpson Road and South of Healey Road
PLAN M418 LOT 12
Ward 5

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for a Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a Tractor Trailer Repair Facility, with accessory trailer parking in the rear of the building. The proposal consists of the existing industrial building, the addition of 5 truck doors to the existing building, 40 surface parking spaces and 4 Tractor Trailer parking spaces. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to re-zone the lands from Serviced Industrial (MS) to a site-specific Serviced Industrial (MS-XX) Zone to permit the a Tractor Trailer Repair Facility.



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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the propose Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Planning Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON, L7C 1J6.

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Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Notice Date: August 21, 2025

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A home is not an office – or is it?

If you know your way around holiday movies, we don't need to spell out which Manhattan landmark was once – and mercifully briefly – billed as New York's most exciting hotel experience.

But, even before its starring role in Home Alone 2, Manhattan's Plaza Hotel had a reputation that preceded it. Young readers might have had their first introduction to the landmark through Kay Thompson's Eloise books, which charts the adventures of a young girl living in the top floor of the palatial space with her nanny and pets for company.

Some kids might think she has it all – room service a quick dial away (hey, the stories were published before the advent of the touch-tone), staff on hand to make the bed every day, and, being in one of the most bustling cities on the planet, the world at her feet. It sounds good, but having had an Eloise-style living situation for a couple of months when I was in kindergarten, albeit in a much more budget-friendly abode, the novelty does wear off after a while!

Even still, there's always a certain feeling of adventure whenever a hotel stay is on the horizon, and there have been a surprising amount for me this year as 2025 has unfurled. Perhaps the sense of adventure can be chalked up to never really knowing what you're going to get in a new place.

Earlier this year, work took me to a beautiful hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake that somehow combined a very homey atmosphere with a keen awareness of its status as a community showplace. On the flipside, a month-or-so later, my brother and I made a spur-of-the-moment overnight trip to Ottawa and, being just a single night, booked on a budget. Prior to this stay, I've never had the experience of walking uphill and downhill in a shower, but you do get what you pay for!

There was a different type of experience just this month where a well-known international hotel chain decided the rates they quoted me were negotiable and tried to haggle things in their favour right there at the front desk.

That, I thought, was that, until accommodation plans for a family wedding this weekend shifted and the hunt was on for another booking. Unless this is shaping up to be the Wedding of the Century without our knowledge, I can't figure out just why every single hotel room in the City of Orillia – bar one – was booked for Saturday night, but it was no easy task to secure it.

We are, of course, used to booking things online these days, but, with the room shortage, a human was required to make the booking. Once upon a time, this would have been no big deal, but, in hindsight, buying a Ouija board to scare up Kay Thompson probably would have been an easier task. Several "virtual persons," each of which was programmed with questions more mundane than the last, had to be cleared before reaching a living, breathing human to sort things out. And, thankfully, they were able to sort things out in no less than 40 seconds.

As much as companies think they can get away with virtual and AI services to help their own bottom lines, there are some jobs where one-on-one communication simply can't be replicated.

The Global Pandemic caused a re-think on so many things in our society, not the least of which is our work situation, who needs to be where, what tasks can be carried out remotely, and how workspaces left behind by workers who choose to work remotely can be best used.

Necessity forced most of us to translate our jobs to the virtual realm wherever possible, with varying degrees of success. A hotel might need someone on the front desk to greet customers and field questions, but does it really matter whether the person handling your booking over the phone is seated right there beside the clerk, or taking the call from a home office?

Some seem to think so, but I'm not so sure.

Five years on from our collective COVID trauma, businesses are still finding their feet, and there has been a renewed effort at the Provincial level to get workers back to the office full time, encouraging municipalities to follow suit and issue similar mandates along the way.

"As the government delivers on our plan to protect Ontario, we will continue to drive public service excellence for the people of Ontario," said MPP Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board, in a statement last week – a message which was echoed by Premier Ford at the AMO conference this week.

This plan includes a mandate for all members of the Ontario Public Service to return to the office full time by January 5.

"The return to a five days per week in-workplace standard represents the current workforce landscape in the province and it reinforces our commitment to reflecting the people and the businesses we serve across Ontario. This transition is an important step that supports the government's ongoing efforts to build a more competitive, resilient, and self-reliant Ontario."

I am curious to see the full business case of how such a mandate will result in a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant Province, however. Sure, a full return-to-office mandate might be an economic boon to the areas in which these offices are situated as employees are more likely to frequent area businesses and services on their way in and out, but what then?

Obviously there are jobs that can only be done in person, and, as a customer, there is much rejoicing when you find yourself before an actual human being, there are plenty of instances of jobs where location matters less than the quality of the job done.

For some businesses I am acquainted with, allowing some employees to work from home by their own choice has seen the employees in question increase in both their productivity and job satisfaction. In other areas where client visits are part and parcel of the gig, employees have been able to increase how often they can make the rounds rather than sitting at their desk simply to keep their seat warm.

But, as we know, these situations aren't for everyone.

In our first bout with a COVID lockdown, I initially felt my productivity increase having to only go as far as my home office, but, like an extended hotel stay, the situation eventually lost its lustre. After a year and a half of looking out the same window, I could almost feel the walls closing in around me, which cancelled out any previous productivity, and a return to the office on my own terms – and for my own mental health – was needed.

Having the option was – and remains – a luxury and, on the days where there's nothing requiring me to be in the office, those two hours spent on the collective daily commute, are used much more productively at home.

Unless those two hours are spent navigating a field of robots to reach a real person. That's an entirely different story!



Fate will win out over choice in our lives

by Mark Pavilons



At some point in our lives, we will relinquish ourselves to fate.

That which must be.

It often brings us things we never asked for, and don't particularly like.

Many believe we can't fight it, and fate will always find a way. Some say it's "meant to be."

Was I the product of chance, a being that was fated to be for no rhyme or reason?

Or was I meant to be, in the sense that I was preordained by some spiritual agency to come into existence?

One view of life is that everything happens by chance. I am lucky to be alive, given the astronomical odds of coming into being. Yet I am mortal, subject to the whims of the forces of nature. I am reminded of this each and every day.

In my current journey with cancer, it seems like we're always chasing cancer's tail. It's like putting out spot fires every time one erupts, and then moving on.

My latest scans warrant an MRI and then likely radiation treatments. Not the news I wanted to hear, but I'm somewhat resigned to the fact my life now revolves around blood work, scans, treatment, and repeat.

I knew this from the day I was told my prostate cancer had metastasized. The key was to keep PSA as low as possible, and try to stall the progression of cancer – stop it in its tracks.

It can't be defeated, but anything that hinders its spread offers more time – more time to live, more time to discover more treatment options.

Even after my journey thus far, I still don't feel like a "cancer patient."

Sure, I accept it, understand it and work around it. At this point, fate, and the recommendations of learned physicians, make up my journey moving forward.

I have no choice in the matter.

I have asked for strength – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, along the way. But really, all the positive energy, prayer, healing vibrations and supplements are not enough.

Christians view that God not only rules the world but is intimately involved with everything that transpires. In this sense, destiny replaces fate.

According to Meade's book, "Fate and Destiny: The Two Agreements of the Soul," he writes: "What I am calling fate has to do with the way a person's soul is seeded and shaped from within, like a story trying to unfold and become known. What I am calling destiny has to do with the inner arc and arrow of one's life. For each soul is secretly aimed at the world and inclined toward a destination that only becomes revealed in crucial moments and at turning points in life. The elements of fate and destiny are intimations of the story our soul would have us live, both the limitations that must be faced and the destination that would be found. As fate would have it, they are often found through what seems like a big mistake, a strange accident or a surprise."

He admits that fate involves "earthly limitations, but destiny on the other hand, says we are "of the stars."

"When it comes to life, we spin our own yarn, and where we end up is really, in fact, where we always intended to be," said Julia Glass, in "Three Junes."

It would seem, fellow humans, that fate doesn't really care about us. And, if it does manage a response to "why me?" it would likely be "why not?"

So, my dilemma is given the tug-of-war between fate and destiny, where does choice enter the equation? Our Creator, and even the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, give us freedom of choice. So why can't we exercise it in all circumstances?

Some higher thinkers would smile that smug smile and say, "You do, Mark, you do."

Every decision, turn, journey, diagnosis and treatment are all part of my fateful destiny. They were all meant to be part of my personal adventure.

But why? What purpose does such a struggle, and premature end, serve?

We do not know. Again, may it's supposed to be that way.

But I can't help but think there's more I can do, more buttons to push, switches to flip and monkey wrenches to toss into the mix. Why can't I muck things up, and turn the tide in my favour?

Why don't I possess the power of fellow creatures that can regrow limbs and even organs? That would definitely come in handy for all of us. Why are lizards and axolotls so blessed?

They know nothing of God, the Big Bang, the universe and spirituality. They likely don't dwell on their own mortality and what waits beyond. And yet, what power they possess.

Sharks cannot contract cancer and that mystery still plagues humankind. Our fellow beings have taken to eating shark cartilage in an effort to mimic such superpowers, all to no avail.

And dolphins – who some argue are smarter than humans – won't give up any secrets either.

Come on guys, share!

I think one of our species' downfalls is the perception of time. We know when it grows late, and the lights dim. We feel when the final sunsets are near. Some are even given their "end date" by various physicians and specialists.

And then we wait, powerless, hoping for a miracle. Some would definitely barter with the Devil himself if it meant more time. Can you "cheat" Death – that cloaked, scythe-yielding Grim Reaper?

Marcus Aurelius believed that by accepting our fate, we can cultivate a deeper sense of peace and contentment.

I'm trying, but those are still at arm's length. I do avoid conflict and stress and "go with the flow." It's all I can do.

"You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control the way you think about all the events. You always have a choice. You can choose to face them with a positive mental attitude," wrote Roy T. Bennett, in "The Light in the Heart."

But in the end, who's prepared for what fate and destiny throw at us, like a major league fastball?

I agree with Sean O'Casey when he observed: "All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."

My friends, until the final curtain draws, face fate and destiny with strength.



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MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES
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Celebrating Caledon Public Library's Services

I would like to take this time to share information and updates on our libraries and the great work they do. Caledon Public Library (CPL) Services is meeting the many different needs of our growing community.

Library Usage and its Evolving Role:

- Southfields Village, CPL's busiest Branch, consistently sees over 3,000 visits each week, and it welcomed over 14,000 visitors this past June (2025).
- Visits to the Southfields Village Branch have doubled since 2022; library spaces are increasingly seen as community hubs used for studying, socializing, and extended stays—beyond visits for borrowing materials.
- Demand for library programs continues to grow across all branches, with 23,000 participants attending CPL's offerings in 2024. This increase of 58% over the previous year continues into 2025 with further growth of 22% over the first six months.

Vision for Growth:

- The Library Board approved its 2025-2028 Strategic Plan earlier this year, updating the existing roadmap to better serve Caledon's growing community.
- Right now, Caledon Public Library offers about 40,000 square feet of space across its seven branches. The new Strategic Plan is in alignment with CPL's Comprehensive Growth Plan released in 2023, which looks ahead to 2041 and calls for an additional 130,000 square feet of library space to be created for Caledon. It is anticipated that some of this growth will be achieved through the creation of a proposed 30,000 square foot branch to serve the Mayfield West II community.

Extending Access in Rural Areas:

- In September 2025, the Inglewood Branch will launch Extended Library Access. Registered residents will be able to use the Library Branch outside of regular staffed hours via self-service tools, boosting weekly access from 27 to 60 hours, with security measures and remote staff assistance in place.

Resources for Everyone at CPL:

- Aims to create library spaces that are welcoming, accessible, and reflect the community.
- Offers books and resources in multiple languages. For example, a digital tool called LOTE4Kids allow kids to enjoy over 3000+ books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English).
- Offers programming that celebrates different identities and programs like the upcoming Pathways to Truth & Reconciliation and Story Time with Fay and Fluffy.
- Committed to removing barriers for all—especially those with disabilities—who live, learn, work, and invest in our community.

Supporting Creativity and Local Culture:

- CPL's Artful Caledon showcases local artists, authors, and musicians and allows them to share their work with the community in library spaces and online.
- CPL will participate in the Town of Caledon's upcoming Studio Tour on October 4–5, 2025
- Makerspaces in Caledon East and Margaret Dunn Valleywood Branches offer tools, one-on-one support, and encouragement to support community members working on projects like: Creating t-shirts and promotional materials for their business; Creating signs and art using the laser cutter or die cutting machines; Recording music or podcast episodes in the recording studio; Using Adobe Creative Suite and Canva Pro to create digital designs and social media content

While the Library offers access to information, technology, and welcoming spaces, its most valuable resource is the knowledgeable and dedicated staff. Staff members are available to help you find your next great read, connect you to educational resources, or offer tech support. They lead community programs and help you bring your visions to life in the makerspaces.

Before the summer closes, I encourage everyone to get to know your library.

Our Readers Write

Democracy Caledon "appalled by snow job on" by-laws open house

Democracy Caledon is appalled that a public open house originally set to discuss only the proposed new by-law on site alteration has morphed into a snow job that covers a blizzard of five proposed by-laws, all in two hours on September 3.

The Town of Caledon has decided that information displays at the open house will now cover these proposed new or amended by-laws, all between 5 and 7 pm:

- Site alteration;
- Property standards;
- Clean yards;
- Tree preservation;
- Entrance permit.

In adding four more by-laws to the open house, the Town is violating its own procedural by-law that requires 20 days' notice of a change to a public meeting or open house. The Town back-dated its notice of the change to give the impression it had met the 20-day requirement.

"Heaven help the Caledon resident who wants to truly understand, in two hours, what the Town is planning for even one of these by-laws, let alone people who want in-depth information on several of them," said Debbe Crandall, President of Democracy Caledon. "We see this as a strategy to divide and conquer by severely limiting the ability of residents to understand the Town's intentions with each by-law. This is not just public consultation at its worst and its most limited, it's a complete sham."

Crandall made a comparison to the one public meeting in April 24 on 12 zoning by-laws to fast-track urban development on some 5,000 acres of land in southern Caledon. "We've seen this kind of major erosion of public consultation before – and look where that landed. Democracy Caledon launched a legal challenge to those 12 by-laws."

Democracy Caledon calls on the Town to revert to the original plan – devote September 3 to the proposed site alteration by-law ONLY. This by-law will likely have wide-ranging implications for land use and landscape change across Caledon, for example at "Swan Lake" in Ward 1. The Town should schedule separate open houses for each of the five by-laws.

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Boot Scootin' Boogie for a Good Cause:

BrightStart's Warm Hearts and Boots tickets now available

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Brush off your boots, Caledon.

Ticket sales have launched for Brightstart's annual fundraiser in September.

Brightstart began in 1987, and, since then, has supported tens of thousands of children, parents and caregivers, offering access to resources, referrals and early learning programs and workshops.

For more than three decades, BrightStart Caledon has offered a welcoming and safe meeting place for the young families of Caledon.

Their space is a place to learn, grow and feel connected to the community.

Shelly Ives, Community Engagement Manager for BrightStart, shared each year the organization has one primary fundraiser, plus a few smaller, more community-focused events sprinkled throughout the year.

The main fundraiser enables BrightStart to raise funds that help offset costs anywhere their traditional funding may fall short

Ives said it differs from year to year, but often that variance can be as much as $50,000 a year.

The money raised from the event supports free programs and services for local children and the community.

This year, they decided to embrace Caledon's rural roots with the annual Fundraiser theme.

The theme is "Warm Hearts and Boots," with the added dress attire of "Canadian tuxedo (think dress denims)"

"We decided to embrace our rural roots a little bit and pick something that was more accessible," said Ives. "You don't have to get all dolled up in an evening gown or a suit because the dress code is 'just wear your denim tuxedo and your country tuxedo and come and join us and have a great time.'"

Offered at the event in line with this year's theme will be country line-dancing lessons by Cheat'in Hearts.

Ives said a big part behind choosing the theme was about embracing the community they're in.

She shared that this year, they were also trying to "break the mold" of a traditional gala.

"We've got little pockets of urban living, but we're such a rural community. It's really nice to be able to kind of give it a nod and do something that's fun and related to that," said Ives.

Tickets for the event are $125 per person, with the option available to purchase a table or have your company sponsor a table.

The night will also feature gourmet barbecue, cash bar, a silent auction, prizes and more.

Be sure to purchase your tickets before September 16, as numbers are needed by that time.

The event will take place on Friday, September 26, 2025, at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton.

To purchase tickets, visit www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/BrightStart_Caledon_Family_Centre/events/warm-hearts-boots-fundraiser.

For anyone interested in signing up for sponsorships or supporting the silent auction, contact Ives at sives@brightstartcaledon.com.

Movies in the Park brings friends, family, and fun to Inglewood

Continued from FRONT

For the Cole family, it's about a lot more than just the movie.

Their daughter, Georgia, is five, and their son is one.

The family shared that not only do they see their friends, but Georgia gets to see all her classmates.

"I'm here to meet my friends!" Georgia enthusiastically shared.

The Cole family moved to Inglewood almost 10 years ago, and said they met many of their friends through events like this.

"It's a good reason for the whole neighborhood to get together and spend some time together," shared Geoffrey.

For some, Movies in the Park is not only a reunion with friends, but with family as well.

Mitch and Jess Theeuwen attended the event with their son to spend time with their family in town.

For Mitch, growing up in Inglewood and now living out of town, the event brings the opportunity for them to get together with his parents.

Their son came prepared for that night's movie of Paddington in Peru, holding his very own Paddington Bear.

The Village of Inglewood Association (VIA) had the snack bar stocked for the evening, selling ice cream, but also giving popcorn and cookies away for free.

Jeff Theeuwen from VIA shared that their focus is not only on what they can raise, but also on what they can give back to the community.

He said the VIA partners with the Town of Caledon's Movie Night, which allows them to leverage cost efficiencies associated with event delivery while also enhancing the overall amenities and experience for attendees.

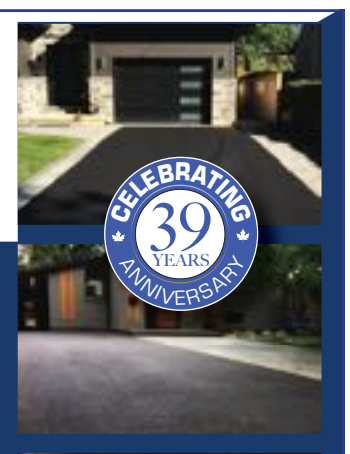
The VIA holds various events throughout the year, such as pumpkin carving and tree lighting.

In September, they will begin running a barbecue alongside Movies in the Park to enhance the overall experience further.

Movies in the Park will continue to run through September and October.

Dates and movie postings are available at www.caledon.ca/en/living-here/movies-in-the-park.aspx.

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Jaswinder is pictured with her daughter Hazel at BrightStart's event.

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Families come together for BrightStart's 2nd annual "Play, Learn and Grow in the Park"

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

BrightStart Caledon Family Center held its second annual Play, Learn and Grow in the Park this past weekend.

The event is a fun-filled day complete with activities for children ages zero to six and their families.

The event provides the chance for families to meet their neighbours and discover local programs and support.

Tracey Stewart, program manager at Brightstar Caledon Family Centre, said the event is in partnership through their Early On program under their customized funding.

"We really wanted the community to come together with our community partners and know what resources are available for them here in Caledon," shared Stewart. "And to have a fun, family-friendly time where they can connect with each other as well. "

She said this is where the phrase "play, learn, and grow" comes from.

Those in attendance could come out and play, learn more about community resources and grow together as a community.

Multiple community partners came out to the event, such as Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, Caledon Community Services, Caledon Public Library, Peel Crime Stoppers, Vita Centre and many more.

Another one of the community partners at the event was Peel Children's Aid Society.

Susan Smith, a Service Manager with Peel CAS, said they attended to get the word out about the support and services that they offer within the region of Peel, and specifically the Caledon-Bolton region.

Peel CAS has a specific Caledon team, with three touchdown centers in the Early On centres.

This, she said, allows them to work closely with many of the community partners here.

Smith said one of their main goals for the day was "for families to hear more about the services that we provide, and if they need support, they will reach out to us and we will talk to them," she says.

Along with community resources, there were many activities available, especially for the children in attendance.

Kids could enjoy face painting by BrightStart team members, and even grab a snow cone afterwards.

Paige, a Family Support Facilitator at the Early On Centre, BrightStart Caledon Family Centre, shared that they wanted to showcase all the different areas they have at their center.

There was sensory play and art, as well as open-ended art and take-home items.

In the baby, infant, and toddler area, there was a play mat with cognitive toys such as cars, balls, and stacking toys, as well as a gross motor skills area, complete with hula hoops.

Paige shared that many in attendance were surprised by the variety of areas they have at the centre and on display.

"The purpose of this event was to really show what our centers are all about, and how we can encourage and promote connection through play," says Paige.

Some people in attendance were already very familiar with the centre and all it had to offer.

Jaswinder and her daughter Hazel have been attending the BrightStart Centre for three years now. Jaswinder said they initially joined the program because of all the services they have to offer.

She added her daughter loves the graphic programs as well as the chance to play and interact with other kids.

At the event, she shared that Hazel enjoyed everything that was offered.

"She loved face painting, she loved the water," says Jaswinder.

"Especially the snow cones," she added with a laugh.

Each registered family was also able to bring home a goodie bag to celebrate the day.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2024-0005

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment and Block Plan application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is now offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model offering options for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

Meeting Date:	**September 16, 2025**
Public Meeting Start Time:	**7:00 p.m.**
Location:	**Town Hall, Council Chamber** **6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. **Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
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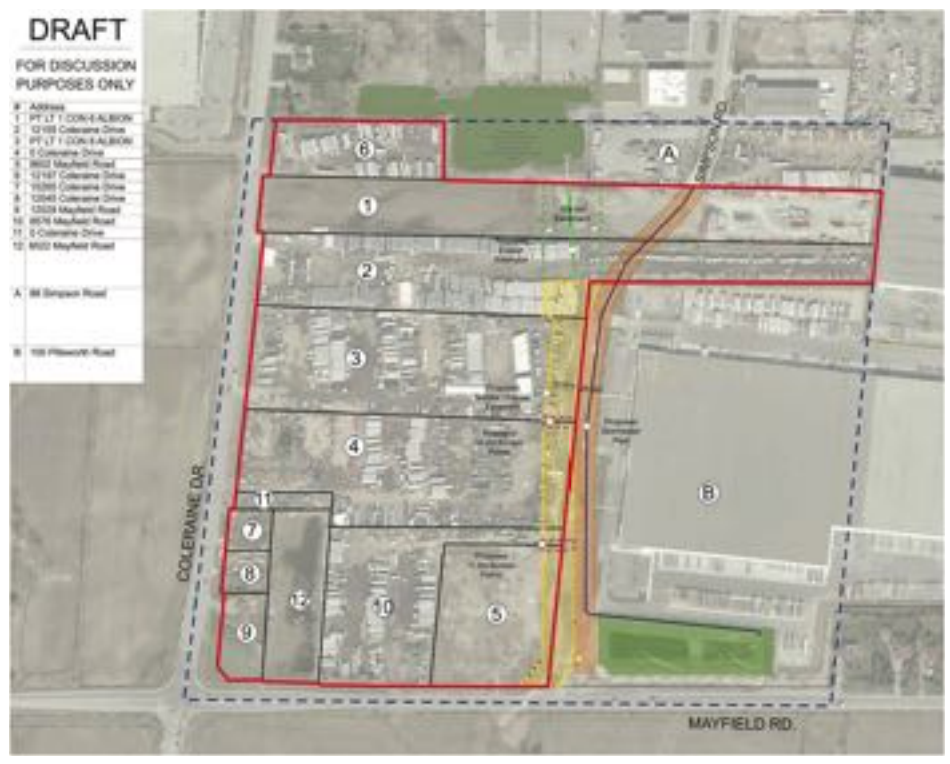
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- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT:	Sabrina Sgotto, Weston Consulting on behalf of Simpson Road Landowners Group, Inc.c/o Bratty's, Barristers & Solicitors
LOCATION:	Multiple Properties: PT LT 1 Concession 6, Albion (2 properties), 12155, 12197, 10265, 12045, & 0 Coleraine Drive (2 properties), 8602, 8576, and 8522 Mayfield Road. East Side of Coleraine Drive, north of Mayfield Road Ward 5

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment and Block Plan on the subject lands to facilitate the extension of Simpson Road to Mayfield Road, provide site-specific policies to permit the natural channelization of Rainbow Creek, and to facilitate the overall development of the subject lands.



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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, and additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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(LEFT) Karen from Karen's Corner. (RIGHT) Victoria Field from Bake My Day. PHOTOS BY RILEY MURPHY

First-time vendors to Caledon find warm welcome at Bolton's Butter Tart Festival

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

An near-endless line of people flowed in and out of the Albion Bolton Community Centre this weekend, almost as limitless as the number of butter tarts held inside.

This year's Butter Tart festival, run by Gotta Luv Butter Tarts, hit Caledon with a sugar rush, and with over 40 vendors from all over Ontario.

In lieu of admission, attendees were asked to donate to the Caledon Community Services Exchange Food Bank by bringing donations to the event.

Not only were residents able to experience butter tarts from all over Ontario, but vendors were able to experience Caledon.

For many, this was their first time in the community.

Victoria Field, owner of Bake My Day in Alliston, is looking to expand her business and reach new people, and this event was a great place to start.

"I've never done a festival in Bolton, I feel like it was a good opportunity for me," says Field.

She said many of the people she met that day hadn't heard of her business, and she appreciated the opportunity to chat with attendees and share more about herself and her bakery.

Thirty minutes into the event, she had already sold out her raisin butter tarts, a clear favourite.

Field wasn't the only newcomer to Caledon; The Bake Shop on Main from Cambridge shared that it was also their first time selling in Caledon.

They said not only was it nice to see the community buying their products, but they were "nice" as well on top of that.

Karen from Karen's Corner said she stumbled upon Butter Tart festivals completely by accident.

A kindergarten teacher from Milton, it was her friend who was working on a fair board and first invited her to join in 2019.

Karen joked that she showed up with her tarts on paper plates with Saran Wrap, and watched as others loaded in skids full of butter tarts.

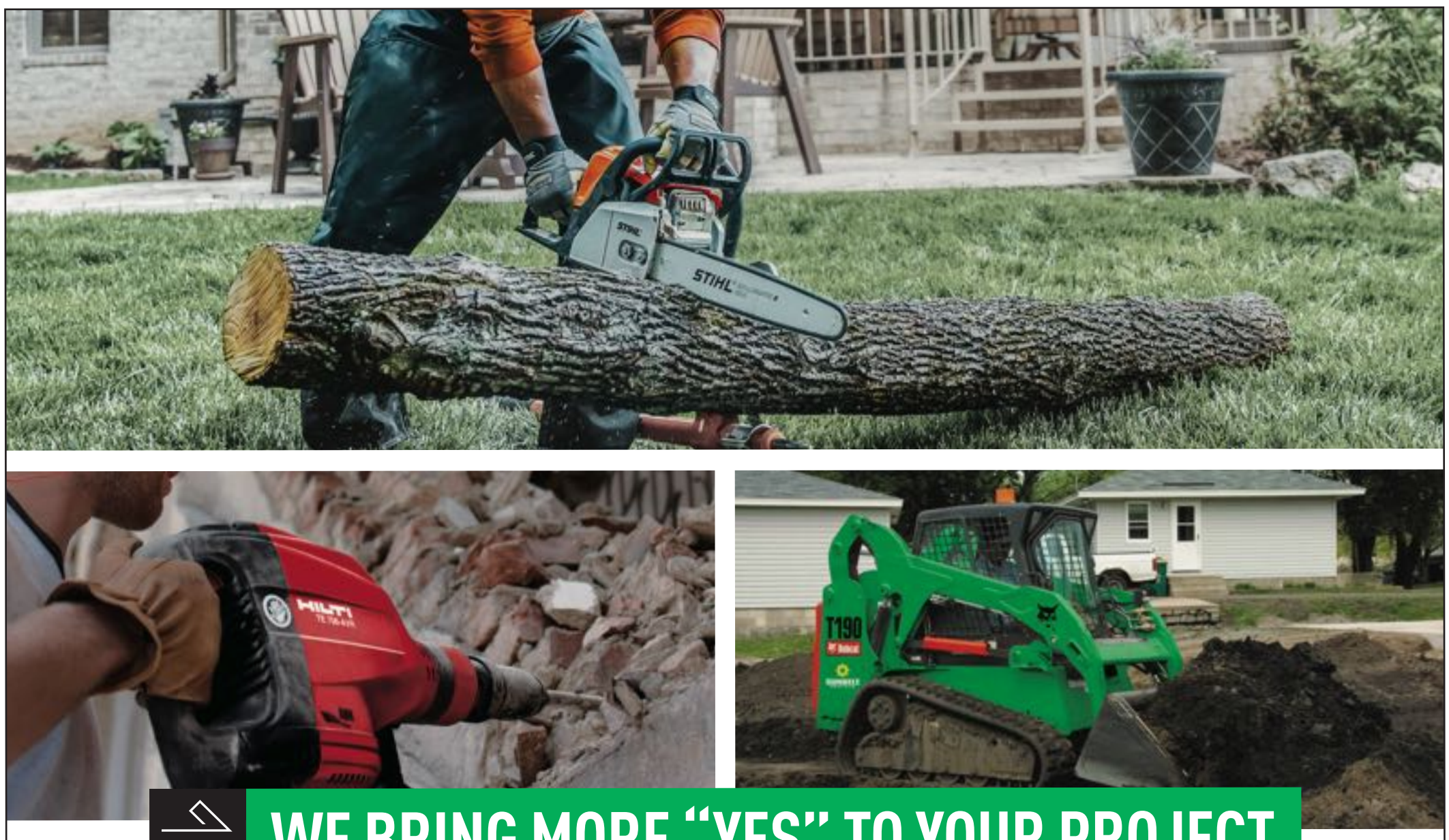
A lot has changed since that day, as Karen now stands in front of 30 dozen of her butter tarts that she brought.

The slogan above her booth, "The best things in life are made by hand," rings true for Karen; everything available at the event at her booth was made by her just days prior.

Growing up baking with her grandmother and mom, the passion has carried forward into adulthood for her.

"I love just the interaction with people. It's so fun. Some of the conversations you have, that's the funnest part," shared Karen.

Six hours later, the event ran until 4 p.m., with surely enough sugar to keep the Caledon community occupied for the rest of the weekend.



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AMOngst friends?

In the days leading up to this week's column, many of our local politicians have been attending AMO, the annual gathering of politicos from communities across Ontario. AMO, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, exists "to make municipal governments stronger and more effective." Municipalities send delegates both to pursue agendas favourable to their own particular patch of the province, and to determine where and how opportunities exist to work together toward mutually beneficial change. With so many communities facing issues similar to our own here in Caledon, I sincerely hope that Caledon representatives find themselves "AMOngst" friends: that is, fellow delegates and municipal representatives willing to work co-operatively for the betterment of all. Even better would be if some of those "friends" are from the provincial level of government from whom real help is urgently needed.

According to their website, AMO's stated mandate ensures, "Ontario's 444 municipalities work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges." AMO's role "is to support and enhance strong and effective municipal government in Ontario…(and)...to promote the value of the municipal level of government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system. Through various initiatives including policy development, cost-saving programs, the annual AMO conference, and other training opportunities, "AMO provides municipal officials with tools to succeed, and programs to help maximize taxpayer dollars." The conference typically also features plenty of "pop-in visits" from provincial ministers and their staff, and where possible, even a few scheduled "face-to-face" meetings with those same provincial representatives.

I'd like to say I was encouraged by a social media posting on day one of AMO, made by the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria. Photographed with our own Mayor Groves, and Councillors Early, Russo and Rosa, it was captioned "Great meeting with delegates from the Town of Caledon this morning to discuss how we can further expand transit and improve highway safety in the area." In a separate post, from our own Town officials, a similar photo included references to some of Caledon's specific "asks" including, continuing "to advocate for urgent safety upgrades on Hwy 10 and key truck routes in Caledon," along with "prioritizing the Caledon-Vaughan GO line to Bolton before 2041 and a second station in South Bolton."

I'm certainly glad the meeting took place and, whether it was long or short, I commend our team for getting some facetime in the Minister's schedule. I hope it was a sign that the provincial government is finally starting to recognize the urgent need for truck and traffic safety improvements here in Caledon and across the province. Including public transit in the conversation is also important and long overdue. After all, enhanced transit systems provide access to other means of moving around the region and potentially help reduce our reliance on vehicles, something that will help contribute to overall improved traffic safety. However, I think it's going to take a lot more than a simple photo op and meeting to start to actually feel "encouraged."

Perhaps the Transportation Minister was motivated by the Premier to meet with our delegates after Doug Ford's own "close call" on the highway, especially when it was determined the same driver who sideswiped the Premier's car was also involved in a recent crash killing father of three, Andrew Cristillo. Commenting on that crash, and while acknowledging that the matter is before the courts, Ford had this to say: "And this person being able to get out there and drive, you know ...I wish I could say what's on my mind right now, but I think people know how I feel and everyone else in Ontario feels about this person... just reckless, careless." He went on to add that, "he would support some restrictions for drivers after they have been charged criminally with offences such as dangerous driving." Perhaps, even if it took something happening to the Premier himself to spur action, this AMO conference and the Premier's comments might finally be the impetus for meaningful traffic safety (and bail reform!) changes to be put in place.

Speaking of possible changes, the social media gladhanding continued in another post, once again featuring Mayor Groves, this time pictured with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack. That photo was captioned, "We had a great discussion with Rob Flack on illegal land use in Caledon. We're calling for stronger enforcement powers and the release of the Standing Committee report so we can have the tools we need to protect our land and residents." In the photo Mayor Groves is joined by almost all of our Caledon Council team, presenting to the Minister what we hope is a united front on the urgent need for the stronger tools necessary to deal with this rapidly growing issue so severely impacting our region. Here too I am encouraged by the pictures, as proof that our politicians are getting in front of the right people. Now we can only hope that significant progress was made in pushing Caledon's agenda forward.

AMO will continue for several days beyond my submission deadline. In a perfect world, we'll continue to see efforts by Caledon Council to engage in meaningful conversations with representatives from across the other 443 municipalities that make up Ontario, including those specifically facing similar issues to our own. We'll look for continued advocacy to the provincial representatives in the room with hope that those representatives might truly begin to understand the level of crisis facing residents each and every day as we simply try to navigate safely around our community and beyond our borders. Much like last week's column emphasized. "we're all in this together," let's hope our councillors were "AMOngst" like-minded friends from every level of government who might now, finally, begin to engage in urgent and meaningful change.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Local Subwatershed Study

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2022-0001

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment application and related Local Subwatershed Study. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Meeting Date:	**September 16, 2025**	*There will be presentation boards outside of Council Chambers available for public viewing 1 hour prior to the public meeting. The consulting team will be available to answer public questions.*
Information Boards:	**6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**	
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Location:	**Council Chambers 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East**	

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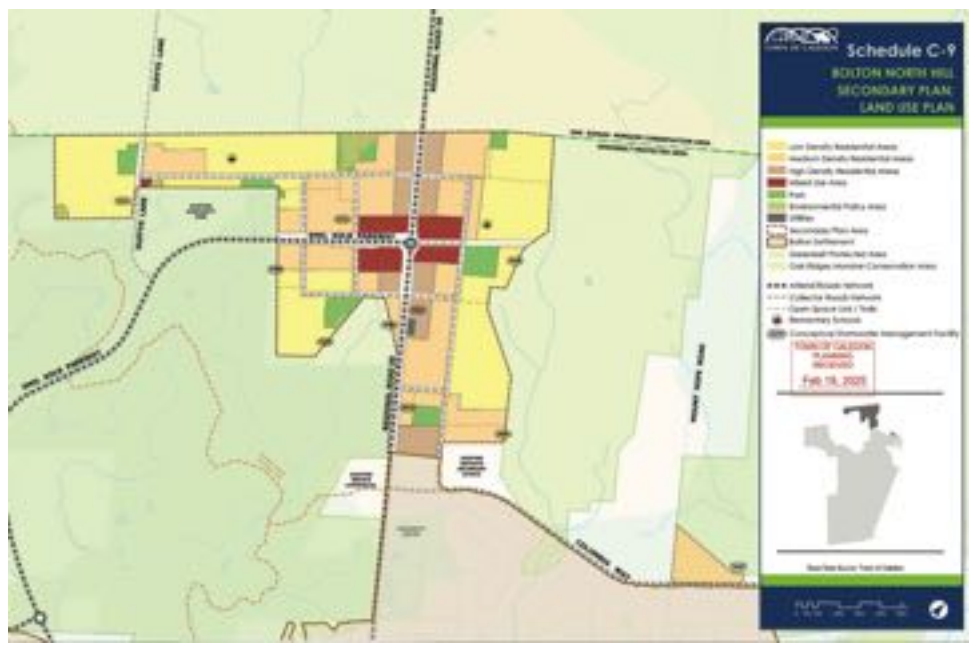
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APPLICANT: Bousfields Inc. on behalf of Bolton North Hill Landowners Group Inc.

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PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment (POPA 2022-0001) to facilitate the development of a secondary plan for approximately 167 hectares (412 acres) of land along Highway 50, north of the existing Bolton Rural Service Centre. The area is planned to house approximately 14,780 people (4,446 dwelling units) and provide approximately 410 jobs. The Secondary Plan includes a conceptual road network, parks, stormwater management facilities, protected environmental policy areas, schools, and a centralized mixed-use area that encourages both residential and commercial uses.



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

LEAD PLANNER:

Tanjot Bal, Senior Planner
Planning & Development Department,
Town of Caledon
905-584-2272 x.4418
Tanjot.bal@caledon.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and for supporting material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Official Plan Amendment you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

ACCESSIBILITY:

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Notice Date: August 21, 2025

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SPORTS

Second Annual "Heart of Caledon" soccer tournament attracts 76 teams in 10 divisions

BY JIM STEWART

Seventy-six teams in ten divisions competed in the second annual Heart of Caledon soccer tournament at the Caledon East Soccer Complex and surrounding area pitches on Saturday and Sunday.

Caledon Soccer Club President Gabriel Borges expressed his satisfaction about the growth of the tournament in its second year of operation.

"Over 30 teams competed here in 2024, but this year, we've attracted 76 teams from U13 to the Men's Division. Two of our Caledon teams—the U14 Girls and the U14 Boys—are advancing to the semifinals. Both teams are defending champions."

Borges disclosed that the majority of the defending champs from 2024 returned to the tournament to defend their titles.

"It's great to see so many teams return this year. It shows that we're providing a level of competition that is really good. It also shows that the tournament meant something to the coaches, players, and parents. It's also great to see so many strong teams from Aurora and Barrie back with us this weekend.

One of the big reasons for the growth of the tournament is we shifted it from a July event to August to avoid conflict with various league and provincial playoffs."

The amiable CSC President and his staff were busy at the CESC pavilion sorting game sheets, updating standings, and setting up championship games on Sunday morning amid some rainy conditions.

He offered insights into the best part of running such a big soccer tournament.

"Seeing all of these kids happy and playing in a big tournament in Caledon. After a goal, we can hear the roar of the parents all the way over to the pavilion and we can see how pumped the kids are—it's a nice feeling to have helped create that."

Borges and his staff have been so successful at building the Heart of Caledon tournament that they had to use surrounding fields to house all the new teams registered to play this past weekend.

"We used Humberview, Jack Garratt, Johnston Sports Park, and Fire Hall Field. The Town of Caledon has noted the tournament's importance. Mayor Groves was here at 9 on Saturday morning to officiate the opening ceremonies. Councillors have been here both days. The Town has helped us secure the additional permits we needed. Because we're growing at such a rate, we'll have meetings for the 2026 tournament in the Fall instead of waiting for the new year. It's a great feeling that the tournament has grown so much. We're too big for the Complex—which is a great problem to have. Giving so many kids a tournament to come to, just as their season ends and the school year starts, gives them something to look forward to in August."



PHOTOS BY JIM STEWART



Heart of Caledon 2025 Soccer Tournament Champions

BY JIM STEWART

Congratulations to two local soccer teams—the U14 Caledon Girls squad and the U17 Caledon Boys squad—for capturing gold at the second annual Heart of Caledon tournament on the weekend.

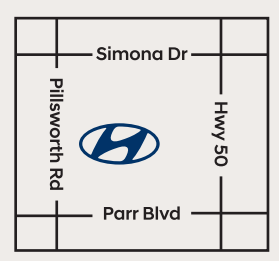
The ten divisional champions of the seventy-six team 2025 Heart of Caledon Tournament—hosted by the Caledon Soccer Club—were:

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- U14 Girls: Caledon
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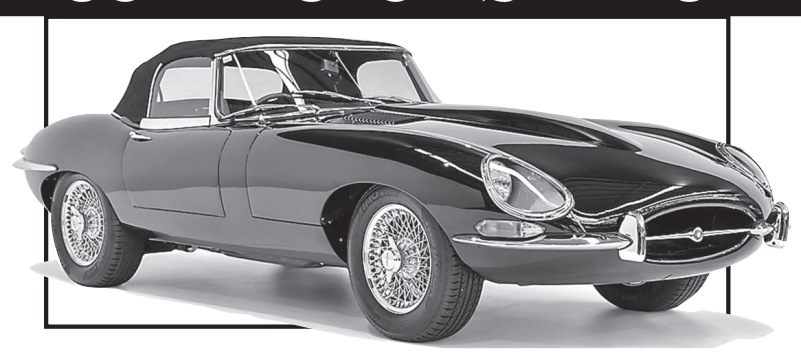
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Survived by his brother Blake and sisters Betty (Roy Hillis) and Kaye (Len Gamble). Predeceased by sister Otha and brother-in-law Robert Harris.

Murray will be missed by his many Taylor and Ritchie relatives.

Born to Ora Church and Hilliard Taylor, he spent his early years on the family farm in East Luther and attended the old school on the hill in Grand Valley.

Murray was an avid curler and lawn bowler. He was a well-known and respected competitor at area Curling Clubs and Lawn Bowling Greens. Throughout his life he excelled in sports and was a talented and skillful 5 pin bowler, lacrosse player, speed skater and baseball player.

Murray and Shirley owned and operated a successful business (Taylor's Dept. store) on Grand Valley's Main St. from 1963 until their retirement in 1988.

The family would like to thank Dr. Stickney, and the staff at Wellington Terrace for the excellent care provided to Murray, and for their kindness and attention to our family during these last several weeks.

As per Murray's wishes cremation has taken place.

Visitation will be held at In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. (28 Main Street N, Grand Valley, L9W 5S7) on Wednesday August 27, 2025, from 2pm- 4pm and 6pm- 8pm.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday August 28, 2025, at In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. (28 Main Street N, Grand Valley, L9W 5S7) beginning at 12pm. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service time.

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Peacefully at Etobicoke General Hospital on Saturday, August 16, 2025, Al Forester, at the age of 87 years, beloved husband of Sandra (Sandy) Forester. Loving father of Chris (Nadine) and Diana (Jim). Cherished grandfather of Brett, Nicole, Kayla, James, and Craig. Proud great-grandfather of Baylee, James Paul (JP), Flora, and Owen. Dear brother of Gordon and predeceased by Joe, Jennie, Doris, Raymond, and John. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Saturday, August 23 from 1 o'clock until time of memorial service in the chapel at 2 o'clock, followed by a reception at the funeral home. The family invites those who cannot attend the service in person to view the service through live streaming at the time of the service or at a later date. Please find the link on our website (EganFuneralHome.com) If desired, memorial donations may be made to the University Health Network (uhnfoundation.ca) or the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin (alzheimer.ca/dufferincounty). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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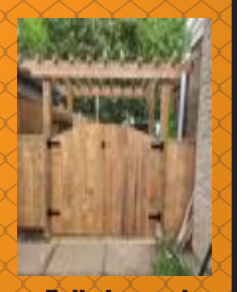
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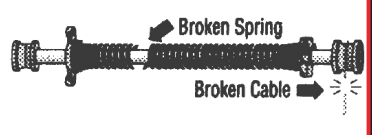
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U14AA Caledon Hawks (a.k.a. Sunset Snipers) capture CSL tournament title in Toronto for second year in a row

BY JIM STEWART



Team members pictured here, left to right, are: Adriano Diamantakos, Nicholas Adsett, Ben Hughes, Kade Downey, Jack Perry, Rogan Waters, Charlie Rosa Gastaldo, Colton Stewart, Sebastian Lima, Anthony Natale, Reece McCrimmon, Nathan Pagliuca, Torin Schwartz, Cameron Tait and Jacob Schutz. Coaches, pictured left to right, are: Paul Lima, Luigi Pagliuca, and Jim Schutz. Goalies: Paolo Cirillo & Colton Meyer. Absent: Lucas Hughes. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Sunset Snipers—the seasonal alias of the 2025 York-Simcoe champion U14AA Caledon Hawks—captured the Carnevale Summer League championship for the second consecutive year on Monday evening.

In an anticlimactic title game, the Snipers dispatched Evolve Hockey 6-1 at Westwood Arena in Toronto after eking out a narrow 4-3 OT semifinal win over the Ontario Knights on Monday afternoon.

The Snipers let a 3-0 lead slip away in the semifinal, but Reese McCrimmon rescued the Caledon-based squad by firing home the OT winner during 3-on-3 hockey and created the pathway to the finals.

Head Coach Jim Schutz said he was pleased with his team's performance in the eight-team Toronto summer league.

"The whole team played great. Sebastian Lima scored a hat trick and Paolo Cirillo played really well in net for us in the finals. We lost our first game of the regular season, but went 8-1 after that to finish first. The top four teams qualified for the semifinals."

The second-year Head Coach was most satisfied "to see how well they played."

"They skated teams into the ground. They're super-coachable kids who listen well and work hard. They were incredible during our winter season, too, and won the York-Simcoe championship despite finishing fifth in the regular season."

Coach Schutz felt that the most memorable moment of the summer tournament was "towards the second half of the championship game."

"We were up 4-1 and dominating. I wanted them to finish hard after blowing a 3-0 lead earlier in the semifinal. We grinded Evolve and finished them off properly. We played the final an hour after the semi so the blown lead was fresh in their minds. They played unselfishly and played as a team to wear down their opponent in the final."

Upon reflecting about the best part of coaching seventeen 14-year-olds, Coach Schutz noted that it's all about "watching them get better and fall in love with the game."

"The guys are at that stage where we're using systems and watching video and they tell us that they want to learn more about the game. Just seeing them showing up and getting better and making their teammates better makes this very satisfying as a coach."

The members of Sunset Snipers, who conquered the 2025 Carnevale Summer League in Toronto, are: Paul Lima (Assistant Coach), Luigi Pagliuca (Assistant Coach), Jim Schutz (Head Coach); Adriano Diamantakos, Nicholas Adsett, Ben Hughes, Kade Downey, Jack Perry, Rogan Waters, Charlie Rosa Gastaldo, Colton Stewart, Sebastian Lima, Anthony Natale, Reece McCrimmon, Nathan Pagliuca, Torin Schwartz, Cameron Tait, Lucas Hughes, and Jacob Schutz; and goalies Paolo Cirillo & Colton Meyer.

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Location update: Notice of Public Open House Bylaw Updates

Further to the public notice on August 14, 2025, The Town will be hosting the public open house at a new location across from Town Hall at the Caledon East Community Complex (CECC) to discuss the following bylaws:

- Property Standards By-law
- Clean Yards By-law
- Tree Preservation By-Law
- Entrance Permit By-law
- Site Alteration By-Law

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS:

Date: **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

Time: **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Location Update: **Caledon East Community Complex**
6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East
(Previously planned for Town Hall)

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Notice Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025

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Four teams start second round of North Dufferin Baseball League playoffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Four teams remain in the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) senior playoffs as they battle it out to earn the right to go to this year's Strother Cup Championship.

The second round of playoffs got underway with opening games on Sunday, August 17.

The Creemore Padres, Midland Mariners, Barrie Angels, and Lisle Astros were all eliminated in the first round of a best-of-five series that wrapped up on August 14.

In the second round, the teams will again play a best-of-five series, or in the event of a tie, the first team to reach six points.

The top four teams in the regular season have all managed to stay alive in the playoffs.

The New Lowell Knights finished in first place with a 17-4-1 record and 35 points.

In second place, the Owen Sound Baysox ended the regular season with 34 points.

The Ivy Rangers and Bolton Brewers finished in third and fourth place, respectively.

The second-round competition will be fierce as these top four teams play it out to determine who will make the final this year.

New Lowell is leading their series against the Bolton Brewers after one game, when they left the diamond with a 5-1 win.

New Lowell's Zack Hayward had a big part in the win when he hit a double that brought in three Knights' runs.

The other series features the Owen Sound Baysox up against the Ivy Rangers.

Owen Sound won the first game of the series 8-5.

JUNIOR DIVISION

The NDBL's Junior Division championship final series got underway on Wednesday, August 13, with the Creemore Padres up against the Innisfil Cardinals 1 team.

The championship series is a best-of-five competition.

Creemore won the first game of the series 11-2 on August 13.

It was tied up when Innisfill squeezed out a one-run lead in Game Two, leaving the diamond with a 3-2 win.

The Padres prevailed in Game Three of the series with a 13-7 win.

Game Four of the series was scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, in Creemore.

Results were not available at press time.

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HEATHER HILLS

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Pilot from Dufferin to receive Rising Star Award at upcoming gala

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A pilot from Dufferin County is being recognized for her contributions and leadership in the aviation industry with a prestigious award.

Heather Hills, a resident of Orangeville, has been announced as a recipient of the Rising Star Award from Northern Lights Aero Foundation (NLAF).

Each year, the Northern Lights Aero Foundation (NLAF) grants the prestigious Elsie Awards, recognizing Canadian women who have made a significant contribution to aviation or aerospace.

Named after aviation pioneer and human rights activist Elsie Gregory MacGill, the award is given to outstanding women across seven categories – Business, Education, Engineering, Flight Operations, Government, Rising Star, and Trailblazer.

The Rising Star Award, which Hills is a recipient of, is granted to a woman between the ages of 16 and 30 who has demonstrated exceptional promise of leadership and contribution in any area of aviation and aerospace or in a volunteer capacity.

Hills was nominated by a previous Elsie Awards winner and was chosen as a recipient by a panel of judges.

"It's hard to put into words. I started getting involved with this organization when I was at the beginning of my flight training. Being on the other side is pretty surreal because I remember going to my first gala and hearing about all these women, and just being in awe," said Hills. "Six year later, being one of the recipients is very cool and it doesn't feel real."

A significant part of the Elsie Awards is that it highlights the contributions of women within the aviation and aerospace industry.

According to the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA), women represent approximately seven per cent of pilots in Canada. The Institute for Women of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) reports that in 2023, Canadian women received 12 per cent of the 6,354 pilot licences issued by Transport Canada, which is a more than 58 per cent increase from 2010.

"When I was younger, I never saw a female pilot so that's one of the reasons I'm so passionate about doing girls in aviation events. Representation is so important," said Hills. "If you can see yourself doing something, you're more inclined to work towards it and dream about it."

Hills began flying recreationally in the summer of 2015, before going to York University to study Business Administration at the Schulich School of Business. After graduating from university in 2019, Hills enrolled in an almost two-year intensive program with the Brampton Flight Centre, which she completed in 2021.

"About two years into my degree, I sort of realized that I didn't want the typical nine to five and I wanted to go back and explore flying," explained Hills.

Following the completion of her aviation program, Hills worked as a flight instructor with the Brampton Flight Centre. In 2022, she joined Porter Airlines as a First Officer and has since been promoted to Captain.

In addition to her flying career, Hills also serves as program coordinator for the aviation program at Conestoga College and is set to begin teaching an introduction to aviation course at the college in September.

She also sits as vice president of the Upper Canada Chapter of Women in Aviation and sits on the board for the 2026 Canadian Women in Aviation Conference, having previously co-chaired in 2024.

Hills was a part of the Northern Lights Aero Foundation's mentorship program as a mentee and was later selected to be part of the Junior Board, which she sat on for a three-year term from 2021 to 2024.

Hills will be presented with the Rising Star Award during the 16th Annual Northern Light Aero Foundation Awards Gala on October 4 in Toronto.



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