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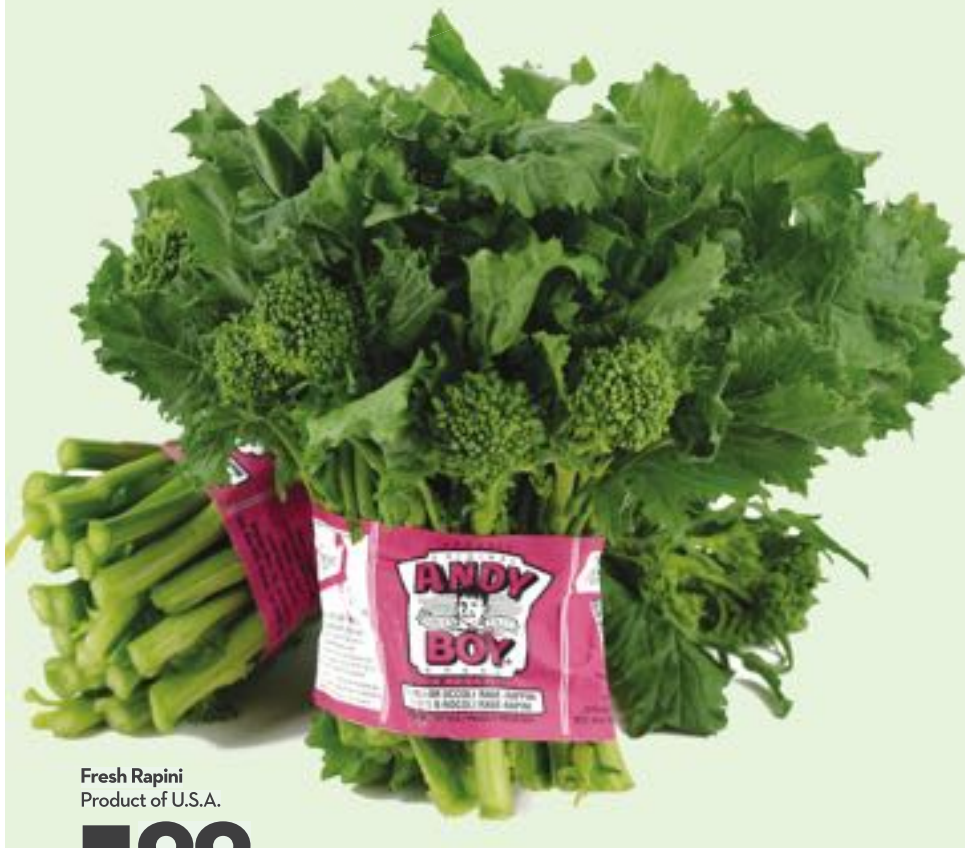


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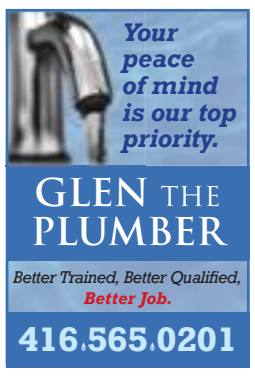
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Councillor Dave Sheen is pictured plowing his winning furrow. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Rain can't dampen community spirit at Peel-Dufferin Plowing Celebration

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association celebrated their 100 years as an association with its annual plowing match.

Despite the on-and-off showers, Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association president Glen Early shared that "even with the less than desirable weather, the community came out and supported us."

The event had nearly 300 visitors by the end of the day.

Attendees gathered around to celebrate the day, renew acquaintances and see the horse and mule teams as well as tractor competitors.

Some especially enjoyed seeing who was doing the plowing.

MPP Sylvia Jones for Dufferin-Caledon, MP Kyle Seeback for Dufferin-Caledon, and Acting Mayor Dave Sheen all tried their hand at plowing straight, neat, and uniform furrows.

Jones shared with the crowd that, "it is the most stressful thing that I do once a year, so good job keeping me honest."

She said when everyone comes together to celebrate their history, industries, and families, it makes them a community and strengthens them as a whole.

Councillor Sheen, who was crowned victorious in the competition against Seeback and Jones, says that after attending for three years and "learning so much," this was "the straightest furrow that he's ever plowed."

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Inaugural Legacy Golf Classic tees off with great success

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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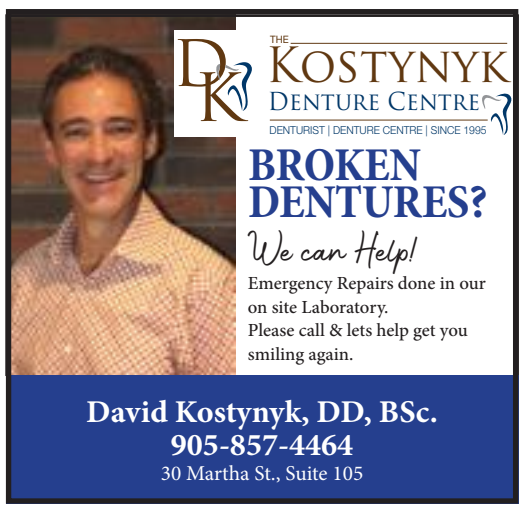
The inaugural Legacy Golf Classic, presented by the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund, took place this week, inviting over 140 golfers to enjoy TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley and raise funds for a worthy cause.

The Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund raises funds for charities all over, and this year, the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS) was a primary grant recipient of their inaugural event.

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Golfers head to the course after the shot-gun start. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY













MP Sahota hosts Community Barbecue for Brampton North–Caledon residents

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Brampton North-Caledon MP Ruby Sahota hosted a community barbecue this past weekend featuring food, music, games, and an opportunity for families, residents, and community members to come together.

Sahota has represented the federal riding of Brampton North in the Canadian House of Commons since 2015.

She won the past election for the newly formed Brampton North-Caledon riding.

Sahota shared with those in attendance that she wanted to hold her first large event in Caledon because "this is a new area that I'm representing, and I feel so lucky to be representing the area of Southfields."

Sahota was also in attendance at the annual Valleywood Block Party earlier that day, and shared that "there's so many great things happening in the town of Caledon,"

"It's a unique opportunity, and I want to just thank you all from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the opportunity, the privilege, to serve all of you," said Sahota.

Regional Councillor Early for Wards 1, 2, and 3 attended the event and shared that since the election, she has noticed Sahota in the riding continuously.

"She works hard for Caledon. She tries to come out to make sure she understands this community as well as she understands Brampton," said Councillor Early.

Sahota is also the Secretary of State responsible for combating crime in Prime Minister Mark Carney's Government.

She shared that she has been working on numerous changes this summer in coordination with the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Justice.

"In the fall, I'll be able to tell you a little bit more about new laws that we are implementing: changes to bail, repeat offenders that you are seeing out committing crimes over and over again," says Sahota. "We are going to tackle that issue. We're working with getting advice from local policing. Many recommendations have come from different levels, and I appreciate all of that."



(Left to right) Councillor Sheen, Councillor Early, Ruby Sahota, Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown, Councillor Gurpartap Singh Toor for Wards 9 and 10 in Brampton, and Councillor Maskell.
PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Councillor Sheen for Ward 2 shared that he was grateful to see everyone gathered in the ward that he represents.

"I'm really grateful to have a partner at the federal government in Ruby Sahota. It's great to have someone who's in the Cabinet, who's familiar with our local issues, who can bring our issues forward at the federal level if they need to, and Ruby and I do work well together, and I'm so grateful for that," he shared.

Prasad Nair, Head of Youth Success & Innovation at Peel Children's Aid Society, attended the barbecue to not only raise awareness in the community about the work done at Peel CAS, but also to inform representatives.

Peel CAS strives to ensure the safety and well-being of the community's most vulnerable with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion.

"It is important for our representatives to understand what type of work that we do, how we are interacting with their constituents and also providing the adequate support," said Nair.

"They [MPs] are on ground and they will immediately hear from the citizens if we are not doing the right job. It's always good to have two-way communication. As I said, listening to the public, informing our representatives of the things that we do and are there any changes that are needed. We are not perfect, so it's always allowing these moments to get more info," he continued.

Sahota shared with those at the event that she is always available to the community.

"I'm available, so if you want to come to my office, you want to meet, you want to call, let me know. We can talk about any issues that you have that you want to sit down and talk about in depth. I'm always available for the community. That is the opportunity that I have been given, and I take it very seriously, and so I'll do my best to serve the people of Caledon as much as I have in Brampton, and to understand the special, unique issues that Caledonians face as well."



Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer ready for return

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is inviting community members to honour their loved ones affected by cancer with the return of their Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer.

The hospital foundation announced that the 2nd Annual Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer will be held on October 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Caledon Ski Club West Lodge, located at 17431 Mississauga Rd., Caledon.

"We're thrilled to bring the community together once again for a cause that touches so many lives," said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation. "Whether you're hiking in memory of someone, in support of a loved one, or simply to make a difference, your participation matters."

The inaugural Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer was held last year and looks to raise critical funds for life-saving equipment and services. In the event's first year, HHCF was able to raise a total of $68,000 in support of breast cancer care. This year, the hospital's foundation expanded the mission of the hike to support all forms of cancer care at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

"With government funding not covering the cost of medical equipment, every dollar raised helps ensure patients receive the best possible care close to home," said the foundation.

Early bird registration for the Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer is open and will be available until September 12. The cost of registration during the early bird period is $25 for adults and $15 for youth. From September 12 until October 9, the cost of registration is $35 for adults and $25 for youth.

"Participants are encouraged to register early to take advantage of discounted pricing and being building their personal fundraising pages."

HHCF is still offering sponsorship opportunities for local businesses and organizations to support the fundraising event.

"It's a meaningful way to give back to the community while gaining visibility among engaged participants and supports," the foundation concluded.

Those interested in a sponsorship spot can learn more by contacting Christine Patterson at cpatterson@headwatershealth.ca or by calling 519-941-2701 ext.2309.

For more information about the Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer or to register to participate in the hike, visit: hhcfoundation.akaraisin.com/ui/hike2025.





(Left to Right) Emma Johnson, Bethell Hospice Board Director; Lisa Pecarski, 2025 Debbie Davis Award Recipient; Debbie Davis, founder of the award. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Debbie Davis, awarded Bethell Hospice volunteer, finds joy and purpose in hospice kitchen

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Bethell Hospice and Bethell Hospice Foundation marked their 15th anniversary at a joint

stakeholder meeting in August, celebrating dedication, compassion, and community.

At the event, the Debbie Davis Outstanding Achievement Award was presented.

The award honours an individual who exemplifies Bethell Hospice's values through extraordinary service and commitment.

It was named after Debbie Davis, in recognition of the passion and dedication she has witnessed and shared at Bethell Hospice.

This year, the award went to Lisa Pecarski, a Bethell Hospice volunteer who has dedicated her time to the kitchen, reception, and as a resident support volunteer.

Bethell Hospice said her "warmth, kindness, and generosity have touched the lives of countless residents, families, and fellow team members."

"Lisa embodies everything this award stands for," said Margaret Paan, Executive Director, Bethell Hospice. "Her remarkable kindness, commitment, and compassion make her an extraordinary role model for our staff, volunteers, and community."

Pecarski joined as a Bethell volunteer in 2022, following a 43-year career in childcare.

She shared that she was "fascinated with that caring and compassionate approach Bethell has" after attending a volunteer information session.

Pecarski says that one thing that was immediately evident when she joined the team was that they treat full-time staff and volunteers collaboratively as one big team.

Her favourite position at Bethell is in the kitchen, and she shared that it's an "honour" to prepare food for Bethell residents.

Pecarski says often those coming to Bethell are coming from hospitals, "to see someone get excited about food again, it's not a joyful experience in the sense that it's fun, but when you see you make a difference in someone's days."

"Food is love," says Pecarski. "If their loved one will eat something it makes such a difference to them," she said about residents' friends and family.

"I'm just privileged to be there and to make meals," she says.

In our own homes, she said, the kitchen is the heart of the house, and the same holds true for the Bethell kitchen, which serves as a compassionate, warm, and loving place for residents and their families.

Pecarski shared that over the years she has seen the kitchen act as a place where people can not only share their worries and sadness, but also their beautiful stories.

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Poilievre proposes "Stand on Guard" Law in Brampton to expand self-defence rights in one's home

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre held a press conference last week in Brampton to urge the federal government to implement his "Stand on Guard" principle.

"After 10 years of Liberals, the system treats victims like criminals and criminals like victims," shared Poilievre, standing outside of a supporter's home in Brampton.

His principle calls for more legal protection for Canadians defending their homes from intruders.

The Bill will amend Section 34.2 of the Criminal Code, which currently states, "A person is not guilty of an offence if they believe on reasonable grounds that force is being used against them or another person or that a threat of force is being made against them or another person."

Currently, in determining whether the act of defence is "reasonable," courts consider nine factors. Some of these factors include the nature of the force or threat, the extent to which the use of force was imminent, and whether there were other means available to respond to the potential use of force, as well as the person's role in the incident.



Pierre Poilievre stands outside a home in Brampton during a press conference. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

"If you're defending your house, you don't have time to think through nine different conditions.

You have one condition, to protect yourself and your kids and it is wrong for the law, for the police, and for judges to apply a complicated, indecipherable legal doctrine against you when you are only doing what is right," said Poilievre.

His proposed amendment would "change Section 34.2 of the Criminal Code to say that the use of force, including lethal force, is presumed reasonable against an individual who unlawfully enters a house and poses a threat to the safety of anyone inside."

"The proposed amendment is reasonable and prudent. It applies only to the unlawful entry of a home and preserves proportionality," he says.

Poilievre urged Prime Minister Mark Carney during the conference to "steal our best ideas."

"Take our ideas so that we can reverse not only the crime and chaos liberals have caused, but let's also take these ideas to bring the cost of living, immigration, and unemployment down."

There are two conditions with the "Stand on Guard Law," explained Poilievre.

"If someone enters your home illegally and uninvited, and two, you reasonably believe they are a threat to your family, then it is assumed that all the force you use against that person is reasonable and legal."

Poilievre shared that he is calling the government to introduce and immediately pass the Stand on Guard law, "failing which, one of our party's MPs will put forward such a bill."

MP for Dufferin-Caledon Kyle Seeback, currently has put forward his bail reform survey to "demand bail reform."

"Carney's Liberal government, repeat violent offenders are still being released onto our streets. Families are paying the price, while the system keeps giving second, third, even fifth chances to dangerous criminals," reads the survey website.

Seeback shared in a statement to The Citizen that Poilievre's "change to the criminal code must happen."

"Soft on crime Liberal laws have Canadians living in fear. A few days ago, there was a home invasion in Vaughan where a 46-year-old father was shot dead protecting his children. Enough is enough and Conservatives have proposed an amendment to the Criminal Code that gives Canadians the benefit of the doubt when using force against a home invader. The 'Stand on Guard' principle would provide clarity for our citizens, police, and prosecutors so that legitimate self-defence doesn't mean jail time," shared Seeback.

"I hope the Liberals will think of Canadians suffering from a surge of violent crime and pass this change this fall. Sadly, based on the last ten years of soft on crime policies, I doubt the Liberals will."



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Adrianna's life reflected her generosity and her unwavering compassion. She was the kind of person who would rescue an animal in need without a second thought. She once took a year away from her own path to lovingly care for her grandmother. Whether she was helping a stranger, standing by a friend, or giving back to her community, Adrianna always went above and beyond. Her kindness and enthusiasm for life knew no boundaries.

She was also incredibly hardworking and determined. After graduating from Wilfred Laurier University, Adrianna set her sights on becoming a teacher, with a dream of working with students in special education. She had just begun a new role with Monster and was excited about the future that lay ahead of her. Her dedication, her spirit, and her drive made it clear that whatever Adrianna chose to do, she would have made a difference.

But that future was taken from her too soon. Adrianna's life was tragically cut short when a tractor trailer ran a red light, taking her from all who loved her in an instant. The world lost more than a young woman that day. It lost a bright, beautiful soul who gave endlessly and asked for nothing in return.

Her mother, her brother, Michael, nonna and nonno, her uncle and aunt, her cousins, and her friends mourn her loss every single day. Adrianna's absence has left a hole that cannot be filled, yet her memory continues to inspire acts of love, kindness, and courage. She was larger than life, and though her time here was far too brief, her light will never fade.

As we begin to navigate life without Adrianna, her mother will work tirelessly to ensure that changes are made and justice is served so that no other family has to deal with such a senseless loss.

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Rain can't dampen community spirit at Peel-Dufferin Plowing Celebration

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Aside from enjoying the various competitors, attendees also enjoyed the different types of plows.

A Rumely tractor was acting as a people mover that day, bringing attendees around the event.

Not only was a Rumley people mover present, but a Rumley competitor as well, the host farmer of the event Burt Speirs.

"Great to see the competitors, both on the horse team side, as well as the tractor side determined to come out and compete to the best of their ability in those conditions," said Early.

Early also touched upon how incredible it was to see the interest from the horse team competitors, as "you can imagine the effort it takes to bring a horse team from 20, 50, a 100, 150 miles away."

"It's the great history of the Peel-Dufferin match that attracts the competitors as well. They have a good, sound expectation that it's going to be a good match and it's going to be organized," he says.

Early said the event felt very intimate this year, and it was the smallest footprint he could imagine for many years.

"The foundation principles of this match is seeing people, [that you] maybe haven't seen in a year or more, come out and enjoy and celebrate," says Early.

Early shared the event was another in the series of successful plowing matches for Peel-Dufferin, "continuing on a tradition that started a hundred years ago."

The Albion Bolton Historical Society (ABHS) was in attendance at the event, showcasing research on the beginnings of the Peel-Dufferfin Plowmen's Association.

They also brought advertisements for locally made plows in Bolton, some dating back to the pre-1900s, as well as one advertisement from 1925, which marks the first date of the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association plowing match.

"We bring some inner knowledge to answer questions and point out things," shared Nathan Hiller, the current president of the Albion Bolton Historical Society.

A map was on display showcasing all the past locations of the plowing matches.

Hiller said the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association asked them to attend because "they understand the historical importance of not only the event, but of the legacy of the farming community here."

A long-standing tradition with the plowing matches across Ontario is the Queen of the Furrow competition.

Each local organization has the opportunity to send the winner of their competition to the Ontario Plowing Match, where approximately 30 teams compete.

Victoria Kolb was crowned the Peel-Dufferin Queen of the Furrow in 2024, and at the event, Nikki Intranuovo was introduced as the newly-crowned Queen.

Also available at the event was a chicken dinner, which Early said he heard a lot of positive feedback on.

"If you don't do anything else that day, you're going to make sure that the farmers in the area, they're going to be fed well, and if you check that box, that's a big win for us all."

Attendees were able to enjoy their chicken dinners either under the large gathering tent or while walking around, taking in the various plows and techniques, both from the past and the present.

"A big thank you to the sponsors, we're so lucky and appreciative to have that support for the match," said Early.



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY



Nikki Intranuovo (left) and Victoria Kolb (right). PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY



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Airport Day fundraiser takes flight this weekend in Caledon

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Don't miss the annual Airport Day fundraiser taking off this weekend.

The event, taking place at Brampton Flight Center (BFC) and The Great War Flying Museum, will be a day filled with activities, including a bouncy castle, face painting, airport tours, a trackless train, and birds of prey demonstrations.

The fundraiser serves as a last chance to visit The Great War Flying Museum and view their World War One artifacts and replica aircraft before they close their doors for the season.

It will feature First World War military re-enactors for a historical experience, as well as the opportunity to see their vintage aircraft up close.

At the event, sightseeing flights will be available with one of their aircrafts taking off every hour, weather permitting.

Attendees can also enjoy conversations with Amateur-Built Aircraft owners (RAA).

Live music will be performed by Now and Then, which attendees can enjoy while taking in the display of antique aircrafts and automobiles.

If you're coming for the food, there are a variety of food trucks available, or you can dine in at the BFC Restaurant Cafe.

If you have a sweet tooth, no worries, as ice cream will be available as well.

This year, Airport Day will support Caledon Community Services (CCS).

The fundraiser is asking for donations of non-perishable food, baby essentials, or monetary contributions to support CCS.

"We can make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate," shared organizers.

There will be entry fees for the Great War Flying Museum.

As a not-for-profit organization, it depends on donations from its volunteer members and visitors to maintain its exhibits and fly the aircraft.

The event will run from 10 am to 4 pm at 13691 McLaughlin Road in Caledon.





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Co-op programs, for instance, can open one's eyes to career possibilities that otherwise wouldn't be a blip on their radar. Maybe a class trip to the nation's capital might kindle some embers that could result in a newfound interest in governance, political science, or simply serving the public. Elsewhere, although granted this is more of a summer thing, a trip to a summer camp up north, could sow the seeds for a future environmentalist, climate change specialist, park ranger, or even a vet.

It's always fun to see how local students fared at the end of the year.

If a newspaper editor is lucky, top scoring students in the closest school board, might just live in an area you cover and you get to share their story beyond school walls. If you're even luckier, they might just share a few tips of success that not only benefit the community but you can take to heart as well.

The same goes for students who end their years on a particularly high note, having some grants or scholarships to show for it, whether they're recognized for their academic prowess or their community contributions. Those who are recognized for their community work are, in my experience, particularly fascinating and lessons can always be drawn on what fuels their passions, propels them forward, and the impact they want to have on the world around them.

Those are the questions that are particularly fun to ask, and sometimes those of us in this position get to be on the flipside as well.

Students are also beginning the year either at the cusp of reaching further goalposts or are nearing the finishing line in June excited for all the possibilities ahead. Some of those who are considering careers in journalism, communications, or information-sharing at its broadest, often reach out for the inside scoop of what this career offers, armed with a litany of questions that are pointed in the best possible way.

Many of these questions are opportunities to accentuate the positive, of which there are many, I hasten to add; in other instances, it is clear they've done their homework as to some of the less positive elements; but, as they could be the journalists of tomorrow, you want to keep things real with them, even if your answers can sometimes be a reality check for some more romanticized ideas.

The important thing, however, is they have the questions and are seeking out answers.

Sometimes that can be a rare commodity these days. Well, in more recent days.

Prior to the global pandemic, one generally assumed such questions were being asked in good faith. Questions would often range from a simple, "Why did you get into journalism?" and my answer touching upon a simple love of telling someone's story would often resonate with the person asking the question as it was more or less what brought them to the interest in the first place.

Another fun question to field is whether or not something I've written has made anyone mad.

While the answer to that is often in the eye of the beholder, when I tell them the most hate mail I've received so far was related to a story I wrote about a labour dispute as a high school student for another local paper, they're either relieved or disappointed.

There is occasionally, however, a different tone to the questions in the post-pandemic world.

This past spring, I had two requests from people who wanted to talk about what it means to be a journalist in today's day and age.

Both seemed to be on the up-and-up, reaching out due to a genuine interest, but one took a different track altogether.

In addition to asking perfectly standard questions, those that I've come to expect, this particular inquisitor took the time to answer the questions on my behalf as well, the tone becoming increasingly strange as the email progressed. In the process of their filling in the blanks, I learned that apparently the reason why I write is to satisfy the whims of some vague international organization, who they were certain signed my paycheques, and how I was both simultaneously "woke" and "asleep" at the same time.

It was an enlightening read for me, but I still feel it would have been an even more enlightening read for them had I been given the opportunity to answer. That not being the case, however, I felt my efforts to do so would have been wasted and simply continued on with my day.

That being said, I do wonder what the motivation for such "questions" are.

Obviously, it's because in some way they think they're scoring some kind of point, political or otherwise, but are we now at point in this era of echo chambers where questions are coming with an expectation of the "desired" answers to preserve preconceived notions? Or maybe over the course of the pandemic we've become more averse to real human exchanges, a lingering mindset that those face-to-face interactions are best avoided wherever possible, or otherwise kept to a minimum?

Prior to the pandemic, I once had the honour of being invited by the local library to participate in a one-off "Human Library" event.

Hosted in conjunction with Culture Days, a Province-wide initiative that gets communities working together to showcase their cultural resources in fun and engaging ways, I was amongst the "Human Books" that community patrons could "check out" for a half-hour or so where they could have all their burning questions answered by their captive audience.

Among my fellow "books" were a famed gardener, a jewellery designer-to-the-stars, a duo of Grammy Award-winning music producers, an author-turned-social justice advocate – esteemed company for someone who only had two years of being editor under his belt, but it was a richly rewarding experience.

While it was a chance to answer questions, the process got each of us to think about what brought us there in the first place through someone else's lens, and hopefully differences were made both ways, however small they might seem.

Libraries today are about far more than books.

They are community hubs where we can learn, grow, and stay connected. Heck, they are even places now where you can check out a fishing rod if an impromptu camping opportunity comes your way. The possibilities are endless – and something like the Human Library, in whatever format it might be, should be explored again.

Everyone has questions they want answered, but finding the right way – or even the wherewithal to do it – can sometimes be a challenge.

If we're simply out of practice, let's all do some warm-up exercises together.



We can't relive the past, as much as we try

by Mark Pavilons



Humans tell stories to one another on a daily basis.

Many of these are tidbits, anecdotes – tales about recent or past events.

We reminisce over our best memories, vacations, family gatherings, relatives – people and places, sights and sounds.

Our lives are made of bits and pieces of, well, everything.

But is reflection adequate, or sufficient, in relaying an event lost to time? We can't be there, back in that safe, warm place ever again. It also gets harder and harder to recall certain details as time goes on.

So why do we like to ponder and reflect so much? Why were the good, old days, so good?

Sure, it helps us understand the journey we've taken and how our lives have become woven together by these strands. Memories are timeless and we try to keep them close to our heart.

Many believe revisiting happy moments lifts us up and puts some umph back in our stride. Our experiences also carry some important lessons we've learned along the way.

Nostalgia, old school and those bygone days, are terms that abound in our modern language.

Some things are making a comeback, like muscle cars, rock and roll, even tie-dye and lava lamps. These things all remind us of personal moments in our past.

And yes, for those in their 50s and 60s, there was never a time like it.

We tend to be pensive when facing stress or some emotional turmoil. There's no shortage of either these days, I'm afraid.

Experts say our lonely selves long to be connected to our previous, happier selves.

I had thought that our computer-like brains record everything in our lives, with perfect precision. Apparently, that's not accurate. While our brains are massive tape recorders, they "interpret" our own reality based on our biology and emotion. The 86 billion neurons in our brain outnumber the stars in the Milky Way. Each one forms thousands of connections, storing information and memories.

Our hippocampus acts like a librarian, organizing old memories and filing new ones. When we think back, the librarian goes to the shelf, removes the book and retells the story. But it's a reconstruction – not an exact snapshot – a collection of sights and sounds mushed together.

Apparently our emotions act like glue when it comes to memory – sealing some, peeling off others and, in some cases, not sticking at all. It all depends how impactful those feelings were.

Gray matter aside, our memories are unique to us and make us who we are. They bolster our sense of identity.

Here's a tough question for us all. Ask someone to describe themselves or answer the question: who are you?

You're going to find it a difficult task. I tried, but couldn't come up with anything that really defined who I am. Give it a try, I dare you!

When we refer to ourselves, we often glance back, citing things from our past. Our parents, their morals, and our environments growing up all shaped who we are.

Maybe we can't totally separate what was, from what is.

All I could come up in this exercise was describing myself physically, my likes, hobbies and upbringing. But these do not define me, they help shape me.

Maybe it's impossible for us to fully describe ourselves, in an intense, honest, deep resume-like way.

I like dogs, chicken wings, sci-fi and philosophy. My life is average. I came into the world cold and afraid, and I will leave pretty much the same.

I never designed an art museum, nor will there be a statue of me in the town square (but I wouldn't be opposed to the idea). It's unlikely I will have a street or park named after me.

And when I am plucked out of this existence, memories will live on in those who knew me.

Merriam-Webster defines nostalgia as "a wistful or excessively sentimental yearning for return to or of some past period or irrecoverable condition."

Irrecoverable? That's sad. Just why do we "yearn" for chasing our memories?

I think it's like your favourite throw blanket or comfy chair. It's a feeling of safety, an almost child-like innocence.

Have you visited the neighbourhood where you grew up? Do you still connect with childhood friends?

I don't really have a desire to revisit our first home on Edilou Drive in Etobicoke. But my parents built our family home on Duffy's Lane, just north of Bolton. It was there, on that four-acre, L-shape property backing on to the Bolton Golf Club, that I connect with.

I was one with nature. I had chores but I explored, unfettered by hard and fast rules, bicycle helmets or curfews. I found snakes, frogs and minnows.

Oh, how I would love to return. Sure, you can physically return, but mentally is another matter.

My wife Kim and I lived in two apartments and two homes. All were memorable, but our kids all comment about how much they liked the townhouse, even though it was much too small for a family of five. But that's where their childhood memories flourished and laughter permeated the walls.

"Wherever you go, your memories from the place you grew up in always remain special," said Guru Randhawa.

Lee Radziwill once said without memories, there is no life.

I suppose we all remember our firsts – first date, first car, first A on our report cards.

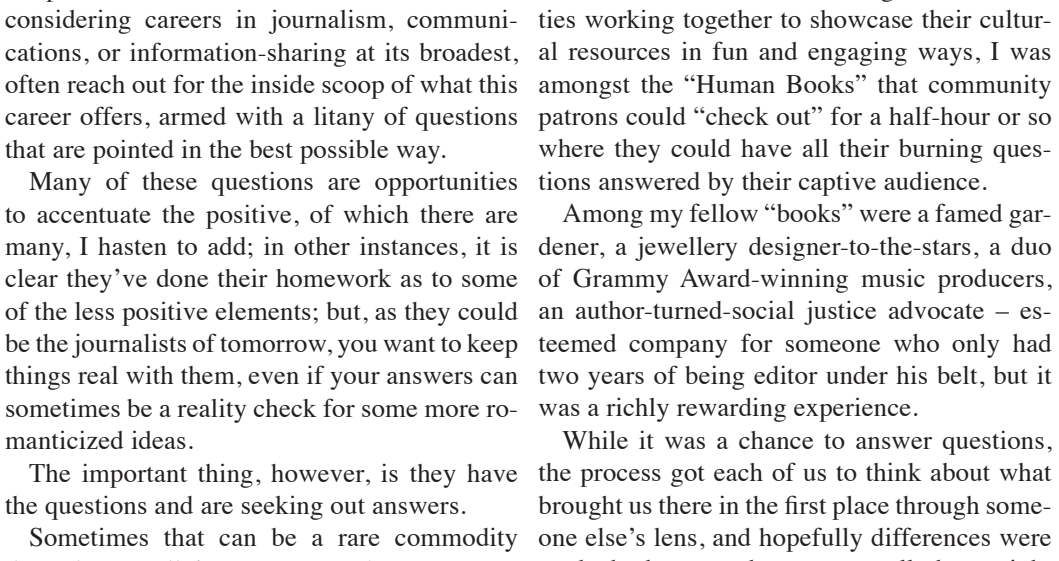
So, my friends, if all of our flashbacks bring back positive memories, just what are we doing wrong today? Why aren't we making happier memories each and every day, from now on?

Has life become too complicated, stressful, costly, and hard that is has drained memory-making from our brains?

In the end, as our memories fade, can we ever return home?

Let's vow to take all those puzzle pieces from our past, and attach them to new ones from our present.

This is our masterpiece.



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Making News

Most often this space chronicles things that have already happened, or asks questions or prompts discussion about the kinds of issues Caledon residents face daily. Issues like traffic, the alleged need for a blasting quarry, filling a lake with garbage or why and how certain decisions get made at Council. This week however, we're talking about making news.

This is a "Part Two" of sorts, a look at what's coming up over the month of September for Caledon residents and how you can be a part of it? With so many things happening in, and impacting residents of, our once beautiful town – maybe it's time you too started being a part of making news happen here.

We have shared information in this space before about how your municipal government is the one that most directly impacts how you live your day-to-day life. However, given how much is going on in and around Caledon lately, we think the reiteration is important. The municipality governs garbage collection, water and sewers, police and fire, parks and recreation and, of concern to many of us in Caledon, local roadways. It is the decisions made at local Council that will help contribute to how safe local roads are, whether your child has access to a park to play in and whether your groundwater supply is potentially at risk by a decision to allow construction infill in a fully rehabilitated aquatic ecosystem. Council is accountable to you, the municipal taxpayer, but the system only works as well as each participant in it.

That means, as individuals sometimes WE need to step up as much as we expect our Councillors and Mayor to do the same. It means making time to attend an open house that will address the proposed site alteration bylaw concerning Swan Lake. Alternatively, it might mean attending a Council meeting, whether that's in person or virtually. There are options to accommodate your busy schedules so that you can speak to a matter from the comfort of your home or, you can even submit your comments online, through a form on the Town's website, so that they become part of the public record.

You may even want to weigh in on matters that are the responsibility of both municipal and provincial governments, such as housing. Did you know, for example, what "Gentle Density" is? Strictly speaking, the idea is to add to existing housing supply through increasing housing options in single-family neighbourhoods. These housing options might include "less-disruptive" housing types like duplexes, townhomes or backyard suites. In the current market, with nowhere for seniors to downsize and homes unaffordable to those young adults just starting out in life, gentle density is appealing.

When done properly, with care, control and consideration through bylaws and other regulations, it makes good sense. But you might also want to know that under the Planning Act, "Gentle Density" housing legislation might permit up to four (4) "additional residential units" on a property. An "ARU" is defined as: "a second and a third residential unit in addition to a primary residential unit, for a total of up to four units, on a residential lot containing a detached house, semi-detached house or townhouse." It's important to stay informed as residents if we expect our municipal government to also be informed, to listen to our concerns and to act accordingly.

It means we MUST play an active role in the process. Be a part of making news happen in a constructive way and have your say.

Also impacting us locally, but like the housing issue, is also tied to the province, is the building of Highway 413. Just last week Premier Ford, the Minister of Transportation and our Mayor gathered at the side of the road on Highway 10, with fully-loaded 18-wheelers flying past them at an alarming speed (maybe their dust is what made the Premier cough so much) to announce that the first two contracts have been awarded for the building of Highway 413. Trotting out the same old tired lines that the highway will supposedly save commuters 30 minutes on their daily commute, Ford is now also claiming that with the highway he is "doubling down … to stand up to Trump tariffs … to protect Canadian workers." He followed that with a comment that the highway would be built despite naysayers, and that the 407 wasn't a viable option because of a rather questionable view that trucks, when exiting it, "would be backed up to Timbuktu."

Riley Murphy provided an excellent summation of the announcement in last week's paper, and asked the Premier a great, and pointed question about the local impacts of a potential re-route based on the request of a prominent developer because the highway would otherwise cut through their building site.

While the request was denied, it seems to me Caledon is dealing with a substantial number of "prominent developer" requests in general lately and it really makes one wonder how much say developers actually have. Many, including those at Environmental Defense, and this author, feel this particular construction project is entirely unnecessary and will have serious, long-term and detrimental impacts on the environment, but without the cumulative impact of many voices, and now, the awarding of these first two contracts, it seems doomed to proceed.

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MAYOR GROVES' COLUMN



Caledon Champions Community Priorities at AMO 2025

This August, the Town of Caledon proudly brought a strong and united voice to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference in Ottawa.

Members of Council and senior Town staff had the opportunity to meet with over a dozen Provincial Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants, opposition leaders, and key agencies. Together, we spoke up for what matters most to our community—ensuring that Caledon's rapid growth is supported by thoughtful, collaborative solutions that benefit everyone who calls our town home.

At AMO, our conversations were meaningful and focused on real solutions. We advocated for action that keeps our residents safe, supports local businesses, strengthens infrastructure, and ensures a sustainable, vibrant future.

Some of the key issues we discussed included:

- Road safety improvements on Highway 10 and major truck routes—like smart warning signs, red-light cameras, and more right-turn lanes;
- Faster transit options, including advancing the Bolton GO line before 2041 and planning a second station in south Bolton;
- Support for small and medium-sized businesses impacted by U.S. trade challenges, including potential grants and supply chain help, as well as a new Small Business Enterprise Centre;
- Protecting our neighbourhoods from illegal land use/illegal trucking through stronger enforcement and clearer regulations;
- Well-planned, sustainable growth, especially during the transition under the Peel Implementation Act;
- Reliable energy infrastructure that's ready for Caledon's future residential and employment needs;
- Climate resilience, including stormwater upgrades, watershed modeling, and air quality monitoring;
- Revisiting aggregate policies to reduce environmental and community impacts from gravel and aggregate operations;
- Age-friendly planning, with long-term funding to help older adults stay active, connected, and independent;
- Equitable broadband access and infrastructure investment to support thriving, connected communities.

We also had productive meetings with Hydro One, as well as representatives from the NDP and Green Party, to build broad awareness and cross-party support for Caledon's key priorities.

Through strong partnerships and a spirit of collaboration, Caledon continues to lead as a proactive, future-focused community. By working together—with all levels of government—we're shaping a resilient, inclusive, and thriving future for everyone in Caledon.



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PROPOSAL:

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential subdivision comprised of a mix of ground-oriented residential uses, a stormwater management pond, environmental policy area blocks, a park block, a public elementary school, roads, and necessary road widenings and reserves.



**The plan is for information purposes. 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 Draft Plan, or any additional material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Local students set to lead with Kindness again this School Year

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If you purchased a beverage at Coffee Time in Bolton over the summer, your coffee sleeve may have been adorned with a colourful drawing or "Have a Brewtiful day."

This was the work of a select group of students from Holy Family Catholic School here in Bolton.

The coffee sleeve project was part of the "Kindness Initiative", planned by their Health and Wellness team of students.

These students plan and organize various activities and events for the school community that focus on promoting positive mental health and well-being for students – such as doing acts of kindness.

Santina Capobianco and Marisa Girimonte, teachers at Holy Family Elementary School involved in the project, said this was the first time they'd led such an initiative at their school after seeing it at surrounding schools.

The students at the time wanted to take on the project of decorating the coffee sleeves, as suggested by someone in their community.

Capobianco said by placing their school hashtags on the sleeves, it sparked excitement that ran through the entire school, and the students began enthusiastically decorating.

The Kindness Initiative was about spreading kindness not only within their own school but also into the Bolton community.

The initiative began during the school's Mental Health and Wellness Week, as well as Catholic Education Week.

As part of the student-leader-organized week, a kindness campaign was also held.

Girimonte says they are always looking for things that everybody from Kindergarten to Grade 8 can do together.

"The whole purpose was to bring everybody together and then spread kindness in the community. It created that positivity within the school because each class was talking about this and what it does into the greater community," she says.

Capobianco touched on how the students love being leaders through this initiative and taking ownership.

The initiative allows students to take on the projects through organizing and planning, as well as being able to look back on the impact they have made in the community.

"It makes them really happy. It makes them feel like they're really doing something that has a purpose," says Capobianco.

She shared the goal of these health and wellness leaders is to plan events that bring everyone together, fostering positivity and change.

The teachers discussed how often clubs can be exclusive, whether it's through athletics or technology, and this initiative caters to those who aren't interested in those types of clubs and want to utilize their leadership skills in other ways.

"You don't have to try out or make this committee. You just have to show up and want to be there," said Girimonte.

At the end of the year, the teachers sat down with the students and discussed the difference that their initiative had made.

As the school year rounds the corner, the teachers shared they already have a lot of interest in the committee carried over from last year.

Early into the school year, the new group of students will meet and gather ideas from surrounding schools as a "jumping off point", said the teachers.

Students will be able to sit and discuss with other schools to generate ideas for the new year.

They shared their principal at Holy Family Elementary School, George Barnett, truly encourages the students to do as much as they can.

They said is the inspiration behind the idea, often encouraging students to take on leadership roles.

The school's motto is to demonstrate kindness every day at school, a clear goal that they will continue to share through these initiatives into the new year.

"When you're doing these things, where you want to spread kindness and share these kinds of things where you can bring a smile to someone's face, regardless of what it is, that in turn makes you feel good about yourself that you're doing good for someone else," says Capobianco. "The goal for this team is to promote positive mental health and well-being and I think when we make others feel good it makes us feel good. That's the main goal."

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(LEFT) Councillor Lynn Kiernan with Scotiabank and Mulligan volunteers. (RIGHT) Former Caledon mayor Allan Thompson speaks to supporters before tee-off. PHOTOS BY RILEY MURPHY

Inaugural Legacy Golf Classic tees off with great success for CAS campaign

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The funds raised will support the CAS Capital Campaign Building Fund that is currently underway.

CAS has launched a $3-million capital campaign to expand facilities on its existing fairgrounds, building a community centre for all of Caledon to enjoy.

"We are planning for the next generations and we want to ensure we can provide the opportunities and the facilities to meet the ever-growing demands of our community," says Ed Taccone, Caledon Agricultural Society president, in a statement.

Golfers of all levels were invited to join Allan and Anne Thompson for a day of golfing, fellowship, and fabulous food.

Not only did the sun show up for the inaugural event, but the community did as well.

Many golfers were even purchasing mulligans, not just to help their score, but to support CAS.

Mulligans were available for purchase at registration, and Scotiabank pledged to match the donation made by the end of the day.

Sponsors not only helped golfers improve their scores, but also fueled them up for the day with breakfast.

Funds were also raised for CAS through a silent auction.

Sponsors included Osprey Valley, the Rice Group, Benson, Downey's Farm, Crozier, James Dick Construction Limited, Casamorra Homes, Votorantim Cimentos, NFTC, Four-Valleys Excavating and Grading Ltd, TD, Arcadis, and more.

One sponsor, Premier Medical Clinic, sponsored the Hole in One challenge.

Dr. Maninder Mand, from Premier Medical Clinic, shared that Allan and Anne Thompson have been close friends and associates for over 15 years now, and have helped him and his family in a variety of ways.

"It was important to us to help Allan and Anne Thompson, throughout, because they've helped us," shared Mand. "It's very important to us to support them now as well."

If anyone achieved a hole-in-one on Hole 12, a par 3, they were awarded $10,000 from Premier Medical Clinic.

After Hole 12, Heathlands Hole 17 featured PGA player Cougar Collins as their Pro for Beat the Pro.

Cougar Collins, from Caledon, is a Canadian professional golfer currently playing on PGA Tour Americas.

Lisa Graham, First Vice President of CAS, shared that the Legacy Golf Classic "means so much" to CAS.

"We are fundraising for our beautiful new building that we were going to have on our fairgrounds and our village, our town, our area needs this building. There is nothing in the area and this Legacy Golf Classic Tournament is by far the biggest bang to start it off," shared Graham.

"We're just very, very happy. We couldn't [enough] for helping us so much."

Graham shared that they are "beyond grateful for all the golfers" who signed up for the tournament.

"TPC Osprey is just phenomenal. Lovely people to work with," says Graham.

At the shotgun start for the event, Allan Thompson thanked everyone for attending.

"As well as raising money for the Caledon Fairgrounds, which is so important to have a community center up here in Ward 1 they definitely deserve to have something that's important for the community, and I think it's going to be a huge asset," shared Allan Thompson. "To make that successful, it's events like this that are going to help raise money for this, create awareness, but it's all of you that have come forward to help make this happen."

Golfers were able to enjoy the beautiful day and course and take in the post-golf reception at 3 p.m.



PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on October 9, 2025, at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS:

1. Roll No. 21 24 120 002 23200 0000; BOSTON MILLS RD., CALEDON; PIN's 14259-0018 (LT) & 14259-0019 (LT); FIRSTLY: LT 4 PL CH11 CHINGUACOUSY; CALEDON; SECONDLY: LT 9 PL CH11 CHINGUACOUSY; CALEDON; File No. 23-03
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $21,000
Minimum tender amount: $9,610.27

2. Roll No. 21 24 010 007 51236 0000; 18 DOVASTON GATE, BOLTON; PIN 14351-1343 (LT); LOT 5, PLAN 43M1331, CALEDON; S/T EASE IN FAVOUR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON, OVER PT LT 5, 43M1331, PTS 11 & 12, 43R-23574, AS IN LT1946775; S/T RIGHT IN FAVOUR OF BAYVIEW HEIGHTS HOMES LTD. UNTIL THE DATE OF COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON OF THE PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AS IN LT1950432. S/T RIGHT IN FAVOUR OF 1310768 ONTARIO LIMITED UNTIL THE DATE OF COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON OF THE PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, NOT TO GO BEYOND FIVE (5) YEARS FROM 2000 03 31, AS IN LT2060658.; TOWN OF CALEDON; File No. 23-09
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $652,000
Minimum tender amount: $54,587.31

3. Roll No. 21 24 010 007 53521 0000; 43 ERNEST BIASON BLVD., BOLTON; PIN 14351-1263 (LT); LOT 167, PLAN 43M1306, CALEDON. S/T RIGHT IN FAVOUR OF TORMINA HOMES (BOLTON) INC. UNTIL SEVEN (7) YEARS FROM 1999/12/16 OR UNTIL THE SAID PL 43M1306 HAS BEEN ASSUMED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON AS IN LT2027896.; File No. 23-10
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $579,000
Minimum tender amount: $43,669.17

4. Roll No. 21 24 010 002 03000 0000; MOUNT HOPE RD., CALEDON; PIN 14339-0015 (LT); PT LT 23 CON 8 ALBION PT 1 43R14946 S/T LIFE INTEREST IN AL21545; CALEDON; File No. 23-22
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $1,097,000.00
Minimum tender amount: $80,892.44

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

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

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

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

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

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

TAKE NOTICE: Where a refund is claimed by a qualifying first-time Homebuyer under the Land Transfer Tax Act, the Municipality requires the purchaser to retain legal counsel to complete the transfer.

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

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

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
ontariotaxsales.ca and/or **caledon.ca/taxsale**

or if no internet access available, contact:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Site Alteration Bylaw Open House

The Town of Caledon is developing a Site Alteration By-law as part of Caledon's Housing Action Plan, reflecting our commitment to expediting post-approval development processes.

The Open House previously scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 will now be held on Monday, September 29, 2025.

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS:

Date:	**Monday, September 29, 2025**
Time:	**6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
Presentation:	**6:30 p.m.**
Location Update:	**Caledon East Community Complex, Hall A and B (6215 Old Church Road, Caledon)**

The proposed changes are being made in alignment with Caledon's Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) agreement.

This by-law aims to regulate the placing/removal of fill, topsoil, and grade alterations on land to protect drainage patterns, the environment and public safety. It outlines requirements for permits, public notice, enforcement and soil quality compliance under provincial laws.

We invite residents to attend the open house to learn more about the proposed bylaw, ask questions, and provide feedback. Town staff will be available to discuss the draft bylaw and its implications.

For more information or questions, contact Drew Haines at Drew.Haines@caledon.ca.

Notice Date: September 4, 2025

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Hospice honours volunteer

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She said often many families come back and thank them.

"It's really quite beautiful that they don't walk away from Bethell, now we're all part of one family."

"Cooking and listening and caring are the things I do the best," says Pecarski.

She says she's" just someone who puts on a hairnet and an apron and goes in and makes

omelets and oatmeal," but Bethell Hospice shared that Pecarski always goes above and beyond to support others.

One of her favourite parts is mentoring new volunteers.

Pecarski often leaves her name and number with new volunteers, saying they can reach her anytime, even if it's just to ask where the vanilla is.

"Anyone who comes into the hospice, I want them to feel welcome whether they're a family member, a new staff member, a resident, especially new volunteers," says Pecarski. "Volunteers are the most valuable assets; staff are hired, staff are paid, but volunteers, this is not your job. You have to sign up for a couple shifts a month; if we can get people to come more than that and really commit and work with other people, it just makes for a much richer and more enjoyable interaction for everybody when everybody is working together."

Sometimes, Pecarski will even sit in the kitchen with new volunteers to let them know there's someone there supporting them.

She shared that Bethell truly is her happy place, and even when she comes home exhausted, she feels enriched and joyful.

Pecarski often volunteers her time to spend Christmas at Bethell, as she says she knows the struggle it can be to get people to sign up to volunteer around the holidays.

"When you can go in and spend Christmas Eve with a family, that's such a gift," says Pecarski.

"I don't know if I'm that deserving of Debbie Davis but I care enough to make sure everyone has a positive experience," she says.

She said it was a huge surprise and honour to receive the award, especially as it's named in Davis' honour.

"This woman has been with Bethell through everything, and I look at her and I think that is really an outstanding achievement," says Pecarski.

"Everyone should be honored for something they love to do, so this is my turn and I greatly appreciate it and I'm just delighted. I throw my heart into things that I feel passionate about so this is a big one for me."

She encourages everyone to volunteer at Bethell, especially those early in their adult life, as Pecarski wishes she had joined sooner.

"I would love to have been here 15 years ago when it opened."

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

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While the location of the announcement was a closely guarded secret, at least a handful of protestors were able to be onsite to share their concerns – kudos! These folks made it into the camera shot while the Premier was speaking, literally making news happen live. They should be an inspiration to all residents on how to be heard even when most would prefer your silence.

Also happening soon, Bolton residents in particular may want to take note of their own opportunity to be a part of the planning process. Take some time to learn more about the Bolton North Secondary Plan, a proposal that would allow for more than 4,000 homes to be built on (and near) Highway 50, north of Bolton. That's a significant number of homes and even more people! That meeting takes place September 16, with information boards available to peruse at Town Hall beginning at 6 pm, and the public meeting taking place at 7 pm. Information on a local subwatershed study will also be available. Finally, for those interested in commercial and truck traffic you may also want to be a part of a public meeting on the potential extension of Simpson Road to Mayfield Road, with that meeting also taking place September 16 at Town Hall.

We'll end by reaffirming one final way you too can make news happen and/or get involved. Plans have been solidified for a Caledon-wide community protest on September 6, happening between 2 – 3 p.m. Just one hour of your time is needed to help make our collective voices heard about dangerous truck traffic, illegal trucking yards, flaws in the truck training and licensing system and to demand safer roads everywhere.

We are at a crossroads here in Caledon and across the country, but neither the municipality, nor the provincial government will take the matter seriously unless, collectively, we all use our voice to advocate for change. I urge you once again whether your concern is with truck and traffic safety, risks to our drinking water, housing, pits and quarries or environmental degradation, don't just be a bystander – make news happen and share your concerns in one of the many ways outlined here.

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Gentle Density Community Improvement Plan presented to lawmakers, public

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon's proposed Gentle Density Community Improvement Plan was presented at the September 2 Planning and Development Meeting,

"The Town of Caledon's draft Gentle Density Community Improvement Plan (CIP) enables financial incentive programs to support housing intensification and community improvement goals, in alignment with the Planning Act and Future Caledon Official Plan," said the report Committee. "These incentives aim to lower barriers, foster community participation, and incrementally increase housing supply in Caledon."

It was reported that Caledon is expected to have 300,000 residents by 2051.

"But we're not building enough homes," reads the report.

The presentation stated Caledon's existing housing stock is homogenous and "not reflective of the shifting demographic of Caledon's community."

In January 2025, the Town of Caledon was announced as a successful recipient of funding from the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) program.

HAF aims to fast-track the supply of housing across Canada.

Caledon was awarded $14 million in funding, which must be used to support the actions proposed in the Town's HAF application, with all funding to be spent by December 11, 2028.

Through the Town's HAF application, the following objectives were identified: Support the Town of Caledon's Housing Pledge to construct 13,000 homes by 2031; help the Town of Caledon achieve its housing supply growth target of 2,628 by 2028; and help develop affordable housing units, in line with the More Homes Built Faster Act.

The Town has identified several initiatives and funding proposals "to help accomplish the above objectives".

"One of these initiatives is the creation of a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) to accelerate residential development through gentle density in both urban and rural areas," reads the report.

Gentle density is a low-impact type of housing, such as basement apartments, in-law suites, multiplexes, and other similar housing forms, that "provide increased density but fit the scale and neighbourhood character of low-rise communities".

The report explained a CIP "is a tool that enables municipalities to achieve broad land use planning and economic policy objectives by offering financial incentives to attract private investment".

"The purpose of this CIP is to accelerate gentle intensification to expand the range and supply of housing within Caledon."

The Gentle Density CIP aims to offer financial assistance to accelerate residential development through gentle density in both urban and rural areas.

Specifically, it aims to accelerate the development of Additional Residential Units and Multiplexes.

CIPs also enable municipalities to establish financial incentive programs to target different community needs.

The CIP will apply to the entire Town of Caledon.

Four types of grants/loans were presented at the Planning and Development meeting.

The first Incentive program is a servicing review for the rural lots grant.

This provides financial support for servicing reviews for rural lots interested in developing additional residential units and multiplexes.

Incentive program two is a multiplex development grant.

This grant provides financial assistance to homeowners seeking to convert existing homes into

multiplex units or constructing a new multiplex building.

This program supports the creation of multiplexes to increase and diversify the housing stock.

The third incentive program is a subdivision secondary suite grant.

This will provide financial incentives for the inclusion of multiplexes or code-compliant additional residential units within new subdivisions.

The final incentive program presented is an additional residential unit through a forgivable loan.

This forgivable loan supports homeowners in creating or legalizing additional residential units by covering a portion of construction and registration costs.

This plan is designed to be implemented over three years.

Unless it is determined that "the Plan or components of the Plan are no longer relevant, the Community Improvement Plan and Community Improvement Project Area may be dissolved, in which case a new CIP and/or CIPA may be prepared and adopted by a by-law(s) of Council".

Amanda Corbett, a resident of Bolton, asked if grant money from these initiatives would go towards the homeowner or the developer.

Staff explained that in some situations, it would go to the developer, such as with new subdivisions or the creation of new housing for an additional residential unit.

"For certain groups that are looking to create a basement apartment or additional residential unit in their existing home, that would be for the homeowner in that situation who would be applying," shared Staff.

It was shared from Staff that "earlier this year, we highlighted through a housing needs assessment that nearly 90% of homes in Caledon are in three-plus bedrooms, so this is really about changing what that looks like, and then for the price point on those homes, too."

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen expressed concerns about parking and streets becoming overcrowded due to the additional housing.

Sheen shared that those "who will inhabit these gently densified units that are going to show up in our neighborhoods, they're going to want cars if there's no transit, and right now, the streets in our neighborhoods can't tolerate more cars."

"They're already concerned about basement apartments. This is going to incentivize that further," says Sheen.

Sheen shared that he understands the need for affordable housing, but "we can't build more houses without providing options for parking or more transit."

Town Staff answered that questions related to zoning changes and development standards will be discussed in the September 16 meeting.

On July 15, proposed zoning amendments were presented to Council "to permit four units as of right throughout Caledon, and highlighted that with that comes an array of development standards," shared Town Staff. "Any incentive issued for an additional residential unit would apply only to properties who are compliant with zoning, be them amended or not. On September 16 is when you'll see all of those development standards."

New manager takes the reins at Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre

BY SAM ODROWSKI

There's a fresh face at the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society announced Julie Woods as the new manager of the local animal centre on August 28.

"Woods brings with her a life-long love of animals, and over 20 years of customer service and leadership experience. She has worked in the pet industry in the past and is looking forward to bringing her passion for animals to her new role," reads a statement from the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

Woods has had pets since she was a child, coming in many forms, with some adopted and others that found their way to her family.

"It's just so wonderful to work with animals again. I think working at the Ontario SPCA has just given me more of a purpose," said Woods.

The role is rewarding in many ways, particularly in getting to know each animal at the centre and helping them to find loving homes.

Woods has strong ambitions as the new manager, with the goal of finding loving homes for more than 650 animals this year. But the animal centre is well on its way, with close to 400 animals already adopted so far in 2025.

"I love seeing the different personalities of the cats and their playfulness, and spending time outside with our dogs is really fun," Woods said. "Sometimes they come in a little bit shy and within a couple days of routine and attention from our caring staff and volunteers, they come around and win everyone over. That's really special."

When Woods isn't busy helping improve the lives of animals at the Orangeville centre, she enjoys spending time at her farm in Belwood with her husband, daughter, and furry family members.

Dawn Lyons was the former manager of the Orangeville & District Animal Centre for five years before moving into a new role as the provincial operations manager of clinical services with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

Woods looks forward to bringing her expertise to the new role as manager, and the local animal centre wishes Lyons all the best in her future endeavours.

The Orangeville & District Animal Centre is always looking to find new homes for their animals. To view animals available for adoption, visit ontariospca.ca/orangeville



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Admirals earn a pair of preseason wins over Raiders prior to OJHL home opener versus Burlington

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals created momentum heading into the 2025-26 season with a pair of preseason wins over divisional rival Georgetown on the Labour Day Weekend.

The Admirals' home opener is on Thursday, September 4 versus the Burlington Cougars. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Recreation Centre—a great place to cool off during any late summer heat wave.

Caledon remained as hot as this summer's conditions by ripping the Raiders 6-1 on Saturday afternoon at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Calume Yorke made 36 saves, including stopping Jackson Bell's penalty shot at 18:46 of the first period, to earn the W for the Admirals.

Brenden Van Gelider's four-point performance and Clarence Allain's two-goal game paced the Admirals' offence. Van Gelider's goal at 19:40 of the first period gave the Admirals at 1-0 lead, but James Wong beat Yorke to tie the game at 4:11 of the second period.

It was the only shot to elude Yorke who turned aside 29 of 30 Raider shots in the first forty minutes of play to keep his team in the game.

It was all Admirals after Wong's tying goal. Xavier Rowe and Alain's power play goal at 5:35 and 8:44, respectively, provided Caledon with a 3-1 lead heading into the third period. Van Gelider earned assists on both the home side's goals in the second period.

Two goals in the first five minutes of play in the final frame sealed the deal for the Admirals.

Shots by Zach Grant and Deacon King found the back of the net past Raider goaltender Ethan Laughlin and expanded Caledon's lead to 5-1. Alain finished the scoring at 18:01 with Van Gelider earning his third assist of the contest.

The Admirals' defence buckled down in the third period—limiting the Raiders to eight shots on net.

On Friday night in Georgetown, the Admirals opened the scoring when Nolan Keeler beat Raiders' keeper Ivan Kastelan at 9:01. The Raiders rallied with a pair of goals by Kailyn McQueen and former Admiral defender Ayden Agius to take a 2-1 lead into the second period.

Keeler and Agius were the main pieces swapped in a trade between the Admirals and the Raiders during the off-season.

Three unanswered goals in the middle frame restored Caledon's lead.

Two of the three were scored by Ryan Heaney four minutes apart to put the Admirals up 3-2 and Zahkar Puzinkou's power play marker at 11:24 provided Caledon with a two-goal lead after forty minutes of play.

Georgetown's Jacob Carroll scored with 20 seconds left in the game to reduce the home side's deficit to one, but Admirals' netminder Gabe Donahue held off the final charge to earn the W. Donahue turned aside 41 of 44 shots to make a quality start for Caledon.

Caledon General Manager Ken Jeyesman said he was pleased with his team's performances versus the Raiders—a team that his squad will have to hop over in the standings if the Admirals hope to return to the playoffs in 2025-26.

"We have more experience than last year. The boys are putting way more pucks in the net, and they went to the net for rebounds to create more chances this weekend. Overall, we are bigger and stronger this season. We are also moving the puck faster out of our zone."

The Admirals gained more experience behind the bench as well as on the ice when third-year coach Chris Taylor left Caledon to accept the Head Coaching position with Georgetown.

Jeyesman discussed his club's biggest changes over the offseason: "Our new Head Coach is Joe Washkurak. We felt we just needed more experience on the bench. Joe has thirteen years' experience in the league and has been a scout for the Oshawa Generals for fourteen years. We also traded Ayden Agius to Georgetown for a goal-scorer, Nolan Keeler. We have many returning players and have made other changes. We're looking forward to an exciting season."



Calume Yorke made 36 saves to backstop the Caledon Admirals to a 6 – 1 win over the Georgetown Raiders in OJHL pre-season action. **PHOTO BY JIM STEWART**

History repeats itself as Brewers are eliminated from the NDBL semis by their nemesis Norrie from New Lowell



New Lowell Knights' starter Brandon Norrie earned two complete gale wins to upend Bolton 5 – 1 in Game 1 and 1 – 0 in Game 4. New Lowell eliminated Bolton 3 games to 1 in the NDBL semi-final series. **PHOTO BY JIM STEWART**

BY JIM STEWART

Groundhog Day is generally associated with early February and was popularized by the film starring Bill Murray during which he continuously re-lives the same day with the same predictable results.

The Bolton Brewers' 2025 squad could certainly relate to the frustrations of Murray's character.

Their 5-1 loss to New Lowell in Game 1 of their semifinal series was eerily similar to their defeat in July to the Knights.

Same score. 5-1.

Same opposing starting pitcher—Brandon Norrie.

Same ballpark. North Hill Park

Virtually identical scorecard. Eerie.

Despite this uncanny repetition of history, the Brewers turned the tables on their NDBL nemesis by thumping New Lowell 7 – 1 in Game 2.

To paraphrase Alexander Pope's famous line, "Hope sprang eternal."

In Game 1, Knights' starting pitcher Norrie was the story. The cagy veteran threw a complete game masterpiece and neutralized the powerful Bolton offence with a brilliant mix of pitches. Norrie was also the beneficiary of some sparkling defensive plays by his infielders who took away sure hits up the middle with some Alomar-esque magic behind second base and stole doubles on scorched baseballs hit down the line at critical junctures of the game. Timely hitting was the final ingredient in the Knights' four-run victory in the lid-lifter.

The Brewers' bats woke up in Game 2—beating up their archrival by six runs in their home ball park. Round trippers by Ben Sterritt and Chris Falfalios impelled the Brewers' 12-hit attack.

Fafalios drove in three runs and Sterritt led the club with three hits. Brett Chater and Sterritt scored two runs each. The visitors jumped on Knights' starter Nick Guthrie with three runs in the fourth, two more in the fifth, and two more in the seventh. Bolton starter Jack Perry was lights out-- as he was in his other playoff start versus Lisle. The rookie starter hurled a timely two-hitter versus the powerful Knights to help his squad square the playoff series at a game apiece. Remarkably, Perry struck out fifteen Knights and yielded just one earned run in his complete game performance.

Alas, the Brewers could not replicate the success of Game 2 in neither Game 3 nor Game 4.

In New Lowell, Bolton was blown out 10-2 by the Knights in Game 3.

Nick Hodgson threw a complete game for the home side and scattered five hits over seven innings of work. Kurt Roy led the Knights' offence with three RBI. John Hutchinson had three hits for the Brewers and drove in a run.

In Bolton on Thursday night, the Brewers got a complete game from Nick Fiorocci in which the steady starter yielded only five hits and one earned run, but the bats were quieted by Norrie again in a narrow 1-0 season-ending loss. Norrie delivered his second complete game gem of the series—providing bookend wins for the Knights in Game 1 and 4. The crafty vet held the Brewers to four hits and struck out two to earn the series-clinching W. Brett Elliott drove in Steve Bowman at the top of the third inning to give the Knights a narrow lead they did not relinquish.

The promising surge in power in Game 2 and the flashes of brilliance throughout the playoffs could not be sustained against the Knights who sidelined the Brewers for the second consecutive season.



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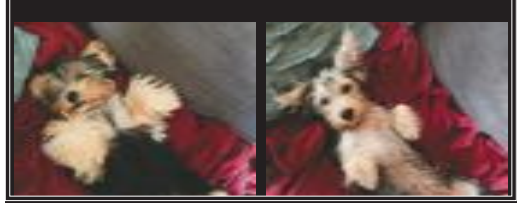
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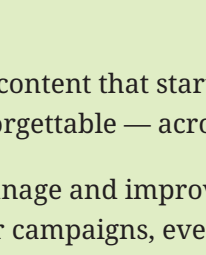
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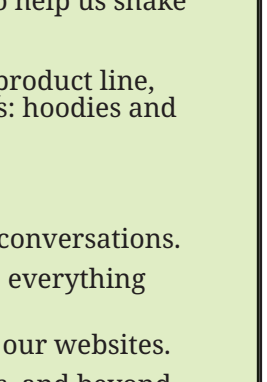
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In the evening of August 24, 2025, Victor Popiel passed away peacefully from Alzheimer's at Morriston Park Nursing Home in Puslinch, Ontario. Born on June 20, 1932 near Yellow Creek Saskatchewan, Victor led a full life that extended past his 93rd birthday.

Predeceased by his ever loved wife, Annie (nee Annie Kubas), and leaving his brother Arthur Popiel (Darlene), Victor was one of five children born to Ukrainian parents. He is survived by two daughters, Loretta (Eric) and Karen and son Bradley (Sonya) as well as grandchildren, Meaghan (Rielly), Gregory (Reika), Graham, Macie (Roni), Cole and Ezra; step grandchildren Kristine (Ryan) and Greg (Alyssa). Victor also leaves great grandchildren Rory and York.

Victor was raised on a Yellow Creek farm, learning the value of hard work and perseverance. As a young man, he chose to leave the farm and travelled to Ontario, finding work at Massey Ferguson in Toronto as a metal machinist where he stayed for 25 years. On May 17, 1952, Victor married Annie and they lived together with Annie's mother Stella Kubas and other relatives sharing a home near Landsdowne Avenue in Toronto. Victor was significantly influenced by the Great Depression and made a habit of being careful with his earnings. True to his farming background, Victor eventually amassed sufficient funds and bought vacant land in Bolton, Ontario; built a house on the acreage and started a mink farm that ultimately totalled 3,000 minks, selling directly to Hudson's Bay. At the same time, he also farmed extensively outside of Streetsville for many years with his brother-in-law. Victor was a proud Mason and rose through several ranks of the Order, his Mason ring never leaving his finger.

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Cremation has occurred and the family is planning a private interment. Donations may be made in Victor's memory to the Alzheimer Society of Canada (alzheimer.ca).

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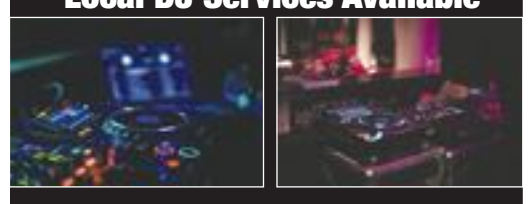
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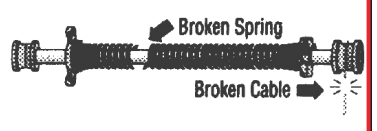
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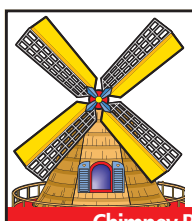
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