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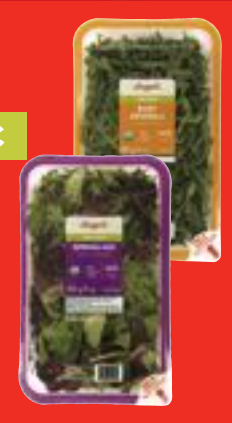
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Belfountain artist Wendy Mitchell stands with "Escarpment's Embrace." PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Belfountain Turns 200: Where History Meets Celebration

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Belfountain is celebrating its 200th birthday, and the community celebrated in style.

Hundreds of community members and residents gathered on the streets of Belfountain for an all-day celebration on October 4.

Complete with a parade, live music, statue unveiling, and historical re-enactments, this day was one for the books.

The Belfountain Heritage Society planned the day in collaboration with other community groups and various organizations over the course of many months.

Attendees trickled in during the morning, taking in the surrounding shops and vendor market that had been set up throughout the streets.

The Heritage Art Show and displays in Belfountain Community Hall were bright with colour and history, and will remain open until October 13 for those who missed it.

The parade kicked off at 11:00 a.m., moving down Mississauga Road past crowds of people and onto Bush Street.

The parade featured the Sandhill Pipes & Drums Band, the 2nd York Militia & Canadian Volunteers of 1812 re-enactment company, horses, a plethora of vintage cars, the Erin Air Cadets, and more.

It concluded with Sarah Bohan, President, Belfountain Heritage Society & Chair, Belfountain Bicentennial Committee, riding down the street in style on her horse.

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Council rejects IC's delegation restriction recommendation

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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At the October 7 General Committee Meeting, a staff report on the procedure by-law proposed repeal and replacement was presented, with consideration of the Integrity Commissioner's recommendations added.

In June 2023, the Council directed staff to conduct a comprehensive Procedure By-law review and approved a four-stage work plan in March 2024 to complete the review.

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CULTUREFEST – The Town of Caledon hosted CultureFest this past Saturday at the Humber River Centre, providing a vivid showcase of the many cultures that call Caledon home. For more, see Page A15. TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO

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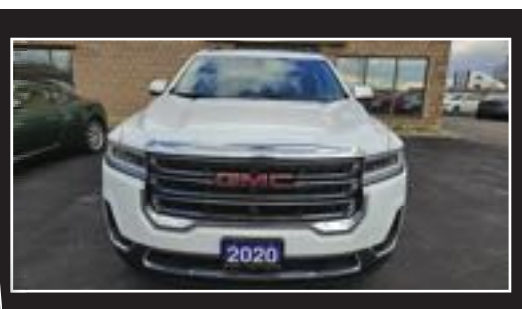
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Council rejects Integrity Commissioner's delegation restriction recommendation

Continued from FRONT

Following the September 23 meeting, David Boghosian, Integrity Commissioner for the Town of Caledon, submitted a recommendation "that an exception be added to the provision dealing with delegations to remove the right to delegate in respect of IC Report agenda items," regarding the Town's upcoming Procedural By-law review.

At the September 23 meeting, seven community members delegated to discuss Integrity Commissioner Reports brought forward regarding Code of Conduct Complaints against Councillor Dave Sheen.

In Boghosian's recommendation, he stated that "delegations are of no relevance to IC Report agenda items as there is no decision-making process involved on the part of Council for delegates to influence."

He shared that delegations "add an unnecessary and quite frankly harmful political element to the Code of Conduct process when the decision-making that goes into IC Reports is, and should be regarded as, apolitical, based solely on the application of legal standards."

Boghosian said that delegations that speak to the underlying subject matter of the report "not only undermines the objective nature of an IC Report but fosters community disrespect for the IC process as it creates the impression that there is some political motive or basis for the IC's conclusions."

He also speaks to the amount of time that delegations take up in his recommendation.

Seven delegates spoke to the issue at the General Committee meeting.

Many spoke to issues of freedom of speech, democracy, and the importance of the delegation process.

Past Caledon Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, who served for four years, was one of the delegates.

She shared that during her time on Council, hearing delegations was the best part of her elected experience.

"Delegates are valuable resources for us as Councillors. They're well informed, have expertise, and usually find the time to do the deep dive that most Councillors just don't have the time to do, and until you hear from citizens, you do not have all the information needed to make a qualified decision."

Sherry Brioschi, a member of the Governance Review Committee, shared that although she would like to see the motion voted down, she would also like to see it referred to the Governance Review.

"Because we are now in the works of creating a guideline of many things for an education perspective, not only for Council, but us," says Brioschi.

Councillor Mario Russo brought forward a motion that the proposed exclusion of delegations related to the Integrity Commissioner investigation findings and recommendations be referred to the Municipal Clerk for further research, and a staff recommendation based on research findings for a report be brought back in the first quarter of 2026.

Following the Clerk's, it would then be reviewed by the Governance Review Committee.

"At no point do I even want to entertain potentially excluding delegations, but there was a lot of claims, and there's a lot of information that's missing here," added Councillor Russo regarding the motion. "We're not jumping to conclusions. We're not excluding anyone. We're making an informed decision before we actually exclude or include."

Mayor Annette Groves shared that a referral allows them to have clarity and understand the multiple aspects involved.

"A referral is to either allow more time, to allow for clarity, to allow for additional information, certainly not a vote to squash anything," says Mayor Groves.

Two motions were also brought forward: one by Councillor Lynn Kiernan, supported by Councillor Dave Sheen, prior to the meeting, and one by Councillor Christina Early during the meeting, both of which aimed to refuse the recommendation by the Integrity Commissioner.

Councillor Early said they should be priding themselves on the high level of delegations that they have from the public, and that they can learn a lot from those delegations.

"Hearing from delegates is part of the Code of Conduct process, so why would we bury it in a procedural by-law?" said Councillor Sheen.

"Let's make the right decision today, and that is to deny what the IC has recommended. We are not bound to his recommendations. We're bound to the people in this room. We're bound to the people of Caledon," said Councillor Kiernan.

According to the procedure shared by the Clerks, the motion to refer must be handled before other motions.

Councillor Tony Rosa shared he would also not support the referral as he did not feel it was warranted.

Councillor Nick de Boer also shared that he would not support the motion and that it should be separated from the procedure by-law and allow delegations.

Councillor Doug Maskell also opposed the motion for referral.

The vote ended 6-3, with Councillors Maskell, de Boer, Rosa, Kiernan, Sheen, and Early opposed, and Councillors Russo, Napoli and Mayor Groves in favour.

The motion was then carried unanimously to refuse the Integrity Commissioner's recommendation.



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Headwaters invites women ages 40-72 to a 12-hour mammogram marathon

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A marathon of mammograms is coming to Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

The hospital is inviting women ages 40 to 74 to stop by on Thursday, October 24, for a 12-hour community mammothon.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and this event, running from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., aims to encourage routine breast cancer screening, along with self-care.

"As a general surgeon who works with breast cancer patients, I know that early detection saves lives," says Dr. Grace Wang, Chief of Staff and Vice President of Medical Affairs at HHCC. "We want to make it as easy and welcoming as possible for women in our community to access this safe and vital screening."

The hospital is encouraging eligible community members to book their mammogram appointments prior to the event.

"Bring a friend and make the day one of wellness and connection. Participants will be greeted with a flower and entered into a draw for a gift basket," HHCC shared in a statement on Oct. 7.

State-of-the-art digital radiography is utilized by Headwaters' mammography program, which is fully accredited by the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR). HHCC also proudly participates in the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP).

It's important to note that women ages 40 to 74 can self-refer to book a screening at HHCC directly, without a referral from a physician. "The community mammothon follows the success of Headwaters' staff mammothon held on Friday, Oct. 3. During that event, eligible hospital staff booked their own mammograms in a show of leadership and awareness. The initiative was met with enthusiasm and underscored the hospital's purpose of providing excellent care, close to home," reads HHCC's statement.

To book an appointment for the October 24 community mammothon, call 519-941-2410 ext. 2842.

Walk-ins will be accommodated as availability permits, and any patient who is unable to book appointments on Oct. 24 will be booked in for upcoming appointment times.

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"It's been quite a journey": Lucie Stangroom faces kidney battle with gratitude and strength

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Lucie Stangroom has always lived her life for others; now, once again left with a failing kidney, she's learning to live for herself.

Lucie is 50 years old and urgently needs a second kidney transplant.

After battling chronic illness her entire life, with a diagnosis of Crohn's disease at just 14, and later diagnosed with fibromyalgia at 22, at 19, she was diagnosed with kidney failure.

At 23, she received a living donor kidney transplant from her sister, because of which she was able to enjoy almost three decades of independence.

Her sister, Julie-Anne, shared that she didn't give it a second thought before donating her kidney to her sister.

"I don't think I ever thought this would come again where I'd have to have another surgery because it's in your mind, but you think it's never going to happen," says Lucie.

Now, Lucie is facing the reality of her kidney only operating at ten per cent.

"Going out of your way is on your way," Lucie says in response to hearing from her friend and sister that she always goes out her way to look after others.

"It's been quite a journey, and now it's just I have to stop and take care of myself, which I've never done, so it's new and it's interesting."

She shared that, through it all, she has been supported by her sister, and her friend, Caledon resident Annette Corsetti.

"I don't really have a bucket list because everything I wanted to do, I did it. You call everybody, you tell them you love them and you just live your life. It's just too short. And most people don't know that until they have some sort of a situation," says Lucie.

"I'm just extremely grateful that the team here is lifting me up on their wings and it's unbelievable. It's so much for my head to feel so much love. It's unbelievable."

During one of many ER visits, Annette suggested she should create a GoFundMe to help with her overwhelming and increasing medical debt.

Annette shared that she and Lucie were sitting laughing at some of the things people were raising money for on the platform.

"If people can ask strangers for money to pay for a dream vacation to Paris, why not ask them to help you pay for medication while you are fighting for your life," Annette said to Lucie.

Annette has been organizing multiple garage sales and different types of fundraisers to raise money for Lucie.

"It's something that comes natural to me, but it's so much easier to do because it's for you," Annette said to Lucie.

The two have been friends for decades.

They have currently raised $5,000 of their $25,000 goal on their GoFundMe page.

Additionally, their friend of over 30 years, Richard Sales, chose to support Lucie's fundraising efforts during a golf tournament he was hosting for his company, R. Sales and Associates Private Wealth Management.

R. Sales & Associates' golf tournament raised more than $4,000 in a single day.

The funds raised so far provide Lucie the ability to save her strength and determination to fight for her life, shared Annette.

"The amount of support that I've got is just – it's mind-blowing. It's absolutely mind-blowing. And I'm just very appreciative," says Lucie.

However, the two shared that the GoFundMe total is just a fraction of what Lucie requires.

After working for 35 years, she can no longer work and is now on long-term disability (LTD), which covers less than 20 per cent of her medical expenses and daily needs.

Her insurance, as well, is currently maxed out with her current medications and treatments, often leaving her to pay out of pocket.

"I have to pay for all my medication, which is over a thousand a month."

Lucie's giving spirit prevails throughout, as she is currently learning how to administer her own dialysis at home.

"I wanted to give that spot to someone who needs more one-on-one care," says Lucie.

She shares that every day presents a new challenge: "You just wake up and go deal with it, but I'm very grateful to be alive."



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Currently going to dialysis twice a week, she will soon be able to have dialysis at home every night, which will be "life-saving."

After a year on dialysis, she will be able to once again be on the transplant list.

Lucie shares that once she's stable, she wants to return to school, where she was working towards being a personal service worker.

As Lucie continues to fight the long battle still to come, her one wish for those is to sign their organ donor card.

"Every cadaver could save [up to] eight people's lives," she shares.

To view or donate to Lucie's GoFundMe, visit www.gofundme.com/f/help-lucie-stangroom-get-a-lifesaving-2nd-kidney-transplant.











DISTURBANCE AT HUMBERVIEW SECONDARY FOOTBALL EVENT UNDER INVESTIGATION

The Caledon OPP is investigating a disturbance at Humberview Secondary School during a football event.

"On Friday, October 3, 2025, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Caledon OPP officers responded to a significant disturbance at Humberview Secondary School during a Friday Night Lights football game, held as part of the school's 50th anniversary celebrations," say Police.

"Officers already in attendance were alerted to a large gathering involving students, with reports of pepper spray being deployed among the crowd. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were requested to treat two individuals for pepper spray, and another youth was transported to hospital for serious injuries after a physical altercation took place. As the situation escalated, additional officers were called to the scene to manage multiple incidents, including reports of weapons and further altercations in and around the school grounds.

"A youth was detained after being found in possession of a knife, however, was released after it was discovered they were not involved in any of the altercations. Due to safety concerns and the volume of attendees, the event was shut down with support from school officials."

Officers remained on scene conducting patrols until all parties had cleared the school premises and all parties who had reported injuries were assessed by EMS.

School staff are actively cooperating with the investigation.

As per the Youth Criminal Justice Act, no identifying information about youth involved will be released.

The investigation is ongoing and being actively investigated by the Caledon OPP Detachment. Anyone who may have been a victim, has information, video footage, or who may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 referencing #E251347092, or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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CHARGES FOLLOWING HIGHWAY 10 COLLISION

The Dufferin OPP has charged a Shelburne resident in connection with impaired driving-related offences.

"On October 3, 2025, shortly after 10:00 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 10 in the Town of Mono," say Police. "Upon arrival, officers spoke with the individuals involved and observed signs of impairment. An impaired driving investigation was initiated."

As a result, Sweetan Bath, 27, of Shelburne, has been charged with the following offences:

- Dangerous operation;
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand;
- Possess more than one licence.

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

The charges have not been proven.

Their driver's licences have been suspended, and their vehicles impounded.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, taxi, rideshare, public transit, or stay overnight. Even small amounts of alcohol or drugs can impair your judgment. In a split second, you could ruin your future, harm or kill others, and cause deep pain to those who love you.

"Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities."

If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestopperssdm.com.

BUSINESS THEFTS ON THE RISE: OPP

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in collaboration with local businesses, is alerting the community to a noticeable increase in theft-related incidents during the months of October, November, and December.

As the busy holiday season approaches, businesses are encouraged to remain vigilant and take proactive steps to safeguard their property, staff, and customers. There is typically a rise in shoplifting, theft from commercial properties, and other retail-related crimes, this time of year.

Common Theft Tactics

- Distraction techniques: One individual diverts staff attention while another commits the theft.
- Concealment: Items are hidden in bags, clothing, or strollers.
- After-hours break-ins: Businesses with limited lighting or surveillance may be targeted.
- Busy periods: Offenders often take advantage of peak hours when staff are occupied.

Theft Prevention Tips for Businesses

- Secure high-value items and position them away from entrances.
- Ensure security cameras are fully operational and cover key areas, including entrances, exits, and cash registers.
- Train staff to recognize suspicious behaviour and respond appropriately.
- Restrict access to staff-only areas and stockrooms.
- Display signage indicating the use of surveillance cameras.
- Maintain adequate lighting both inside and outside the premises.
- Minimize on-site cash and make regular, discreet bank deposits.

The Dufferin OPP will continue working closely with local business owners, Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), and community partners throughout the fall and holiday season to promote safety and prevent crime.

"Members of the Dufferin OPP remain committed to public safety and to working in partnership with the community to prevent and investigate crime. Community awareness and vigilance play a key role in helping keep our local commercial areas safe," reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

Anyone with information about suspicious or unlawful activity, is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or report it anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at crimestopperssdm.com.

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Mayor Annette Groves, Council members, and dignitaries are pictured with a historic plaque commemorating Belfountain's bicentennial.

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Belfountain Turns 200: Where History Meets Celebration

Continued from FRONT

Music rang through the streets as the party of the parade faded away, only to pick back up again for the opening ceremonies.

Caledon's Town Crier, Andrew Welch, opened the ceremonies with a message from Prime Minister Mark Carney.

"We are the product of our history. Our technology allowed us to harness the river and use the forests to create industry, which changed the land. Those choices of how we live are still being made, so that this is not just a time to look back, it is a time to look forward another 200 years, which is seven generations."

"200 years, what a remarkable milestone for this beautiful and historic community. Belfountain has long been known for its charm, natural beauty, and strong community," said Mayor Annette Groves. "I always say, it's a little bit of heaven here. Today, we not only celebrate its past, but we also look ahead to its future with pride and optimism."

During the ceremony, Councillors Christina Early and Lynn Kiernan, Mayor Groves, and MPP Sylvia Jones recognized the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers and groups involved.

The message of the day was simple, whether you were a member of Belfountain or not, everyone that day was a "Belfountaineer."

This historic birthday was marked by the unveiling of a new commemorative sculpture that will stand in Belfountain's Gardens, alongside the recent addition of the community garden and an Indigenous placemaking feature in Belfountain.

Belfountain artist Wendy Mitchell, who runs Tree House Pottery in the community, was the mastermind behind the statue, which stands more than six feet tall, "Escarpment's Embrace."

The statue depicts the rich history of Belfountain and the Forks of the Credit area by carving and incorporating various iconic features.

"I was so honored to be part of this celebration, and I didn't think twice about jumping in, creating something that was larger than me, and in so many ways larger than me, and I put all my effort into listening and all the help that everybody gave me, trying to bring together all of our little parts that make this place so special, and I hope I've accomplished that, and I hope this sculpture lives on to speak to that specialness," says Mitchell.

The piece begins at the bottom with the early formation of the geology coming from the fossils embedded into the Niagara Escarpment; this central piece of rock Mitchell shared was almost like a pediment.

Mitchell also wanted to encapsulate the rich flora and fauna, which can be seen through the ancient tree wrapping around the central piece of the rock, as well as the waters and rivers flowing throughout.

She said she wanted to tie those three elements together and tell the stories around them.

As you move around the statue, you will begin to notice various animals, including beavers, salamanders, turtles, and more.

Mitchell also incorporated a fire into the statue, representing those who lived in the community before.

Moving up the statue, you can see the draft horse representing the animals moving into the area and the settlers.

Near the historic railway trestle on the statue is the Forks, where Mitchell incorporated recognizable features such as the ski hill and the two Forks of the Credit.

At the top of the piece are markers with wreaths symbolizing and honouring fallen soldiers with an active remembrance.

Adorning the very top is the historic Belfountain Fountain, built in the early 1900s.

When asked about some of her favourite components of the piece, Mitchell mentioned the hen depicted and her brood of ducklings.

She's perched, looking ahead to the future.

Mitchell shared that creating the statue, with all the support from those around her, has been one of the "best events of her life."

As the statue was lowered into the ground the night before, Mitchell and those in the society took a moment to sign the bottom, symbolizing the hard work and terrific feat they had accomplished.

RCI Studios was the foundry that cast the piece.

Those who worked to install the piece were originally from the area, creating a poignant full-circle moment.

With all the small details visible throughout the statue that should be appreciated and learned about by all, the Belfountain Heritage Society is actively accepting donations to fund a plaque that will be installed to describe Escarpment's Embrace.

"Wendy has a long history of producing this kind of wonderful organic [pieces], rich in history and rich in the narrative," says Bohan.

At the opening ceremonies, Bohan said that "joy happens when the good that you're trying to achieve is fulfilled," and her heart was filled with joy that day.

"Two centuries ago, settlers chose this very spot atop the Niagara Escarpment, nestled in the beauty of the Credit Valley, to build a community. What began as a small settlement has grown into a vibrant, welcoming, and proud community that we know today. Over the last 200 years, Belfountain has been home to farmers, entrepreneurs, artists, and families that have worked hard and cared for one another and cherished the natural beauty around us," said Bohan.

"Each generation has left its mark, building not just homes and businesses, but traditions, friendships, and a sense of belonging that defines our hamlet. Today, as we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, we honor their legacy and look forward to our future."

"This bicentennial is more than a celebration of years gone by. It's a celebration of community, spirit, and resilience, and of the people who make Belfountain such a special place to live and visit."

In attendance were not only those who were honorary "Belfountaineers" for the day, but also those whose history has a long-standing presence in the hamlet.

Bob and Charlie Trimble's grandfather opened his blacksmith shop in the community in 1924.

In later years, it became a garage, currently marked by the "Trimble and Sons" garage sign that sits above the stores of Narcissus & Echo and Higher Ground Cafe.

Their mother wrote three separate books on the history of Belfountain.

Looking just down the street, you can see their family home just a stone's throw away.

Bob Trimble says that it was nice to see so many people out and about, including those that they haven't seen since they were children.

At the 150th celebration for Belfountain, Charlie's car was in the parade, marking another full-circle moment for the historic day.

The celebrations didn't end after the ceremony; a new historic plaque was unveiled, and historical re-enactments ran at Foresters Park for hours to come.

For more information, visit www.belfountain-heritage.com/









Belfountain Celebrates Bicentennial

PHOTOS BY RILEY MURPHY





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Caledon's Hands and Hearts:
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Saturday, October 18

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Caledon.ca/DiwaliDroneShow



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Encouraging and fostering Truth & Reconciliation

Canada has come a long way since Orange Shirt Day first gained traction across the country as a way to build awareness of the residential school system and what really happened behind the walls of such institutions.

The Day was first brought forward by residential school survivor Phyllis Jack – the name of which was inspired by a new orange shirt given to her by her grandmother, which was subsequently stripped off her and tossed aside on her first day there.

While the name Orange Shirt Day persists in many parts of the country, and orange shirts of various designs, symbolism, and legends, most commonly "Every Child Matters", are the order of the day, the observance itself gave way to National Day for Truth & Reconciliation in 2021, inspiring a greater national movement on such an important path we all need to walk together.

How the day is marked varies according to which part of the country you call your own, and where you work. As a statutory holiday, of course, Federal employees have the day off, as to government employees in Alberta, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. If you happen to live in British Columbia, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories and Yukon, chances are you probably have the day off as well.

Not us here in Ontario, alas, but that has, in my opinion, some benefits – making the effort to carve time out of your workday, or delaying your trip home to observe, seems to have a bit of added poignancy.

September 30 is an extraordinary day where so many of us have to listen to hard truths, reconcile ourselves with some of the darker parts of our collective history, some of which is diametrically opposed to what we learned in school, and a chance to brainstorm collectively what we can do to make the world, not just what we now call Canada, a better place for all.

As it's typically a workday for us media people, I find we sometimes approach the event from a slightly different angle than attendees at large. While we're attuned to the message, of course, we also have an eye on attendance, crowd chatter, and even the ambiance of where these observances are held.

One observance that had the most impact on me was the first one I attended back in 2021 at Aurora Town Park. A popular greenspace where the community has gathered for an incalculable number of observances since it was first established in the last quarter of the 1800s had great resonance, underscoring how far we've collectively moved the dial.

But that's not what moved me the most.

As Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley, Elder Pat Floody, and others shared very personal stories, the evening's sunset backlit the nearby Wells Street School building which still presides over the park – a school which operated concurrently to the residential school system and for more than a decade after the last one was shuttered.

Words illustrating the atrocities that went on within such residential schools could not have been in starker contrast to the educational edifice a stone's throw away. It was hard not to think about how the students who walked the halls at Wells had such a vastly different educational experience, quite possibly having no inkling of what their Indigenous peers were going through.

That first year, just about every piece of grass at the Park had been claimed by those wishing to take part in the gathering – the discoveries at Kamloops still fresh in the minds of many – but crowds have generally ebbed with each subsequent year. (Although, in my estimation, there was a slight uptick in attendance at this year's gathering held at nearby Aurora Town Square)

But, why?

Is it a matter of the old hackneyed "been there, done that" school of thought? Is it a matter of what Wheatley has previously noted as "news fatigue" as more and more stories of abuses have come out?

Or was it this, on the tenth anniversary of the Final Report of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, including its 94 Calls to Action therein, that the sheer lack of visible, demonstratable action has led to apathy?

Perhaps.

Take two contrasting statements released by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition on September 30.

"The Residential School System – a product of big government, 'Ottawa-knows-best' approach – led to horror and heartbreak," said one. "That abuse of state power tore families apart, silenced languages and shattered lives. True reconciliation is about restoring control to Indigenous peoples over their own lives – control that should always have been theirs – and partnering to deliver real results.

"Working side by side, we will end the government overreach resulting in horrors like the Residential School system. We will acknowledge the survivors and pursue reconciliation: unlocking responsible resource development with willing Indigenous partners, creating good-paying jobs, building revenue for communities, and protecting firearms rights needed for hunting and traditional ways of life. On the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we commit to healing historical wrongs by unleashing opportunities for all Indigenous peoples as true partners in prosperity."

And the other?

"The federal government is moving forward on the important work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, including supporting Indigenous communities to uncover unmarked and undocumented graves and burial sites at residential schools. We are advancing the Calls for Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

"We are building together – in health care, housing, education, and economic opportunity – upholding Indigenous rights and empowering communities with security and prosperity. Canada's new government will be a steadfast partner by respecting self-determination, by prioritising Indigenous equity and co-ownership as vital principles of building, and by recognising that true partnership first requires shared understanding and that building Canada requires Indigenous and non-Indigenous voices to lead in the shared stewardship of this land.

"Because it is vital that we build, but equally vital how we build – with Indigenous leadership, prosperity, and opportunity being foundational. Reconciliation is a generational task – lived and practised every day."

The first statement came from Opposition Leader Pierre Poilievre, while the second came from Prime Minister Mark Carney. While both underscored the importance of Indigenous prosperity, it was encouraging at the very least that the PM acknowledged there is more work to be done on addressing the Calls to Action.

Citing the residential school system as purely an example of government overreach – sidestepping, of course, the role churches played in this debacle, while also tying it to party platform planks – shows, in my opinion, a lack of vision for what's truly needed for the reconciliation challenges ahead, and needlessly adds fuel to an already politicized fire.

Indigenous peoples have every reason to be skeptical of getting true action from their leaders at this point, regardless of party, but I know which statement I found more encouraging.

We may have come a long way from the first Orange Shirt Day in 2013, but we still have a long, long way to go – and leaders need to meet the moment.



Fear takes so much away from us



"Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live." – Dorothy Thompson

by Mark Pavilons

Fear is one strong human emotion, trust me.

Largely, we fear the unknown – what we don't understand or cannot comprehend.

Our fear has kept our species thriving for millennia and it still serves us to this day. Along with facing real fears comes battling irrational ones.

We know a centipede won't harm us, yet I've seen people jump on their chairs when one crawls past, hundred legs and all. I bet a few people cringed at that very sentence. Similarly, bats, snakes and spiders would rather avoid us than confront us.

I love horror movies, but I am rarely scared by the on-screen antics.

I think our one, main fear is the fear of dying, and what may, or may not come after.

Jim Morrison advised us to "expose yourself to your deepest fear; after that, fear has no power, and the fear of freedom shrinks and vanishes. You are free."

I really hate cancer and the way it toys with me.

Cancer hides in plain sight, mocking us, daring us to come closer, to find a way to extinguish its flame.

In many cases, medical experts have found ways to fool this insidious beast, to trick it into hibernating, or hiding under some dark, damp rock.

And still, every once in a while, it nudges us, pokes us to let us know it's still there.

It takes.

Not only does it creep into the nooks and crannies of our bodies, it inhabits every corner of our minds. It plagues us with fear, apprehension, anxiety and stress.

It's almost perfect in its total destruction of a human being and the fear it brings.

We are not alone in how we process our panic. Almost every other creature on the planet experiences fear.

Apparently it's not totally a learned behaviour but more of an inherent survival mechanism.

The amygdala in the brain processes fear, releasing hormones like adrenaline to prepare the body for action. Fear is a natural, biological response designed to protect us from danger by alerting us to potential harm.

Experts say it's a biological response, not a learned behavior, that involves a complex set of physiological changes, including an increased heart rate and the release of stress hormones like adrenaline, sparking the "fight-or-flight" response.

Fear is a fundamental evolutionary tool that helps living organisms detect and escape harm, enhancing their chances of survival.

Fear extends across the animal kingdom, from insects and snails to most mammals.

It's funny, though, that humans are born with innate fears of loud noises and falling, perhaps forms of self-preservation, associating these things with danger.

Fear is deeply embedded in our nervous system as a survival instinct to keep us safe from dangerous situations, whether physical or psychological.

When I hear people say they're afraid of something, I smirk.

Only those faced with a life-threatening disease, ailment or situation know real fear.

"Carry the fire for a world free from the fear of cancer." That's the slogan for the newest home lottery being held by the Princess Margaret Foundation. Notice it says "fear."

Fear is being told you have cancer. Fear is having an operation to remove an organ. Fear is going on chemo. Fear cloaks you every time you slide into a CT or PET scanner. Fear is, well, fearing the worst.

Going through a phase of thinking about death and being hyper-aware of death is a part of the existential train of thought.

For many of us, it's our unavoidable train of thought, something we'd love immensely to derail.

I wonder whether cancer has turned me into an existentialist.

In the philosophy of existential nihilism, the idea is that life, in particular, has no inherent meaning or purpose.

The recognition of death as the ultimate end is a key factor in existential nihilism. It suggests that since everything will eventually cease to exist, including individual accomplishments and the entire human experience, so there's no real, lasting, objective value to be found.

This perspective can lead to a sense of indifference, lack of motivation, or even existential crises.

Very dark, isn't it?

But some philosophers, like Albert Camus, argue that acknowledging the absurd nature of existence can be liberating, allowing individuals to create their own subjective meaning and live "authentically."

They recommend using this time to see what you want to give to life and what you want to take from it.

All well and good, but, in reality, optimism also falls victim to cancer.

How does one make a "giving list" when time is short?

Many people talk about their "bucket lists" when they're still young and healthy. While my bucket list is full, the bucket is, alas, empty.

Who has the flexibility and money to check off bucket list items, especially if they involve travel to exotic places?

The most exotic place I'm going in the near future is the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre in Newmarket.

That being said, dread has become my ally, my companion. There's much to be learned from apprehension and worry, who've also been my life-long acquaintances.

Fear doesn't shut you down, it wakes you up!

And now that I'm constantly wide-eyed and bushy tailed, I need to live, and sideline my uneasiness.

"The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." - Nelson Mandela

Maybe, with the help of many others, I can conquer this fear, and lessen cancer's grip on me.



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SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Free speech comes at a price

It would be an understatement to say there has been a lot happening in Caledon these past few months. Resident concerns are many and Council meetings have been fractious. It doesn't have to be this way, but residents would be forgiven for thinking their right to free speech now comes at a price.

hat price might include feeling limited in when and how they can express themselves, and concerns about who might be in the room (and why) while they exercise their right to"free speech."

You may recall a column back in July where we expressed concerns about the fact that three uniformed OPP officers "just happened" to be at a Council meeting where many residents had expressed their intent to delegate.

For those who don't attend Council regularly, "delegating" is when area residents may enter their name into the public record, prepare slides if they wish to or simply come prepared to read a statement before Council members, articulating their concerns on a particular agenda item.

Somehow, the OPP were able to intuit that more residents than usual would attend Council that evening and were conveniently on hand to clear Council chambers.

Fire code violations was the official excuse given, but how was it police just happened to be there? Safety matters, don't get me wrong, but everything about the preparedness of the police to clear the room just felt "off." It makes one wonder, since residents may also delegate virtually – are we entering an era where it might be safer to delegate from the comfort of your own home to ensure your voice is heard?

Some residents might start to think a virtual delegation is in their better interests if OPP are now going to be regularly attending public meetings.

I bring this issue up again because since July, it appears not much has changed.

Once again, this time allegedly at the behest of the Town, OPP attended another public meeting, this one concerning proposed changes to the Site Alteration Bylaw which will impact where, and what kind of construction garbage, developers can dump.

Worse still, those officers were attending the public meeting in plain clothes – so most attendees likely had no idea police were even there. Why? Why were OPP called in the first place? Why are police attending public meetings? Are we (the public) at risk and if so from whom and for what reason? Are police there to keep the peace, disperse residents or to protect us? Some residents might even feel dissuaded from sharing their concerns because of this police presence, it being something we are not typically familiar with here in Canada because, well, allegedly we're a democracy.

It isn't just "the cost of free speech" either, although that's the main thing. What about the actual cost of sending at least three undercover OPP officers to a simple bylaw open house? Oh, and one final item of note: under the new proposed Site Alteration bylaw it will be the Commissioner of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation alone, who, as an employee of the Town would be able to "approve, amend or revoke permits, decide when public meetings are needed…and even decide if larger applications (over 10,000 cubic metres) need Council approval or not."

Who exactly have we elected to speak on our behalf, and is this proposed inclusion in the bylaw yet another way of potentially silencing those, and thus also residents' voices?

Finally, speaking of silencing, when an Integrity Commissioner (IC) says we shouldn't be allowed to delegate to Council on the results of any of his investigations, one can't help but wonder why.

In a recent letter that formed part of the agenda for the Tuesday, October 7 Council meeting, IC David G. Boghosian, "recommended the exclusion of delegations on agenda items related to Integrity Commissioner investigation findings."

What this means is that when someone, for example, in this case Councillor Dave Sheen, attempted to speak out on behalf of his constituents and a complaint was brought forward about him, no one, other than the Councillor himself would be able to comment on the IC's report. This would be true for anyone being investigated, whether it was this Councillor or any others duly elected to speak on our behalf.

Since any Councillor who is investigated by an IC must act in his or her own defense and determine, if they can afford it at their own expense, whether they need legal counsel or not, resident advocacy is perhaps one of the only ways they might feel like their continued voice on Council is worth the effort.

If we can't delegate, and/or advocate, on any agenda item at Council, it all just smells like one more way the democratic process is being silenced.

One really has to wonder about the price of "free speech."

Our Readers Write

Issue of garbage at Kin donation boxes raises memory of Conservation Authority problem

Reading of the problems experienced by Bolton Kin regarding their donation boxes brought back memories of working for the local Conservation Authority about 35 years ago.

Small towns were expanding with new subdivisions and ravine lots, which backed onto land that contained a stream or were otherwise unsuited for building and were highly desirable.

Usually this land was owned by the Conservation Authority and part of my job was to patrol and maintain it.

Before moving in a tractor and mower, a foot patrol was necessary to remove all the garbage the new residents had thrown over the fence.

Most of the stuff, like bricks, blocks, rolls of sod, potted plants, building material with nails sticking out, broken toys, car parts, etc., I simply threw back over the fence into the offenders' backyards.

It was dangerous work and occasionally I felt like part of a bomb squad sent into a war-ravaged country to dismantle mines and unexploded ordinance. An overlooked brick or bottle going through the bush hog could send missiles in every direction. Once, a tangled metal rod required a trip back to the shop to cut it out of the machine with an acetylene torch.

The new subdivisions also had dead-end streets, which ended at the fence to the ravine. Canada Post decided this would be a good location for community mailboxes where the local residents could drop their junk mail at their feet to blow into the ravine and then complain about a garbage issue.

The Conservation Authority began providing garbage barrels at these areas so now the residents started filling them with household garbage, building materials, etc.

Some things never change!

ARTHUR DOWNEY
CALEDON



Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association to host fundraising luncheon for Daryl Hostrawser

The Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association is holding a fundraising luncheon for Daryl Hostrawser to both honour and celebrate his decades-long competitive plowing career.

Hostrawser, a second-generation plowman from East Garafraxa in Dufferin County, has been competing in plowing competitions for many decades, starting at the local level and has just returned from the 70th World Ploughing Championship in Prague, Czech Republic after competing in his final world competition.

He has previously competed on the world stage as the Canadian champion at the 1988 event in the United States of America, in Northern Ireland (1991), Switzerland (2002) and the Republic of Ireland (2022).

What makes Hostrawser's competitive career unusual is that he has earned his berth at the global competition as the Canadian champion in two separate divisions – first in the conventional classes, and then in later years in the rollover division.

Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association president Glen Early says, "Daryl's determination for accuracy and precision for both conventional and rollover plowing methods has earned him the distinction of being a top competitor. Throughout his decades of dedication to his craft, Daryl has exemplified the passion, drive for perfection and what it takes to be successful on the provincial, national and global stages of competitive plowing."

The community is invited to join with Hostrawser and the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association for the celebration event on Sunday, October 19, Orangeville Fairgrounds, 247090 Side Road 5, Mono. Doors open at noon. Refreshments at 1 pm. Presentations at 2 pm Tickets are available from any member of the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association, including the following:

- Glen Early, 905-965-0161
- Anne Thompson, 905-703-0744
- Betty Johnston, 416-450-9658
- Mel Karpenko: 647-229-3326

Sponsorship opportunities are also available and donations are also being accepted to help offset the international competition expenses.

Online tickets can also be ordered through the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association Facebook page. See "The Road to the Worlds" event.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Caledon passed area-specific development charges By-law No. 2025-069 on the 23rd day of September, 2025 under section 2 (1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O., 1997 c. 27, as amended;

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal under section 14 of the Act, in respect of the development charges by-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Caledon on or before the 3rd day of November, 2025 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

The schedule of development charges imposed by the by-law, which will come into effect on October 28, 2025, is as follows:

SCHEDULE B By-law No. 2025-069

Ref. Number	Municipal Address	Developable Land Area (ha.)	D.C. per Property
N-1	12485 Coleraine Dr	2.77	628,571
N-3	12465 Coleraine Dr	2.71	615,104
N-2	0 Coleraine Dr	1.03	234,263
N-4	0 Coleraine Dr	1.03	233,740
TOTAL SIMPSON RD. PHASE 2 LANDS		**7.55**	**1,711,678**

The by-law applies to the lands identified in Schedule A to By-law 2025-069

SCHEDULE A By-law No. 2025-069



A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at the Town of Caledon offices, 6311 Old Church Rd. Caledon East, Ontario, L7C 0H2 during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) excluding statutory holidays, and also on the municipal website.

DATED at the municipality of Town of Caledon offices, Caledon East, Ontario, this 1st day of October, 2025.

Kevin Klingenberg,
Municipal Clerk

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Town of Caledon hosts Circular Economy Month and Waste Reduction Week events

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

October is not only Circular Economy Month, but also Waste Reduction Week and Caledon is celebrating in style.

Between the two, the Town of Caledon is holding multiple events and initiatives to promote eco-consciousness this month.

These events will help community members rethink their approach to waste, repair what they can, and give new life to old items.

Waste Reduction Week takes place from October 20 to 26.

This week, residents will have the opportunity to visit the Community Event and Repair Café.

Held at the Caledon East community complex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., this family-friendly community event provides attendees with the opportunity to enjoy entertainment, snacks, and educational opportunities featuring 3D printing with the Caledon Public Library.

At the same time, there will be the Repair Café.

This is an opportunity for attendees to bring broken household items and work with skilled volunteers to repair them.

Running not only through Waste Reduction Week, but also the week before, will be the Community Recycling Collection Drive.

This drive, from October 13 to 26, offers residents the chance to drop off old electronics and unwanted clothing for responsible recycling and reuse.

This will be held at Town Hall and Southfields Community Centre.

Circular Economy Month will also be marked through numerous community cleanups.

These cleanups are held to maintain Caledon's parks, trails, and neighbourhoods as clean and vibrant as possible.

They will be held at the following places, dates, and times:

- Dennison Park (70 Learmont Avenue, Caledon) – Saturday, October 11 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.;
- North Hill Park (14051 Regional Road 50, Bolton) – Saturday, October 18 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.;
- Caledon East Park (6125 Old Church Road, Caledon East) – Saturday, October 18 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.;
- John Clarkson Park (415 Dougall Avenue, Caledon) – Saturday, October 18 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For more information about Circular Economy Month activities in Caledon, visit caledon.ca/environment or ecocaledon.org.



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Stories Woven Through Fabric reclaims identity – one ribbon at a time

BY BROCK WEIR

Co-executive director of the Dufferin–Caledon based Indigenous led not-for-profit, the Brave Canoe, Sharon Rigby was a student of Indigenous Community and Social Development at Georgian College when, during her studies, she saw how proud many of her peers were coming to class wearing a distinctive garment.

Rigby, a Mohawk/Ojibwe artist from Akwesasne Reserve in Quebec, who now lives in Mississauga, was keen to learn more about her culture and its histories, but she did not have a ribbon skirt of her own – and, with some fabric and needles, she set out to reclaim this vivid part of her sartorial culture.

The results of this journey can now be seen on walls throughout the Aurora Cultural Centre as it hosts Rigby's first solo show, Stories Woven Through Fabric.

On now through November 30, Rigby uses the medium of ribbon skirts to "share the lived experience of Indigenous individuals impacted by the Sixties Scoop and residential school systems," says the Centre.

"Ribbon skirts hold deep cultural significance for many Indigenous communities across Canada and North America," says the Centre. "While their meanings vary between nations, they are recognized as symbols of identity, connection to heritage, and the land, and tools for healing. Through her art, Rigby creates a space for truth and reflection, inviting members of her community to share their stories and, in doing so, foster a sense of healing and understanding surrounding National Day for Truth and Reconciliation."

Choosing ribbon skirts as a medium has allowed Rigby to collect threads of her own story, one that was and continues to be impacted by both residential schools and the Sixties Scoop.

"They are works of art – a lot of creativity goes into them, a lot of story, and I wanted to tell my family's story within a skirt, and all of that came together while I was in the program at Georgian College," says Rigby. "Initially what I wanted to show through my ribbon skirts was my matriarchal line. I have one ribbon skirt that is dedicated to my family and in that I have three prominent ribbons that go vertically…. One of them is for my grandmother, one is for myself, and one is for my mother. My grandmother was a part of the residential school system, my mother was part of the Sixties Scoop, and in the middle is myself, stepping forward to reclaim our culture and our history."

Coming out of the residential school system, Rigby says her grandmother had "no concept of showing love" and had never told her daughter that she loved her. Her mother, in turn, as a result of the Scoop, grew up disconnected from a feeling of familial belonging.

"My mom was very strict and very disciplined with me and it took a lot for her to start talking about how she grew up and some of the things she was having a hard time doing when she was raising me," says Rigby. "It took a lot for my mom to finally step forward and start talking to me about our history.

"When she recognized that I was on that path of going to school, being involved in the community and engaging, she started to open up. The whole concept of this Ribbon Skirt exhibition was, for many years, Indigenous people were not willing to talk, and for the same amount of years, the non-Indigenous weren't ready to listen. What came about because of that is a lot of people trying to reclaim their culture, having grown up surrounded by trauma, and having to step forward out of that and be these strong Indigenous individuals reclaiming their histories. It's very difficult to do, but what I was really hoping is through my artistry and through listening to others who felt the same way I did, that by having that story on their skirt would help them find healing. Through that medium myself, I find healing as well."

It has been a journey of healing, reclamation and growth for the family, and now Rigby's children have continued on the path of cultural interpretation, fire-keeping, and furthering the Ojibwe language.

"My mom was overwhelmed," says Rigby of her family's reaction to the exhibition. "My sister-in-law was reading to her a portion of the stories that were on the skirts and my mom said something that many people came up to me and said on the opening day, 'We recognize a similar thread through each and every story.' For people trying to find their connection and trying to find their footing, it's a little bit of an eye-opener and it also makes them realize they're not the only ones."

To see more of Stories Woven Through Fabric, visit auroraculturalcentre.ca/stories-woven-through-fabric.



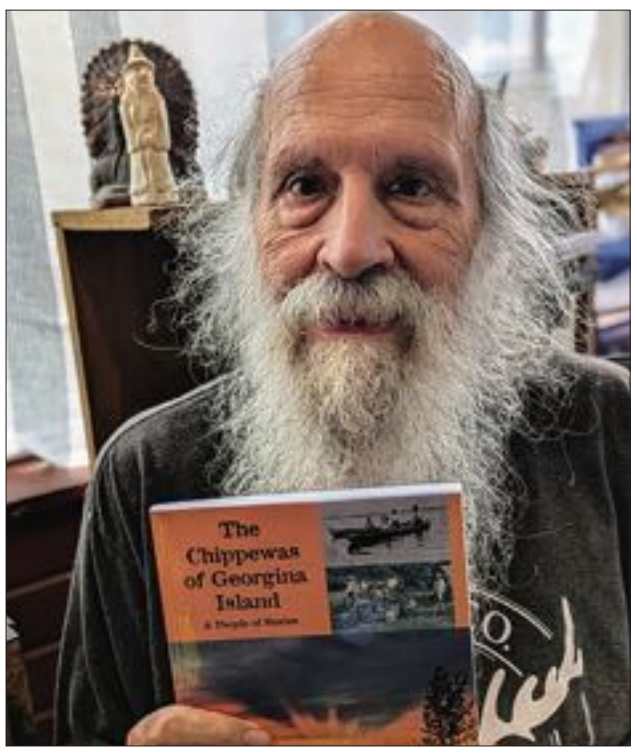
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Local author presents "The Chippewas of Georgina Island: A People of Stories"



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BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

John Steckley, a Bolton resident, has written dozens of books in his lifetime; now, he presents his latest book, The Chippewas of Georgina Island: A People of Stories.

This book delves into the stories of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, where Steckley draws not only from previously recorded stories but also from stories he gathered himself during his time spent on Georgina Island.

Steckley visited the island for days to gather an extensive repertoire of stories to share with the world; he spoke to more than 20 different people to create this book.

"You just get a sense when you walk around there, there's a lot of pride."

The stories recount the history of the thriving community, and their fight for self-government.

Steckley began his journey with Anishinaabe history in college, where he took a course titled "Language and Culture."

After learning about the erasure of Indigenous languages, Steckley knew this was something he wanted to pursue when he went to the University of Toronto as a graduate student.

Now, much of what he does is research in Indigenous languages.

"It's always teaching me. It's always making me think," he says.

Steckley has been working on Wendat/Wyandot for 45 years and was the Tribal Linguist for the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma for five years.

He taught at Humber College for over thirty years in the areas of Aboriginal languages, culture, and history.

Due to his extensive background and knowledge in the field, Shelley Charles, a former colleague, asked him to write this book.

He shares that his book is about "undoing ignorance."

"One of my main messages with it was, these people are winners. These people have been able to do things that other Indigenous groups did not, and they've got fantastic leaders and were some of the first Indigenous people that got degrees," says Steckley.

He shared that those in the community have vast accomplishments, such as teaching at various universities, and one Elder received the Order of Ontario.

Elder Susan Hoeg (née Vernon), who is quoted throughout the book, received the Order of Ontario in 2009 primarily for her work in helping First Nations women obtain Indian Status after the passage of Bill C-31.

Their status had been taken away after marrying non-status men.

Lorenzo Big Canoe, who eventually became Chief for many years, was one of the first generation of Aboriginal teachers who acquired the piece of paper necessary to teach in provincially/federally mandated schools.

"They established themselves and they were pushed around, but they kept getting back," says Steckley. "They were entrepreneurs."

He shared that those in the community "earned their position, gained their position, and worked for it."

From his book, he says readers will be able to learn about this community that built itself.

While writing, Steckley shared that he felt himself constantly learning.

He says a large goal for him in writing this book was for people to know that the voices being spoken were those of the community, and that anything he said came from them.

"The fundamental thing is that these people built themselves up to adapt to often difficult situations."

Throughout the book are dozens of photographs that not only bring this history to life, but the stories shared.

Steckley notes, "a people's true character comes out in its stories."

Credit Valley Conservation hosts free workshop on Invasive Plants

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Calling all rural landowners!

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is hosting a free workshop on invasive plants on Saturday, October 18, at the Warwick Conservation Centre in Caledon Village, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

"This workshop will give landowners the tools and resources they need to protect their land from invasive species while supporting healthy forests and ecosystems in the Credit River Watershed," said Kate Hayes, CVC's senior manager of ecosystem restoration and management.

Since 1954, when the CVC was first established by the Ontario government, the organization has been focused on protecting, restoring, and enhancing the natural environment of the Credit River Watershed.

Forests across Ontario are being impacted by invasive species. Without proper management, these invasive species can out-compete native species and make certain parts of a property inaccessible.

The free interactive workshop on invasive plants will teach participants how to recognize key invasive plant species within the province and understand their impacts on native ecosystems.

Participants will learn about practical control techniques and best management approaches for rural properties, as well. There will also be a focus on available funding programs to support landowners in initiating management projects.

The invasive species workshop will be spearheaded by CVC's Rural Residential Engagement Team. They will work with private landowners to sustainably manage their land and water features on their property.

The event is free and open to rural landowners in the Credit River Watershed. To see what properties fall within the CVC watershed, visit cvc.ca/watershed-look-up-map.

To attend the event, interested individuals must register online by Oct. 14 at cvc.ca/event/reclaim-your-forest-hands-on-solutions-for-invasive-plant-control/

Anyone who can't attend the workshop can connect with a stewardship coordinator from the CVC at 905-670-1615 ext. 5530 to discuss potential opportunities for their property.

The Warwick Conservation Centre, where the free workshop will be held, is located at 15526 Heart Lake Road, Caledon Village.

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Caledon Seniors Centre continues fundraising efforts to prevent social isolation among seniors

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon Senior Centre's purpose is to "relieve loneliness and isolation of the aged by establishing, operating and maintaining a senior citizens centre to provide recreation, education and other programs for senior citizens."

"Caledon Seniors Centre is a not-for-profit organization independent of the Town of Caledon that offers recreational programs for health and wellness for Caledon residents that are 55 plus."

But all of this is not possible without fundraising efforts and community support.

RaDeana Montgomery, fundraising coordinator for CSC, shared that they are actively trying to raise $100,000 to offset the cost for all the seniors in Caledon.

With the funds raised, not only can they continue offering programs, but they can also do so at a reduced cost to seniors.

Many of the current programs only cost seniors around $4 to attend.

Fundraising "allows accessibility to all seniors to be able to access this environment and partake in all the different things that we offer here," says Montgomery.

The Centre has its central location in Bolton, and six satellite locations around Caledon to ensure they are where the community needs them to be, allowing seniors access to these programs in their local area.

They offer numerous programs throughout the week, including bingo, shuffleboard, dance classes, golf, and more.

Their programs are suited to every range of abilities.

In addition to this, there are also educational opportunities.

This includes their various lunch and learns, Tech 101 courses, and guest speakers.

Montgomery says these educational aspects also allow them to connect members with different organizations to what they might need.

The Centre also has a therapy room on site.

Many of the volunteers at the Centre are also those who use the services themselves.

Suzanne McAndie has been at the Centre since 2018, both as a member and a volunteer.

She primarily volunteers in the kitchen when she's not taking in bingo.

McAndie says she's currently living on her own, and through the Centre, she's been able to meet so many people.

She says not only is her time there rewarding, but also filled with fun.

Jane is another volunteer and member at CSC, having been a part of the organization for more than five years.

She says the Centre to her is her "home away from home."

Judy has been a member of the Centre for more than five years as well, but joined as a volunteer in recent years. She says that the Centre gives her a place of belonging, and she loves the opportunity to meet new people.

It also allows her to keep both busy and active.

Montgomery says he Centre gives some members a "second life."

"That's so vitally important," says Montgomery. "And that's why these places are so important, because not only do they keep people healthy and active, but for some who just want to volunteer, it gives them something to do."

"We have so much to offer them, and they have so much to offer us," she says. "Sometimes I think about some of these seniors that are sitting alone at home that maybe don't know we're here, or maybe don't know what we are, and they're afraid. I wish that there was a way to reach them, and hopefully we can, to explain what it is we do here, and this is an opportunity for them to still be an active member of society, and give them something," she says.

She shared at times it can be difficult as there are many misconceptions about what the Centre does.

Montgomery says that many believe that the Centre is a retirement or nursing home, which can make fundraising and outreach a challenge.

As they celebrate their 30th year, she says this is an extremely important time.

By 2026, the number of residents aged 55 and above in Caledon is projected to grow significantly, and as the population grows, so does the need for accessible, inclusive, and engaging services.

The Centre shares that, with their small team of staff and volunteers, they will struggle to meet the needs of older adults without expanded resources, risking increased social isolation, reduced mobility, and a diminished quality of life.

As November approaches, numerous fundraisers will be held to support the Centre.

The first is their Country Hoedown on October 24, which includes line dancing, a live band, and a barbecue dinner.

Following that will be their holiday portraits on November 1, the annual craft/bake sale and silent auction on November 8, paint night on November 14, Build a Gnome on November 18, and wrapping up November will be their 30th anniversary celebration from November 28 to 30.

The annual craft/bake sale, along with the silent auction, is one of their most significant fundraising events of the year.

It will feature 28 vendors, offering various items for sale, including poinsettias and MacGregor's Meat, as well as their Angel Tree fundraiser, where attendees can purchase personalized angels to hang on the tree.

The silent auction will feature donated items from the community, which they are actively looking for.

These fundraising events are open to the entire community, not just members and seniors.

Their 30th anniversary will celebrate decades of memories, marking where they began and where they're headed.

Montgomery says the Centre also welcomes third-party fundraising from the community to help raise funds.

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Caledon's Business Investment and Attraction team recognized with three marketing awards

BY RILEY MURPHY
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The Town of Caledon's Business Investment and Attraction Team has won three awards from the Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC).

EDAC is Canada's national not-for-profit association representing professional economic developers across federal, provincial, municipal, and private sectors.

Their goal is to enhance professional competence, advance economic development as a profession, and contribute to Canada's well-being.

The Town of Caledon shared that this national recognition "underscores Caledon's commitment to excellence and innovation in economic development marketing."

The team was recognized for three different initiatives.

The Caledon Investment Profile 2025 was honoured with the Publication of Five or More Pages Award.

This Investment profile was developed in-house and "supported Caledon's international investment attraction efforts, including the June 2025 delegation to Italy."

The Town of Caledon shared that it also informed pitch decks, talking points, and briefing notes for business and agri-food partners.

"The profile showcases Caledon's investment narrative, boosting lead generation, partner engagement, and brand awareness locally and globally."

The Humber River Centre Open House was the winner of the new Community Collaboration award.

The Open House was held during the Town's Economic Development Week, welcoming 90 attendees and launching Caledon's first Business Incubator in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University's DMZ.

The Town shared that this Open House "showcased the collaborative ecosystem supporting local entrepreneurs."

The Caledon Studio Tour was a recipient of the Single Advertisement award.

This creative advertisement, designed by Alton artist Kayla Jackson, featured 26 artists, 18 studios, and local landmarks.

"It elevated Caledon's cultural profile, contributing to its Culture Days Top 10 ranking in Canada and recognition as an Ontario Culture Days hub municipality for 2025," shared the Town of Caledon.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition from EDAC, which highlights the creativity and impact of our economic development and marketing initiatives," said Eric Lucic, Commissioner of Planning and Development.

Lucic says that the three awards underscore their "commitment to positioning Caledon as a leading destination for investment, entrepreneurship, and culture."

Town of Caledon receives 2024 Financial Information Return Recognition Award

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has been awarded a 2024 Financial Information Return (FIR) Recognition Award for the first time in history.

The award is presented by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).

The MMAH thanked the Town of Caledon for their efforts and contribution in "ensuring that

timely, reliable and accurate financial information was submitted for the Town of Caledon's

2024 Financial Information Return."

FIR reports capture financial and statistical information for each municipality in the province.

"This award is a strong testament to the expertise of the Town's finance team, which is committed to excellence in financial reporting and transparency," shared the Town of Caledon.

Mayor Annette Groves, during the October 7 General Committee Meeting, shared that Caledon is one of the 18 municipalities out of 444 to receive this award.

"This award is a testament to the hard work and professionalism of our staff. It reinforces our commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency of our residents," says Mayor Groves.

"I would like to congratulate Robert Cummings and his finance staff and all the great work that they've done, and for their professionalism and dedication," says Mayor Groves. "A well-deserved award, a well-deserved recognition."

"We are honoured to receive this recognition from the Ministry," said Robert Cummings, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Town of Caledon. "This award reflects the dedication of our team and their integrity to uphold the highest standards in municipal financial reporting. This achievement highlights the team's forward-thinking and commitment to municipal-leading financial modeling to support Town of Caledon's priorities."

The Town shared that this award highlights their commitment to maintaining the highest standards of financial transparency, accuracy, and accountability.

"Being listed among the award recipients not only validates the hard work and expertise of our finance team but also reinforces the Town's dedication to responsible stewardship of public funds, fostering trust and confidence within our community," says the Town of Caledon.

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Councillors Russo, Maskell, and Rosa at Oktoberfest. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Community raises a glass to Oktoberfest: Caps off CultureFest

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Bavarian bash to remember this past weekend as Oktoberfest closed out Caledon's 2025 CultureFest.

The Town of Caledon, in partnership with the Bolton Community Crew (BCC), hosted its annual Oktoberfest, featuring Bavarian music, dance performances, food trucks, and more.

The event was held both indoors at the Humber River Centre and outdoors, offering multiple spaces to soak in the atmosphere.

BCC chair Sarah Leslie shared that they've been hosting the event for many years now.

"We have a very diverse culture here and it's so nice to see everybody come out and experience this culture," says Leslie.

Events like this, she says, are crucial for keeping culture alive in the community.

"It's an important education piece for those who don't know about certain cultures. It's just important to celebrate everybody," says Leslie.

The BCC sold 75 cases of strudels, and the funds raised allow them to bring more events back to the community.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa shared that as part of the Downtown Bolton revitalization plan, they examined opportunities to host community events that would engage the area.

He says they begin the season with Cinco de Mayo, and end with Oktoberfest, which this year was connected to CultureFest.

"During the day, we celebrate cultures from around the world and in the evening we bring the Oktoberfest, which fits nicely with that theme of international festivities in the neighbourhood," says Councillor Rosa.

He shares that the renovations done at the Humber River Center and the grants were intended to provide opportunities and events like this.

"We're now standing in a gathering space that is meant to gather the community, that's what our whole initiative is," says Councillor Rosa.

That day, CultureFest took place, offering the community the opportunity to celebrate, experience, and learn about the diverse cultures that are part of the Caledon community.

Available to attendees were cultural food samplings, dance and musical performances, a kids' fun zone, a collection of cultural artifacts, and a photo booth.

Those in the community were encouraged to wear traditional cultural clothing and bring their favourite recipe for the Tastes of Caledon Digital Cookbook.

Running that night with Oktoberfest was a minigolf fundraiser in support of Meaghan's Music Room.

This local charity offers support through music to individuals in the region who face physical and mental challenges.

Robert Ward, Chair of Meaghan's Music Room, said through fundraising events such as this, they can continue to "serve the individuals that need this type of music therapy, or as other organizations in Town do, help other activities and serve community-minded contributions that can give back to the community."

Ward says that having these opportunities and events is greatly appreciated.

CultureFest is one of the many ways Caledon contributed to the Ontario-wide Culture Days month, and a variety of activities and events will continue through Sunday, October 12.

Annual Witches Walk aims to return to downtown Erin in support of Headwaters

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

An enchanted evening of shopping is on its way to the Erin community with the goal of bringing the magic of the season to life while raising funds to support Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

The Wellington Dufferin Women's Association (WDWA) has announced the return of the annual Witches Walk, which will take place on October 24 in downtown Erin.

"Organizing the Witches Walk is one of the highlights of our year," said WDWA President Sarah Majeski. "It's a night where we celebrate women, community, and giving back – all while having a blast. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another unforgettable evening."

Started in 2022, the Witches Walk has become a beloved tradition in the Erin community, bringing a mix of community spirit, themed festivities, and charitable giving tighter for one night. Each year, hundreds of participants dress in their finest witch attire to enjoy a night of shopping, raffles, and mystical experiences.

Local businesses along Main Street in Erin are transformed into a "witchy market" offering exclusive coupons, themed products, and a one-of-a-kind raffle.

Last year, the Witches Walk raised over $5,000 for Headwaters Health Care Foundation to help fund vital equipment for the local hospital. This year, organizers of the event are hoping to surpass the amount raised in 2024.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be the beneficiary of this year's Witches Walk once again," said Shauna Santarossa, senior development officer at Headwaters Health Care Foundation. "The energy and generosity of this event are truly inspiring, and we're so grateful to the WDWA and the Erin community for their continued support of local health care."

Tickets for the 4th Annual Witches Walk are available now for $25. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their most spellbinding costumes and prepare for a night of laughter, connection, and community magic.

For more details about the Witches Walk and to purchase tickets, visit the WDWA's official event page at www.wdwa.ca.



Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

Form 2
Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

Region of Peel working with you

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands, as set out in Schedule "A" herein, in the Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel being:

Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land.

Permanent Drainage Easement: Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy, pass, repass over, and re-enter the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies and equipment at any and all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along, across, and upon the applicable lands for the municipal purpose of constructing, installing, placing, laying, erecting, operating, using, maintaining, inspecting, altering, removing, replacing, reconstructing, renewing, upgrading, relocating, enlarging and repairing drainage ditches, culverts, retaining walls, headwalls and related appurtenances, and side-slopes and grading appurtenant to the improving of Airport Road, including without limiting the foregoing removal of trees, shrubs, bushes, branches, stumps and roots and prevention or control of growth of same ("**Permanent Drainage Easement**").

Permanent Hydro Easement: Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to access, enter, occupy and re-enter the easement lands at any time by The Regional Municipality of Peel and its authorized users, including but not limited to its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, workers, and by The Regional Municipality of Peel's successors and assigns and their authorized users, and by entities authorized by statute to enter and occupy lands for the purposes set out herein, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, through, under, over, across, along and upon, the easement lands for the purposes of facilitating the improving of Airport Road together with all works ancillary thereto including, but not limited to: (i) to erect, maintain, operate, repair, replace, relocate, upgrade, reconstruct and remove at any time and from time to time, an electrical transmission line or lines and communication line or lines consisting of poles and anchors with all necessary guys, braces, wires, cables, padmount equipment, if necessary, underground cable and associated material and equipment (all or any of which works are herein called "**the Line**"); (ii) to enter on and erect, maintain and use such gates in any fences which are now or may hereafter be installed on the easement lands required for access to the Line; (iii) to enter on and mark the location of the Line under the easement lands, where applicable, by suitable markers, located so as to minimize interference with any reasonable use of the easement lands; (iv) to enter on and selectively cut trees and shrubs on the easement lands and to keep same clear of all trees, shrubs and brush which may interfere with the safe operation and maintenance of the Line; (v) to conduct engineering and legal surveys in, on and over the easement lands; (vi) to clear those portions of the easement lands on which the Line is located and keep such lands clear of all buildings, structures or other obstructions of any nature whatsoever (including swimming pools and wading pools) including removal of any materials which are hazardous to the Line; and (vii) to remove, relocate and reconstruct the Line on or under the easement lands ("**Permanent Hydro Easement**").

Permanent Traffic Easement: Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy, pass, repass over, and re-enter the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies and equipment at any and all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along, across and upon, the applicable lands for the purpose of facilitating the improving of Airport Road and associated works including, but not limited to, the accommodation, construction, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, alteration, removal, replacement, reconstruction, enlargement and repair of traffic signal poles, loop detectors, underground wiring, yellow centre line, asphalt speed bump and paint, regulatory signs, curb and gutter, grading, pavement markings, and all related appurtenances, together with the right to sever, fell, cut, trim and remove at any time all trees, shrubs, bushes and branches, stumps and roots, and to prevent or control the growth of same within the limits of the lands, and all other accessories thereto together with all rights necessary for the proper and efficient operation, maintenance, inspection, repair, alteration, removal, replacement, reconstruction, extension or enlargement of the said works ("**Permanent Traffic Easement**").

Temporary Construction Easement - Sign Relocation and Curb Reconstruction: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon, occupying, passing, repassing over, and re-entering the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers, with all necessary vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies, material and equipment required for the relocation, reconfiguration, alteration, removal, replacement, construction, reconstruction, and restoration of signage and curbs, including, without limiting the foregoing, grading and paving, and other works ancillary thereto resulting from the improving of Airport Road ("**Temporary Construction Easement – Sign Relocation and Curb Reconstruction**") for a term of two (2) years commencing the earlier of (i) no less than three (3) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the fifth anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the "**Commencement Date**") and expiring no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation.

Temporary Construction Easement – Driveway Relocation: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon, occupying, passing, repassing over, and re-entering the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers, with all necessary vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies, material and equipment required for the relocation, reconfiguration, alteration, removal, replacement, construction, reconstruction, restoration, grading, and paving of driveway access and other works ancillary thereto resulting from the improving of Airport Road ("**Temporary Construction Easement – Driveway Relocation**"), for a term of two (2) years commencing the earlier of (i) no less than three (3) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the fifth anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the "**Commencement Date**") and expiring no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation.

Temporary Construction Easement - Grading: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon, occupying, passing, repassing over, and re-entering the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies, material and equipment required to facilitate the improving of Airport Road, grading, archaeological investigations and other works ancillary thereto ("**Temporary Construction Easement - Grading**"), for a term of two (2) years commencing the earlier of (i) no less than three (3) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the fifth anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the "**Commencement Date**") and expiring no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation.

Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon, occupying, passing, repassing over, and re-entering the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies, material and equipment, required for driveway grading and other works ancillary thereto resulting from the improving of Airport Road ("**Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**"), for a term of one (1) year commencing the earlier of (i) no less than three (3) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the sixth anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the "**Commencement Date**"), and expiring no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation.

For the municipal purpose of facilitating the improvement of Airport Road together with works ancillary thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands described in Schedule "A" set out herein.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:
The Council of The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

Name of expropriating authority:
The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

The Regional Municipality of Peel
Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2025.

SCHEDULE "A"
Those lands in the Town of Caledon in the Regional Municipality of Peel described as follows:

1. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14293-0449 (LT)
Part of Lot 1 on Registered Plan 43M-1039, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42020

2. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14293-0545 (LT)
Part of Lot 1 on Registered Plan 43M-1057, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42024

3. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14335-0103 (LT)
Part of Lot 19, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42023

Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading
Part of PIN 14335-0103 (LT)
Part of Lot 19, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42023

4. **Permanent Traffic Easement**
Part of PIN 14293-0121 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42018

Permanent Hydro Easement
Part of PIN 14293-0121 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42018

Temporary Construction Easement – Sign Relocation and Curb Reconstruction
Part of PIN 14293-0121 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 43R-42018

5. **Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0144 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42014

Temporary Construction Easement – Grading
Part of PIN 14336-0144 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42014

6. **Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0141 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42027

Temporary Construction Easement – Grading
Part of PIN 14336-0141 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42027

7. **Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0142 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42013

8. **Temporary Construction Easement – Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0139 (LT)
Part of Lots 6, 7 and 8, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42012

9. **Temporary Construction Easement – Driveway Relocation**
Part of PIN 14336-0134 (LT)
Part of Lots 15 and 16, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42019

10. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14289-0156 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41997

11. **Permanent Drainage Easement**
Part of PIN 14289-0158 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41996

12. **Permanent Drainage Easement**
Part of PIN 14336-0045 (LT)
Part of Lot 22, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42004

13. **Permanent Drainage Easement**
Part of PIN 14289-0157 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41998

14. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14289-0184 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42006

15. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14289-0154 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42000

16. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14289-0148 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42032

17. **Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14335-0032 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42005

Temporary Construction Easement – Grading
Part of PIN 14335-0032 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42005

18. **Temporary Construction Easement – Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14335-0033 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42022

Temporary Construction Easement – Grading
Part of PIN 14335-0033 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42022

19. **Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14336-1704 (LT)
Part of Lot 22, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 5 on Reference Plan 43R-40899

"Out of Old Peel County Kitchens" shows importance of local cookbooks at Albion Bolton Historical Society



A small look at Crawford's collection.

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

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The Albion Bolton Historical Society recently hosted Out of Old Peel County Kitchens, a presentation by Carolyn Crawford, President of the Norval Women's Institute and past president of the Culinary Historians of Canada.

She just began a four-year term on the Caledon Heritage Committee and, over the years, Crawford said she has learned a wealth of knowledge from Peel cookbooks.

Raised in a rural community, Crawford said she grew up being a part of 4-H, and finding her grandmother's manuscript cookbook when she was relatively young led to not only collecting cookbooks, but particularly local ones.

"All of these factors have contributed to my love of culinary history," shared Crawford.

While searching for older cookbooks from the region, she noted that "it highlighted some of the overall contributions of community organizations in Canada's culinary heritage, underscoring the importance of preserving the documented local cookbooks for future generations."

In trying to "hold on to that", she began to collect even more older cookbooks.

In the future, she plans to donate her collection to the archives for all to enjoy and learn from.

Crawford shares that there are many valuable takeaways to be learned from an old cookbook.

For example, at the time, any recipes added to these books were primarily from women, and from that, the "status" of women is reflected in how their names appear in the books.

Family members or neighbours often submitted recipes, and sometimes were missing a key ingredient, so that an exact recipe could not be copied.

Genealogy, she noted, can often be determined through these books, and the recipes submitted can reflect the economic times of the past.

Crawford shared another takeaway: if a page looks extra worn or even dirty, that might very well be a tried-and-true recipe used dozens of times.

If you find yourself in possession of an old cookbook, she said, particularly one from before 1950, anyone with those books should contact The Cookbook Library at the University of Guelph, McLaughlin Library, or their local museums or archives and ask if they already have good copies of the books in their possession.

If not, they can be donated.

For those on the hunt, Crawford shared that she has found many older cookbooks at auctions, book and garage sales, and antique and used bookstores.

"I believe every cookbook tells the story of a local area," says Crawford. "As far as Peel County goes, our community before 1950 was predominantly rural and most of the recipes in those books even through until the 60s 70s and 80s, reflect our rural heritage."

She found that people in Peel preferred desserts, particularly pies and cakes.

In her grandmother's manuscript cookbook, she even found a recipe for Peel County Cake.

However, it also had the name "Kentucky cake" attached to it, "so I believe it to be a generic one," she says.

During the meeting, she did share the recipe for "war cake," a dense, eggless, milkless, and butterless raisin cake that became popular during wartime and the Great Depression.

Junior Women's Institute members would send over these war cakes, along with socks and bandages, to soldiers.

To make it yourself at home, you need flour, brown sugar, water, raisins, a few more spices and shortening, and you'll have a cake that will last "multiple seasons."

Crawford says she herself once made it on Christmas and let it sit till Spring.

Caledon's Diwali Drone Show returns October 18

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On Saturday, October 18, Caledon's Diwali Drone Show is set to return, featuring more than 200 drones to celebrate the Diwali festival.

This year's Festival of Lights Celebration will take place at a new venue, the Brampton Fairgrounds.

Hunar Kahlon, Chair of the Caledon South Asian Association (CSAA), shares that this is the third consecutive year the CSAA will be celebrating Diwali in partnership with the Town of Caledon.

Kahlon says Diwali is celebrated all over South Asia and other communities as well.

He shares that this event is for the whole Caledon community.

"It is a very inclusive event," says Kahlon. "This time we are including certain things that will make it even more Canadian; you will see this time around that it is a mix of the two cultures."

He shared that last year, those from all areas of Caledon came out to enjoy the celebration.

"I believe everyone should come out and see this wonderful show and learn a bit about other cultures we live among," says Kahlon.

Kahlon says there are misconceptions that Diwali is traditionally celebrated with fireworks,

"Diwali is a festival of lights, not of fireworks."

Using fireworks, he says, would not only go against the municipal by-law, but that fireworks are not beneficial to the overall environment and animals in the area.

"It's not good for anyone," says Kahlon. "As other things have progressed, so have the way we celebrate things."

"They are giving a wonderful alternative to the residents, where we are not harming the environment, and we are still celebrating our traditions."

He says using drones is an innovative way to celebrate and will not pollute the air or cause noise pollution.

Moving to a larger location this year will accommodate the growing crowd they see every year.

Kahlon says the new location will not only accommodate more people, but it will also help reduce congestion in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

He says the show this year will be even better than last.

Free shuttles will be available at Southfields Community Centre and the Mayfield West neighbourhood with stops at the southwest corner of Tim Manley Avenue and Eberly Woods Drive, and at the southwest corner of Tim Manley Avenue and Petch Avenue.

In the event of inclement weather, the drone show will be rescheduled for Sunday, October 19.

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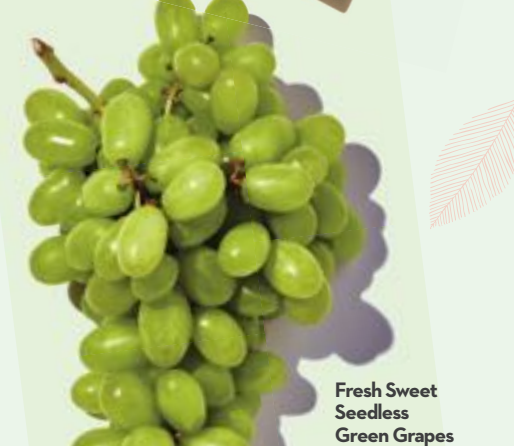
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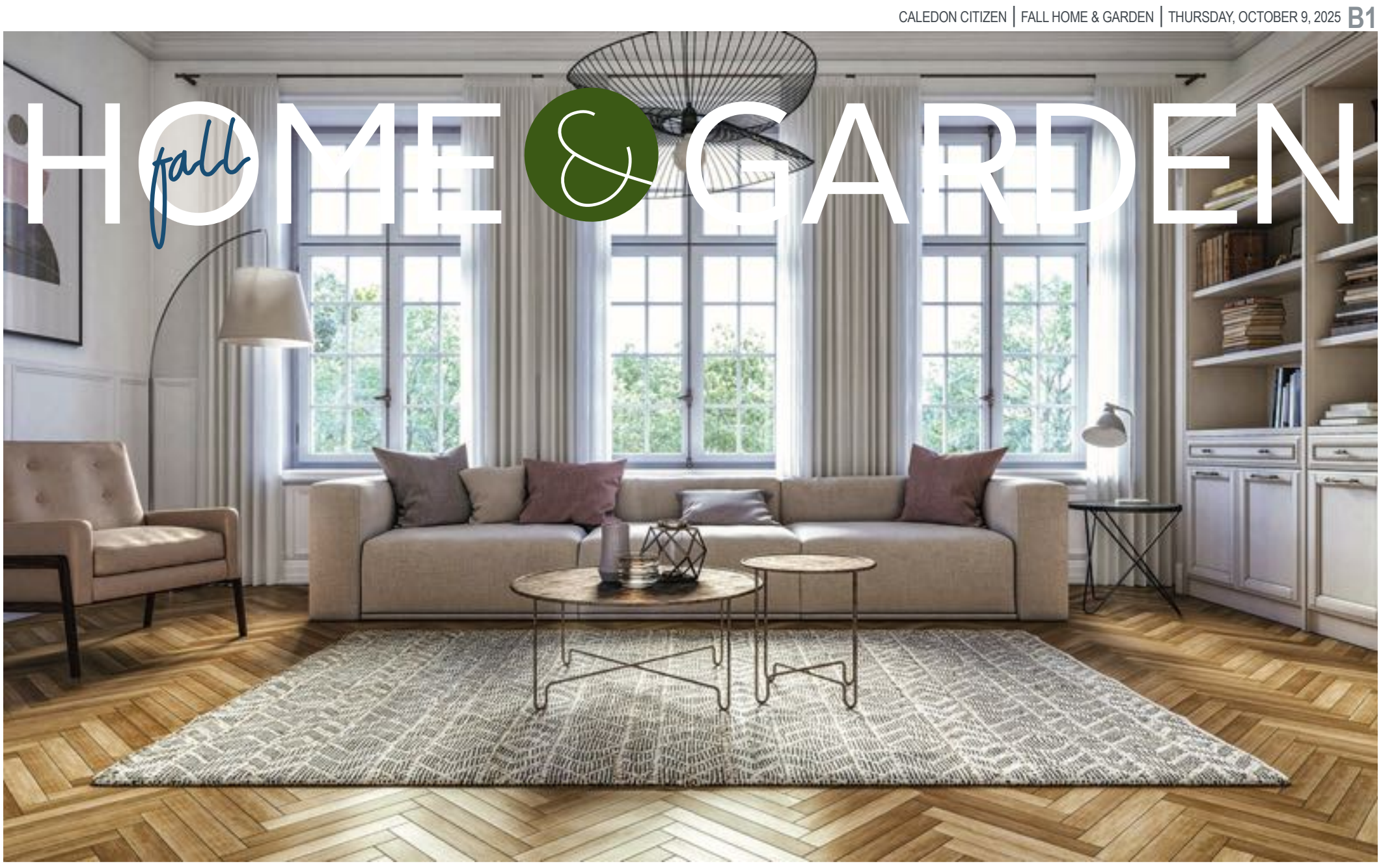


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Home interior trends on the rise

Trends that seem ubiquitous one day can seemingly vanish before the sun rises again just 24 hours later.

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Home trends typically benefit from a longer shelf life than viral videos and other fads that originate on the internet, and that's something renovation-minded homeowners should consider when improving their homes. Homeowners preparing to do just that can consider these notable trends, which the online renovation experts at Houzz suggest will be particularly popular in the year ahead.

Rounded furnishings

Houzz noted that gentle curves and rounded edges embody the organic modern styles that many current homeowners love. Rounded dining tables and similarly circular coffee tables may merit consideration among homeowners who want to embrace popular trends.

Arches

Houzz cites arches among the more popular modern trends, and the experts at Better Homes & Gardens note this unique, eye-catching style has been gaining popularity for several years. Better Homes & Gardens suggests that part of the appeal of arched doorways could be their deviation from a more traditional door shape. That uniqueness draws the attention of residents and visitors alike, and Houzz notes that arched windows, cabinets and even millwork details are part of the pivot toward arches.

Stove alcoves

If it's a touch of history homeowners want, kitchen range alcoves might be just the project for them. Range alcoves call an earlier time to mind when wood burning stoves were commonplace. The report from Houzz notes range alcoves immediately draw attention, which undoubtedly adds to their appeal.

Wood for warmth

Homeowners who hear "wood and warmth" might think fireplaces, but Houzz reports that wood elements are being incorporated into interior designs as a means to giving homes a more cozy vibe. Ceiling beams, trim, wall paneling, and cabinetry are utilizing wood to add warmth to a home.

Trends come and go, but home trends typically have more staying power than styles that emerge in other arenas. Homeowners who want to upgrade their home interiors can consider the latest trends and choose those that align with their own personal tastes.



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The basics of basement conversion projects



The real estate market has been highly competitive in recent years, and home prices have remained high as a result. That reality has prompted some current homeowners who feel they have outgrown their homes to look for ways to increase the usable space in their existing properties. Basement conversions are one way to add more space. Homeowners mulling a basement conversion project can learn the basics of the project as they try to determine if such renovations are right for them.

• BASEMENT CONVERSION PROJECTS CAN BE COSTLY. Though the final cost of a conversion project can vary widely depending on the condition and accessibility of the existing space, estimates range from around $45,000 to as much as $150,000. The home renovation experts at Angi.com note that the average price for excavation is $37,000. Of course, homeowners who are simply hoping to repurpose an existing basement likely won't need to pay for excavation. Accessibility is another notable variable that can affect the final cost. If the current space is a crawl space, potentially costly structural changes may be necessary to ensure contractors and eventually residents can access the area. Basements that are already easily accessible won't require such expenditures.

• VENTILATION IS A MUST. Finished basements must be adequately ventilated so moisture can be controlled. Without sufficient ventilation, the damp conditions common in many basements can foster the growth of mold. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America notes that inhaled mold spores can trigger allergic reactions in some people, potentially leading to runny nose, postnasal drip, red and watery eyes, and itchy eyes, nose, ears, and mouth, among other symptoms. Waterproofing systems and adequate ventilation can prevent mold growth in a basement, and these should be integral components of the design.

• PERMITS ARE PART OF THE PROCESS. Basement conversions are considered major projects, and thus typically require homeowners and contractors to secure permits before any work is done. Permits may be necessary at various stages of the project. Homeowners who ignore laws regarding permits will have trouble selling their homes down the road, as it can be difficult if not impossible to secure a certificate of occupancy if renovations were made without securing the proper permits. In addition, securing necessary permits for each phase of the project can ensure final approval of the project. If permits are not secured along the way, local officials may insist work be redone to adhere to local laws, which can make the project even more costly.

• BASEMENT CONVERSIONS TAKE TIME. The time a project takes will depend on the condition of the space at the start of the project and various details unique to each conversion. However, various contractors indicate projects take about two to three months once they begin. That timeline does not include the pre-project process of finding a contractor, soliciting design plans or preparing the rest of the home for such a significant and lengthy undertaking.

Basement conversion projects can add significant square footage to a home. Recognition of what such projects entail can help homeowners decide if this is the best way for them to increase livable space in their homes.

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From routine maintenance to full replacements, fall is an ideal window for action. Consider inspecting your roof for missing or damaged shingles, clearing gutters and downspouts of debris, checking window and door seals for drafts, and assessing siding or trim for rot or cracks. Delaying repairs now can lead to leaks, ice dams, or costly interior damage once winter sets in.

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Together with its sister company, ABL Air Heating & Air Conditioning, The Fireplace Stop has earned a reputation for tackling challenging projects with professionalism and precision. From all types of fireplaces and premium barbecues to full-scale HVAC systems, their experienced team has you covered.

"If it contributes to your home's comfort, we're involved," Leonard adds.

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As industry technology continues to evolve, so does The Fireplace Stop's commitment to offering efficient, innovative, and affordable solutions that enhance your living space.



Andrew Leonard, Ron Rice, Cristina Ventresca and Andy Leonard make up The Fireplace Stop's dedicated sales team. (Contributed photo)

A TEAM LIKE FAMILY

The team at The Fireplace Stop operates like a close-knit family, many of whom have been with the company for decades.

Head installers Scott Leonard and Eric Newton lead an elite installation team, with Eric's brother, Daniel Newton, adding further expertise. Corey Hillier oversees service operations, while Richard "Tricky Ricky" McAnsh is renowned for handling the most complex jobs with ease. Mateusz Welna manages shipping and receiving while also supporting the install team, and Lucas Dowdle contributes to installs alongside talented co-op students Alexander Lord, Bobby Worth, and Aaron Hwang—each showing great promise in their careers.

Custom cabinetry is expertly handled by Glen Rueda, adding a distinctive finishing touch to many projects.

Sales are led by Andrew Leonard, working alongside seasoned professionals Ron Rice, Cristina Ventresca, and Andy Leonard himself. Kelsey Leonard heads administration, supported by Kevin Snell, Renee Noble, and Jennifer Russell. Jody Koerssen oversees the accounting department.

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FUN AND INNOVATIVE MODERN KITCHEN FEATURES



Kitchens are the hub of many homes. Perhaps due to their popularity as gathering spaces, kitchens are popular rooms to renovate to ensure they remain functional and attractive through the years.

Online resources such as Houzz and Fixr indicate kitchens are consistently ranked among the most popular rooms to renovate. In 2022, 42 percent of homeowners were motivated to remodel their kitchens, according to data from Statista. Homeowners looking to enhance the functionality and look of their kitchens can consider these fun and innovative features as they plan their renovations.



Concealed countertop appliances

The latest small appliances and gadgets can make easy work of preparing food, but these devices can add to kitchen clutter. A roll-down door "appliance garage" will conceal appliances kept on counters.

Cleverly placed storage

Additional storage also can give kitchens a cleaner look. Narrow, pull-out drawers can be nestled in between cabinets or appliances to make the most of tight spaces. These spots are perfect for utensils or spice containers.

Mixer lift

Baking enthusiasts will cheer if they don't have to lift a heavy stand mixer when preparing foods. A mixer lift is an innovative feature that enables homeowners to raise and lower the mixer from a dedicated cabinet any time it's needed.

Microwave drawer

A microwave drawer maximizes space and boasts a sleek design. Instead of installing a microwave above a stove, homeowners can enjoy a beautiful range hood.

Wine refrigerator

Available in a variety of sizes, wine refrigerators offer stylish storage for any wine lover's collection. A refrigerator can be installed into an island or lower cabinet and integrated into the rest of the kitchen.

Double ovens

Double ovens are built directly into cabinetry and offer convenience and a sleek, modern look. Two ovens can make entertaining crowds easier, and separating the ovens from the burners lets homeowners install a cooktop elsewhere in the kitchen, which can expand floorplan options.

Pot filler

A special faucet near the cooktop makes it much easier to fill heavy pasta pots. A pot filler can be quite handy for those who cook a lot and do not want to lug heavy pots from the sink to the stove.

Outfitting a modern kitchen during a renovation can involve some innovative features to enhance the space.

HOW TO SPOT A MOLD INFESTATION IN YOUR HOME

SOME OF THE WORK RELATED TO A HOME focuses on functionality, while other tasks might be all about aesthetic appeal. Potential health concerns related to a home also merit homeowners' attention. Mold is one such issue. Though it's impossible to pinpoint how much mold poses a health problem to a home's inhabitants, it's fair to suggest homeowners feel that no mold is ideal. Exposure to indoor mold can cause nasal and sinus congestion; eye irritation marked by itchy, red and watery eyes; wheezing and difficulty breathing; cough and other types of throat irritation; skin irritation, including rash; and headache.



The potentially harmful consequences of a mold infestation inside a home underscore how important it can be for homeowners to learn to identify when they have a mold issue at home.

Learn what mold looks like

Mold patches increase in size the longer an infestation goes unchecked, so it might be easier to stop an issue after it's been around awhile. Mold typically appears as fuzzy patches that may be discolored or even slimy.

Recognize that mold also can be malodorous

Mold produces a distinct musty smell that is often the first symptom people recognize when they have an infestation at home. If a musty smell is present in a room, try to follow it to its source. That may involve some trial and error, as mold can grow behind and even underneath surfaces, including carpets, wallpaper and cabinets. Mold also can grow behind walls, a situation that may necessitate working with a remediation professional.

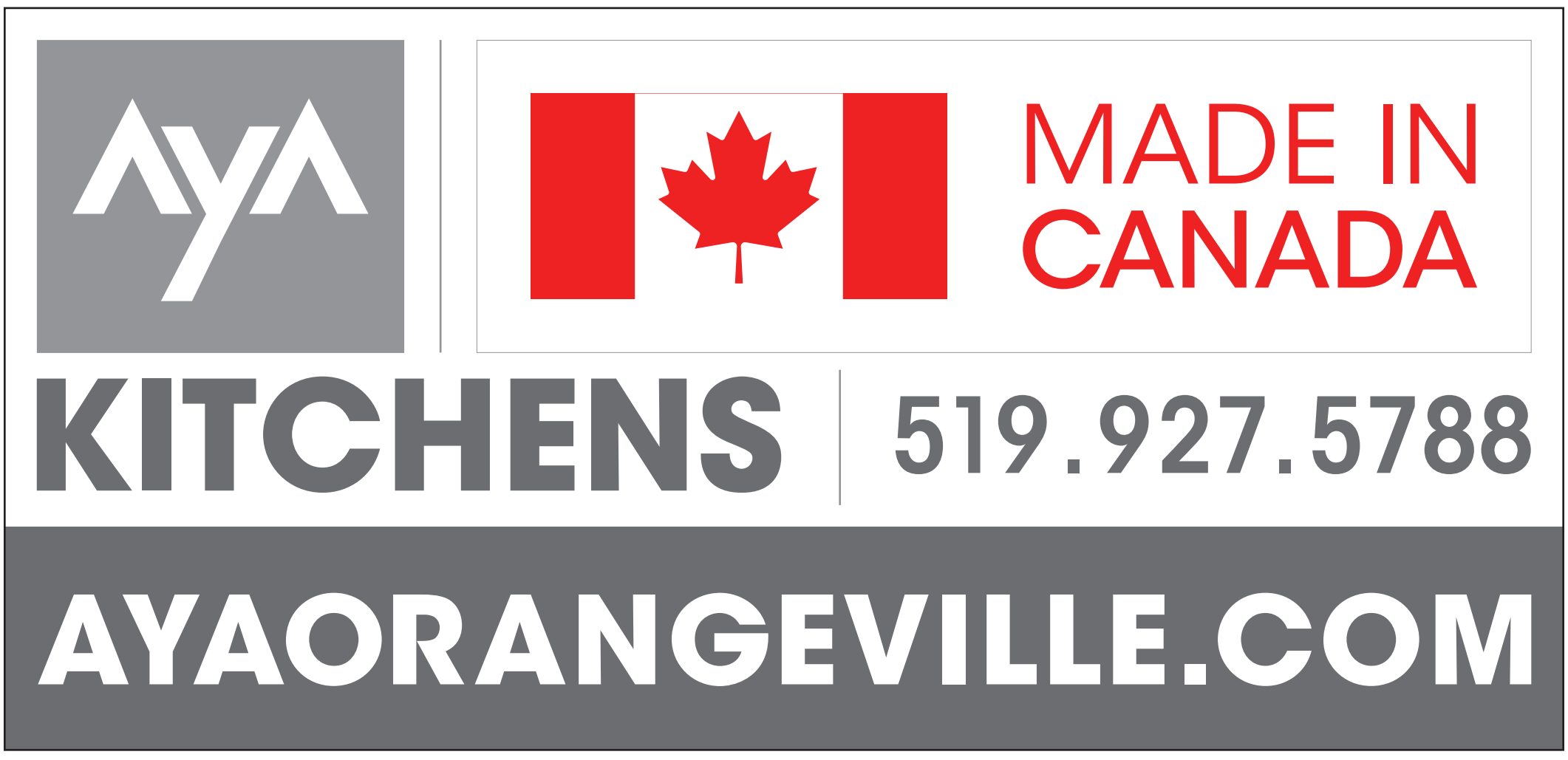
Know where to look

Though mold can grow anywhere in a home, certain areas in a home are more vulnerable to an infestation than others. Rooms affected by moisture are susceptible to mold growth. In bathrooms, mold may grow around sinks, shower stalls and curtains, and tiles. In kitchens, mold can grow on tiles and even on the seal around a refrigerator door. Mold also can grow on and around window air conditioner units.

Certain people may be more vulnerable to mold-related health problems than others. Such individuals include people with existing respiratory conditions and those with compromised immune systems. Homeowners can prioritize safeguarding their homes from mold infestations and, when necessary, work with remediation professionals to eliminate existing issues and reduce infestation risks going forward.



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Give your house a vintage modern mix

(NC) When it comes to perfecting the trending look of vintage modern décor, it's about striking the right balance between old and new.

Although gorgeous versions of this style can be found everywhere, it can be difficult to know where to start. Get ideas for your next project with these creative ways to fashion vintage-inspired décor from Sharon Grech, colour and design expert for Benjamin Moore.

ANTIQUE IT: Adding antiques or vintage furniture to your collection will warm up the clean, modern lines in contemporary design. "Buying vintage doesn't have to break the bank," Grech confirms. "Antique markets or garage sales are some of the best places to find older tables, cabinets or chairs. Once you've found your pieces, give them new life with a fresh coat of paint and new fabric if necessary."

You can create a weathered look with paint by sanding away any peeling or high gloss paint, and picking a colour that works well for antiquing, like whites and brights. Use waterborne interior alkyd paint and a high quality synthetic paint brush. Grech recommends ADVANCE® paint from Benjamin Moore, which is ideal for furniture projects because it is self-levelling and has a longer dry time, allowing you to achieve a high-end finish.

For the perfect weathered texture, allow paint to dry, and then sand some of it off using 80-grit sanding paper. Focus on the legs, drawers and edges. Don't worry about imperfections, which will make the furniture look like it aged naturally. For a finishing touch, update the hardware on cabinets or coffee tables — brass, nickel or rubbed bronze finishes will keep it classic.

FOCUS ON THE BRIGHT SIDE: Nothing says vintage like the right colour hues — but be careful not to go overboard. Grech recommends adorning the walls in Wythe Blue HC-143 or Fernwood Green 2145-40 to mix vintage exuberance with modern appeal. If you prefer neutral walls, add colour in with bright retro chairs, patterned rugs or art-deco inspired artwork.

ACCESSORIZE WITH VINTAGE GAME AND HOBBY PIECES: Use vintage pop art to bring the family together and to add to the theme. "Right now, it's all about 1950s inspired furniture and games. Record players, retro bikes and ping pong tables are great collectibles, but are also fantastic for entertaining," says Grech. "Old picture frames, light fixtures and antique jars, vases or bowls will also help add finishing touches to your room."

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Why it pays to create a mudroom in a home

HOMEOWNERS CONSIDERATIONS for room additions or space modifications generally involve rooms that will add value or function to a home. Mudrooms certainly fit that description, as they can add aesthetic appeal in more ways than one.

As the name implies, mudrooms are entire rooms or areas near entryways of homes where muddy shoes and other items can be stored. By having a set space for messy shoes and coats, homeowners do not need to worry about dirt and other debris being tracked throughout the home. Mudrooms also can provide a welcoming space for guests.

Homeowners who have adequate space to add an entirely new room may have no difficulty putting in a mudroom. A mudroom addition is a job best left to a professional. Ideally, this new mudroom can be adjacent to an entry by the garage, or a side or back door. The footprint of the mudroom needn't be too large, either. All it requires is a small amount of space to place a bench, coat hooks and shoe storage.

According to This Old House, homeowners also can convert a porch, create a mudroom by expanding into an adjacent room or closet, or even repurpose space in an attached garage. U.S. News and World Report indicates that a well planned and executed mudroom has the potential to increase a home's value. Depending on the scope of the work, the average cost of a mudroom project ranges from $2,500 for a simple porch conversion to $30,000 when a new foundation is needed and the build-out is extensive.

Budget-conscious homeowners can create a mudroom in an existing foyer or another entryway. Adequate storage is essential for any mudroom, and should include coat racks, hooks, a bench to facilitate removing shoes safely, shoe storage, and additional considerations, like shopping bag storage or umbrella holders. Creating a door from the outside into an existing laundry room can enable homeowners to use the space as both a mudroom and laundry area with minimal changes necessary.

There are some extra considerations for mudrooms that homeowners should think about. The flooring, walls and furniture/storage used in the mudroom should be durable and easily cleaned. As wet and dirty shoes and clothing will be in the space, it's essential to make clean-up a breeze. Look for nonslip flooring so entering the mudroom safely is not an issue.

Although a mudroom is a utilitarian space, creature comforts can be added to integrate the space with the rest of the home. Cover a storage bench with indoor-outdoor fabric that coordinates to the colors used in a home. Add some decorative drawer pulls and cabinet hardware to elevate the space. Washable throw rugs also can add some design appeal to the room.



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HOW IS MUNICIPAL WATER TREATMENT REGULATED?

The water treatment process is guided by regulations that set safety standards for drinking water quality.

In Canada, Health Canada provides the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, which serve as the basis for enforceable standards set by individual provinces and territories.

While these guidelines are designed to provide safe drinking water, there are important limitations to keep in mind:

PRIVATE WELLS ARE NOT REGULATED: Health Canada does not directly regulate private well water. Well owners are responsible for testing and maintaining their own water quality.

WATER QUALITY CAN CHANGE AFTER TREATMENT: Even if water meets regulatory standards at the treatment plant, it may accumulate new contaminants as it travels through aging pipes or household plumbing. For example, lead can leach into drinking water from older service lines or plumbing fixtures.

EMERGING CONTAMINANTS MAY NOT BE COVERED: Some substances, including certain pharmaceuticals, PFAS chemicals and disinfection by-products, are still undergoing scientific review or have limited or not-yet-implemented regulation. While Health Canada and the EPA have proposed new rules for PFAS maximum contaminant levels, it will take years for these to become fully enforceable across all water supplies.

AESTHETIC CONCERNS AREN'T ALWAYS REGULATED: Issues like taste, odor and discoloration are often categorized under secondary water quality standards, which are not legally enforceable but may still impact the household and drinking experience.

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Caledon Fire Place changed ownership in 2021 and the new owners have enjoyed serving the community for the past four years.



For those looking to elevate their home's ambiance or extend their outdoor entertaining season, Caledon Fireplace is more than a store—it's a destination. With over three decades of expertise and a passion for fire, they continue to light the way in home and garden maintenance.

THE BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

HOMES are undoubtedly a point of pride for millions of homeowners, and that sense of fulfillment is even greater when interiors are up-to-date and welcoming. Home trends come and go, and busy homeowners can be forgiven if they're not able to keep up with the latest interior design styles. That's the job of a skilled interior designer. Working with such professionals when redoing a home's interior can make all the difference and increase the already profound sense of pride many homeowners have in their homes.

• INTERIOR DESIGNERS CAN HELP NARROW DOWN THE POSSIBILITIES. A simple internet search prior to beginning a home renovation project will turn up millions of results. That can leave homeowners' heads spinning as they try to identify their own style and plan a project that coordinates with their preferences. Experienced interior designers can help homeowners identify their style and offer practical insight as they work with clients to choose elements to incorporate into spaces they aspire to renovate.



• INTERIOR DESIGNERS CAN ENSURE A ROOM DOESN'T STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB. Just because a design looks good on the internet does not mean it will work well in every home, particularly if only one room is being renovated. Interior designers recognize that and can steer homeowners in the direction of designs that will fit the larger theme of the home while still offering a fresh look and feel.

• INTERIOR DESIGNERS CAN SAVE HOMEOWNERS MONEY AND HEADACHES. Renovation projects can be pricey, and that price tag only goes up when mistakes are made. Interior designers advise clients on furnishings and other design components, and that advice can save homeowners money in the long run. Furnishings may be returnable, but such returns typically come with sizable fees. By directing clients toward furnishings and other components that fit the overall design scheme, interior designers are saving homeowners the cost and headaches associated with fixable yet expensive mistakes.

• INTERIOR DESIGNS ARE UP-TO-DATE ON THE LATEST TRENDS. Real estate and design trends come and go, and dated designs can adversely affect what homeowners recoup at resale. Homeowners who want to update their home interiors with the ultimate goal of selling their homes can work with experienced interior designers who know which trends are in and which are out. That knowledge can make it easier and more lucrative to sell a home.

Homes are a significant investment, and investing in the services of an experienced interior designer can ensure homeowners maximize the value of their homes.



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Cedarport's showroom is located inside the Mono Plaza on Highway 10 in Unit A8 and is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday until 4:00 p.m. "If our operating hours don't work with your schedule, give us a call, and we will work with you," said Patterson.

"Cedarport has been at the Mono Plaza for a while now. Our showroom has expanded a few times over the years and we just moved to the front of the building. We are really proud of our new bright and welcoming showroom. It has the most extensive window and door display in the Orangeville area. We have found that the showroom assists our customers in making choices that can really change and modernize the exterior and interior look of their home and most importantly, provides them with excellent quality energy efficient solutions," said Patterson.

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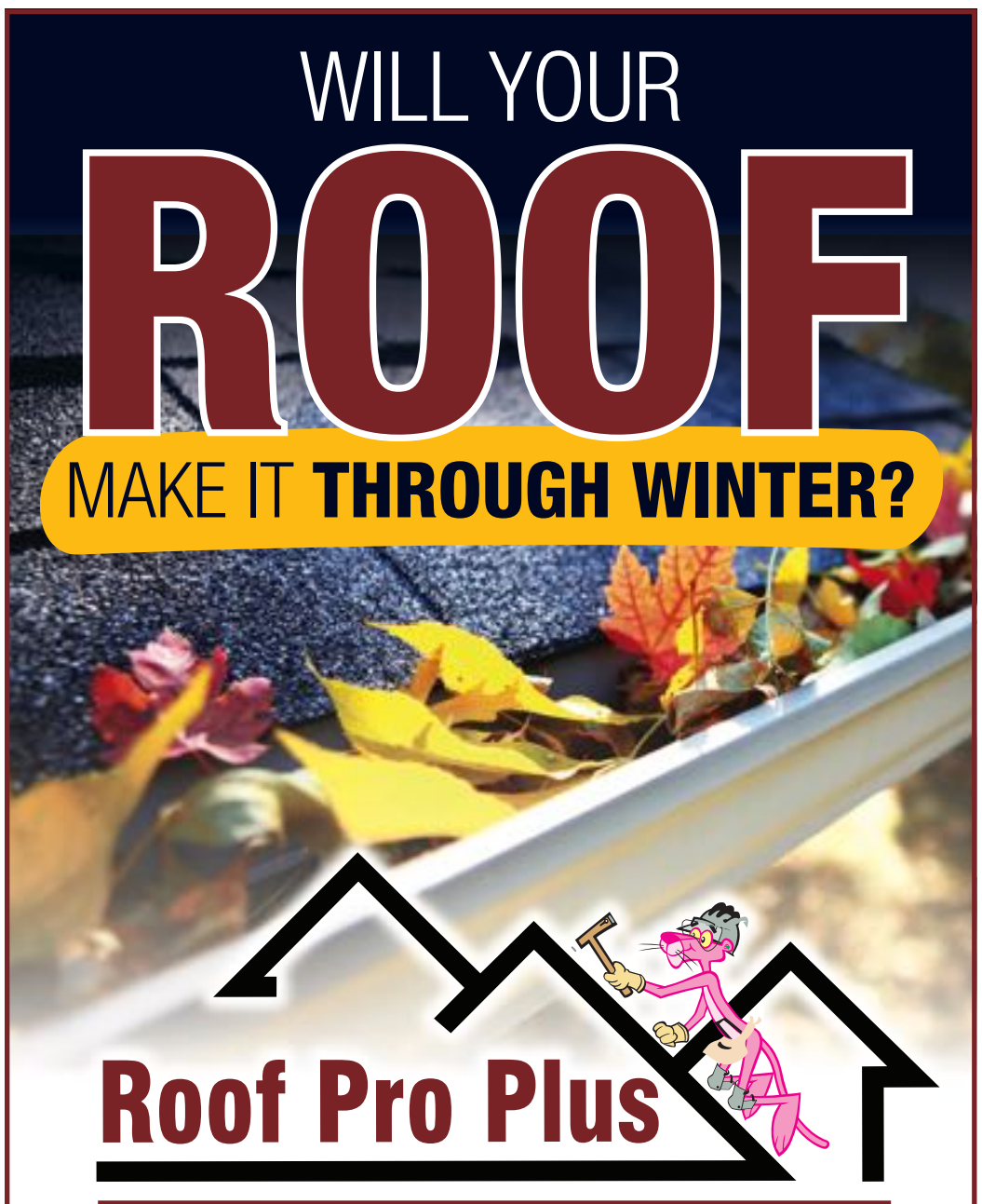
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SIDING MATERIALS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR HOME

Exterior renovations consistently top the list of projects that offer maximum return on investment, according to Remodeling magazine's annual "Cost vs. Value Report." Siding replacement is a popular exterior renovation and one that can completely transform the look of a home.

Siding comes in a variety of materials, and homeowners can explore the pros, cons and affordability of each to make the most informed decision when replacing their existing siding. Factors to consider apart from price include durability, maintenance and aesthetics.

VINYL

Vinyl siding is one the most popular siding materials in North America. That popularity is perhaps due to the relatively low cost of vinyl siding replacement, which Forbes Home estimates is between $6,150 and $15,900 to install for a 2,000-square-foot home. A wide array of color options as well as weatherproof protection makes vinyl siding worthy of consideration.

PVC, which is what vinyl siding is comprised of, also is quite fire-resistant. Potential pitfalls of vinyl are that it can fade more quickly than other siding materials and is sensitive to excess UV exposure.

ENGINEERED

Engineered materials cost more than vinyl but are considered very durable. They can be advantageous in damp climates or ones where insects are problematic. LP SmartSide™ is a type of engineered hardwood that is very durable, so much so that a 50-year warranty often is offered for the product, according to First American Roofing & Siding. This material can be painted if homeowners desire a change of color down the line. This siding costs around $2.50 to $4.50 per square foot for siding and all trim accessories with an additional installation cost of $5.50 to $12.00 per square foot. The product is made of wooden strands that have been coated with wax for moisture resistance. A special zinc-based solution is added to protect against rot and insect infestation.



A similar product, HardiePlank™, is engineered from a blend of cement, wood fibers, fine sand, and water. It is similar in price point to the SmartSide and offers resistance to rot and insects. HardiePlank also can be repainted.

Engineered products can be more expensive to install and generally are not DIY renovations, which may deter homeowners working on tight budgets.

WOOD SIDING

Wood is one of the oldest siding materials. It can be stained or painted and comes in a variety of styles, from boards to shingles. It's a popular choice in historical homes or ones with classic, architectural details.

It's important to note that wood is a combustible material that can be susceptible to water and insect damage. It also needs to be maintained continuously to look its best. This makes wood siding a true commitment on the part of homeowners. The cost is mid-range between vinyl and engineered sidings.

METAL

Those interested in one of the most energy efficient options in siding can look no further than metal siding. Metal isn't just for roofing. According to Colonial Contracting, Inc., metal siding creates a uniquely modern appearance and comes in a variety of styles that complement homes.

Unlike fiber, wood or vinyl products, metal siding reflects the sun's rays and keeps interior temperatures cooler in the summer, a boon in hot climates but maybe not the most insulating option for cold climates. One potential pitfall is the possibility of rust, which would make metal siding a less ideal choice for those who live near the ocean. The cost of metal siding is comparable to other siding products, at around $10 per square foot.

These are a few of the siding options homeowners can investigate if they're revamping the exteriors of their homes.



Signs it's time to replace gutters

HOME IMPROVEMENT projects run the gamut from complex undertakings like room additions to simpler renovations like a new front door. Some home renovations excite homeowners more than others, but all improvements are a way to make a home safer, more comfortable and/or more functional.

A gutter replacement might not inspire the same level of excitement as a room addition or an overhaul of an outdoor living space, but new gutters can help to prevent roof damage and make properties safer by ensuring rain water is directed away from walkways. Homeowners who suspect it might be time for a gutter replacement can look for these signs of fading gutters.

Cracks or splits

Cracks or splits at the seams of the gutters where two pieces connect is a telltale sign they need to be replaced. Cracks or splits are can slowly lead to separation of gutter pieces, which will lead to leaks. But not all cracks or splits are found at the seams. In fact, some homes feature seamless gutters, which also can crack or split. Regardless of where they're found, cracks or splits are a warning signs of fading gutters.

Rust

Rust is rarely a good sign whether you're looking at a vehicle or even garden tools. Rust also is a bad sign in relation to gutters. Gutters are painted, and not only for aesthetic purposes. Paint on gutter also serves to protect them from water. When paint begins to flake, gutters will begin to rust and may even produce noticeable rust flakes on the ground below. Rust on gutters and rust flakes beneath them are indicative of gutters that need to be replaced.

Gutter pulling away from the home

Gutters that appear to be pulling away from the home is a sign that they need to be replaced. Gutters are fastened to a home during installation, which ensures they can withstand rain and water. Over time, those fasteners can wear down, ultimately leading to gutters that appear to be pulling away from the home. Though gutters can be refastened, eventually they will need to be replaced.

Pooling water

Pooling water in a gutter may just be a sign that gutters need to be cleaned. However, pooling water on the ground directly beneath gutters indicates they're not effectively directing water away from the home.

Water damage inside

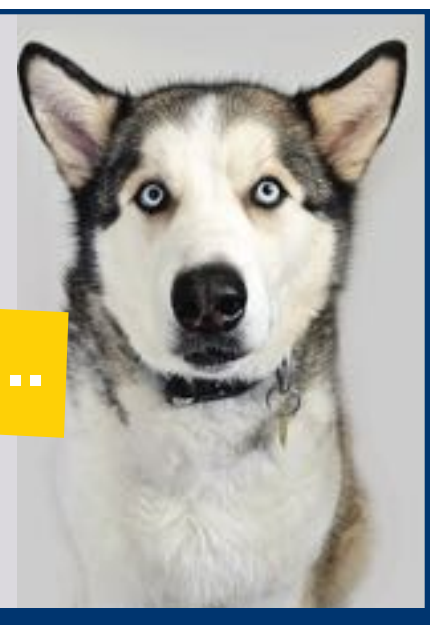
A home's interior might not be the first place homeowners look when inspecting for damaged gutters, but a flooded basement or crawl space could indicate a gutter problem. Gutters and downspouts are designed to direct water away from a home when functioning properly. When that isn't happening, water can pool beneath the foundation, leading to pooling water and other water damage in basements and crawl spaces.

Gutter replacement projects may not be exciting, but new gutters can make a home safer and prolong the life of a roof and other features on a propert



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Community Living Dufferin holds inaugural fundraiser, featuring Campfire Poets



Deputy Premier and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones speaks to guests and praises the remarkable commitment that CLD has for it's community.
JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Community Living Dufferin (CLD) held an inaugural fundraiser over the weekend, bringing together residents, local businesses, and volunteers to support people with developmental disabilities in the community.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the CLD building in East Garafraxa came alive with music, games, food, and art as people from all walks of life gathered to take part in the "Community for Community Living Fundraiser."

CLD executive director Diane Kite said the day was a major success for fundraising.

"We did very well, we raised approximately $2,800 on the sale of our baked goods from our shop and the food that was served," she said. "While we're still in the throes of doing our silent auction, and there's still donations coming, I think we're going to raise approximately $10,000 from our fundraiser."

The event featured activities for people from all walks of life. Kids could enjoy a game room with board games and a face-painting station, while adults were able to browse local art and baked goods, with every dollar going back into CLD. Live music by The Campfire Poets filled the courtyard throughout the afternoon.

Local politicians also attended to show support, including Deputy Premier and MPP for Dufferin–Caledon Sylvia Jones, who praised CLD's ongoing community impact.

"Community Living Dufferin has done an incredible job leveraging partnerships, working together with organizations that already are thriving in Dufferin County, and making sure that opportunities are available for everyone in the community," Jones said. "To the 150-plus individuals who call Community Living Dufferin home, I hope that you continue to find enrichment, opportunities, employment working with CLD, and I know that our community is behind you."

Following Jones' remarks, Michael Parsa, Ontario's Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, addressed the crowd, thanking Kite and her team.

"Diane, I really want to thank you for your leadership, and I want to thank the entire team here," he said. "It's partnership, it's collaboration, it's all of us coming together to improve the lives of every single person that lives in our communities. I can tell you what the work that we're doing as a government is, but all of that takes a backseat to the work that you do on the ground."

Parsa added that the provincial government remains committed to serving everyone in the province.

"We're working together to make sure that supports and services are flexible, that they can adapt over an individual's lifetime. That's our goal and our vision … that no one in our province is left behind. That's a commitment that we've made as a government," said Parsa.

After the speeches concluded, Kite spoke about how the event represented the collaboration and community spirit that keep Dufferin County, and CLD, going strong.

Kite said the fundraiser would not have been possible without the support of local sponsors and partners, who have a long history of cooperation with CLD.

"Our sponsors were local businesses throughout Dufferin County, and of course the local food bank that we also raised funds for, they donate food back to CLD as well to help support our people," she said. "The one thing I can say about Dufferin County is that the organizations are so incredibly collaborative and open to helping one another."

"It's a fantastic area to be a part of, and just the leadership across Dufferin County is absolutely incredible."

Despite the strong community support, Kite said one persistent challenge remains – adequate funding.

"Funding is always, certainly a big challenge, the developmental service sector is an underfunded sector, and there needs to be more funding to sustain what we currently have," she said. "In order for us to grow and meet the growing need for the individuals who currently are not accessing our services, funding is absolutely the number one challenge that we have."

Even so, Kite said the CLD team continues to meet challenges head-on, crediting their dedication and passion for making a difference. She encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to reach out.

"There is exceptional work being done every single day for the men and women with intellectual disabilities that we support across Dufferin County," she said. "Any support is welcome, is needed, and CLD will continue to provide the highest quality of care. I'm exceptionally proud of the work that we do, the incredible employees that we have at CLD, and that it is because of the incredible men and women that we support, who inspire us every single day to do the work that we do. They are our motivation."

With their first annual fundraiser finding success, CLD plans to continue the event next year – and for hopefully many more to come – to build a stronger, more inclusive community.

For more information about CLD's services, visit communitylivingdufferin.ca. To participate in CLD's ongoing silent auction, visit the Community Living Dufferin Facebook page.



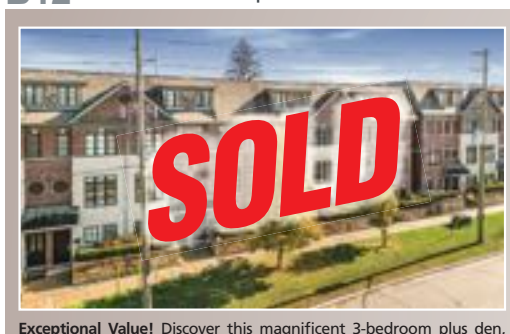
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SPORTS

King edges Caledon 3-2 to kibosh Admirals' four-game winning streak

Jack Fang scores game-winner in 5-4 win over the Junior Sabres in Buffalo

BY JIM STEWART



Caledon's Jack Fang (9), shown here versus King on Thursday, scored the game-winning goal to sink the Junior Sabres in Buffalo on Saturday.
PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals split a pair of challenging contests against two Top Ten OJHL teams on Thursday and Saturday: the 9th-ranked King Rebellion and the eighth-ranked Buffalo Junior Sabres.

On Thursday night, the Rebellion fired three power play goals to edge the Admirals 3-2 at the Mayfield Recreation Complex and snapped Caledon's four-game heater.

King forward Owen Bruining fired the game-winner at 6:41 of the third period with Caledon's Xavier Rowe in the sin bin for roughing. Bruining one-timed a deft pass from Jared McNeil behind Caledon goaltender James Meredith for his fifth of the season. It was McNeil's third power play point of the night.

The Rebellion opened the scoring on the power play with 1:49 left in a chippy first period.

Lachland Larmond finished a pass from King leading scorer Ryan Fairbairn by firing the puck past Meredith. It was the only shot to elude Meredith in the opening frame who stopped 15 of 16.

The Admirals started the second period on the power play with 1:12 of Antonio Cerqua's tripping penalty remaining on the clock. Caledon's leading goal scorer, Deacon King, snapped a shot past Rebellion goaltender Noah Mavin from the left circle, but it banged off the crossbar fifty-two seconds into the middle frame.

Seven minutes later, the Admirals—winners of their last four games – got on the scoreboard. After Marcello Santiago's blast from the point was stopped by Mavin, Rowe buried a juicy rebound from the left circle to knot the contest 1-1.

However, a bench penalty to Caledon at 11:47 for too many men on the ice proved costly.

In what would be a recurrent motif, King restored its lead on the power play. Five seconds into its man-advantage, McNeil snapped home a rebound off the left edge of the crease after Meredith lost control of the puck. King power play quarterback Fairbairn earned his ninth assist of the season on McNeil's go-ahead marker.

The plucky Admirals tied it 2-2 out of a pileup in front of the King net.

Caledon forwards got multiple whacks at the puck. After King and Clarence Allain were foiled by Mavin, Jack Fang was rewarded for his persistence when he chipped one over the sprawled King netminder.

Fang described his fourth of the season that earned assists for King and Allain: "It was a total line effort. We had guys deep in the zone and probably had five shots on net. It was lucky bounce on to my stick, but a greaser is a greaser and we needed the goal."

During the goalmouth scramble that yielded Caledon its greasy tying goal, King defenseman Ryan Castle was assessed a spearing major and a game misconduct and provided the Admirals with a five-minute power play.

Despite the home side's gift-wrapped opportunity, Mavin stood firm in the King cage as his team's best penalty killer and repelled the Admirals' numerous scoring efforts. The acrobatic King goaltender was the difference down the stretch, blocking 21 of 23 shots in the second period and all 16 in the final frame. All in all, Mavin turned in a stellar 50-save performance to earn the W.

Fang, whose flashy second period end-to-end rush was foiled by Mavin, discussed the difference in the game: "We got pucks on the net. It came down to special teams. We couldn't get the lucky bounces on the power play."

Fang's observation was, indeed, astute. The King power play went 3 for 7 while Caledon failed to capitalize on its six opportunities with the man-advantage.

Although the second-year Admiral was disappointed by the end of his team's four-game winning streak, he maintained that this version of Caledon's Junior A team is much different than last year's club: "We don't back down from challenges and look forward to playing the strong teams in the league."

"We've learned our new systems and it's paying off. We've already embraced a new identity. With a fresh start to this season and all of us getting a year older, and with the addition of some really good new players, we can compete with anybody in the league."

Fang's words rang true 48 hours later when the Admirals rebounded immediately from the loss to King and edged the Junior Sabres 5-4 in Buffalo on Saturday night. Fang delivered the game-winning goal on the power play at 14:58 of the third period to put the Admirals up 5-3.

The Admirals flipped the script from Thursday night's game versus the Rebellion and took advantage of Buffalo's infractions. Caledon subdued the Sabres by firing three power play goals, including Clarence Allain's marker at 5:56 of the first period to open the scoring and Nolan Keeler's extra-man tally at 3:20 of the third period to knot the contest at 3-3.

Four minutes later, Deacon King scored his ninth of the season at even strength—with a helper from Allain—to put the Admirals up 4-3 and set the stage for Fang's GWG.

With the win in Buffalo against their divisional rival, Caledon moved into sixth place in the West Division with a 5-3-1-2 record and a .591 winning percentage.

The Admirals host the Toronto Patriots (9-3-0-0) on Thursday, October 9. Puck drop at the Mayfield Recreation Complex is 7:30 p.m.

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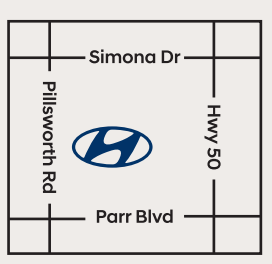
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Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club celebrates Bruce Trail Day for family and friends

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Luke and Logan build their own birdbox, with a bit of help. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club held a free event this past weekend to celebrate Bruce Trail Day, featuring an array of events and activities.

Participants could enjoy guided hikes, family nature hunts, the "Birds of Prey Show", and more.

Elizabeth Staite, Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Day Coordinator, says that the day kicked off with a great start, with multiple families showing up for the first nature hunt of the day.

The event that day was all about sharing and connectivity, and Staite shared that they want people to become members of the Bruce Trail and "want people to enjoy nature with us."

Another big draw for all involved was the chance to build your own bird box.

The boxes will then be placed along the trail for birds to come and visit.

Even young children, with a little bit of help, were able to craft their own boxes and sign their names on the side to visit in the future.

John Kirby McCuaig, with his Rovers and Scouts, continues to add new bird boxes throughout the season and takes on the task of cleaning them out to allow for future use.

As the location for the event was previously Goodyear Scout Camp, Scouts were in attendance, helping with various activities and even hosting a campfire, complete with marshmallows.

McCuaig shares that they have been doing these boxes for the past 10 years. He says the day was a great example of the longstanding partnership between Scouts and the Bruce Trail.

Numerous activities were being held throughout the day, including Citizen Scientists.

Lauren Moule, a volunteer for the past year with the Bruce Trail, was running the Citizen Scientists booth.

Activities such as puzzles, matching games, and books were arranged to engage children in nature.

She shared that watching those complete the activities as a family was an excellent way for them to learn about nature together.

Gary Hall, a volunteer with the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club, was educating attendees on the various types of butterflies they might encounter while walking the trails.

Ben and Melinda brought their two children, Pascal and Keira, to the event.

They shared that they're an active family, constantly taking in hikes in the local area.

With this event, they shared it's nice to do something together as a community, as hiking can often be a solitary activity.

Everyone is encouraged to join the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club and check out all that it has to offer for themselves.

Kala's Wings Softball Tournament raises awareness and funds for suicide prevention

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The annual Kala's Wings Softball Tournament took place at Rotary Park and other local ball diamonds in Orangeville on Saturday, Oct. 4, and Sun. Oct. 5, to bring awareness to suicide prevention and raise money for a good cause.

The tournament's namesake, Kala, was a 26-year-old Orangeville woman with two children. She died by suicide in 2018.

Her parents, Don and Colleen Menard, started the tournament in her memory to raise funds for charitable causes and raise awareness about suicide.

Suicide is often considered a taboo subject that many people don't want to talk about.

"This is our fourth year doing this, we had a break during COVID," Don explained. "Our daughter passed away from suicide and we do this in her honour, and we're trying to help others by doing this. Our main goal is to raise awareness that mental health is real and it's something people need to talk about. This year we're raising money for the Men's Outreach Orangeville."

This year, the tournament had 24 teams playing over the two days, with a round-robin style of play on Saturday and elimination games on Sunday.

"Teams are guaranteed four games," Don explained. "We're playing on four diamonds. We're playing at Rotary Park, Idlewild, and Princess of Wales Park. We have the Taphouse helping out with beer, and we have beverages and food."

Over 300 players took part in the tournament. To keep things moving, games were limited to 45 minutes each.

Funds raised will go to help Men's Outreach Orangeville, which is a group that meets at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Orangeville.

"It's a support group, we meet once a week from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.," explained group organizer Paul Trickett. "We get anywhere from six to 10 guys out, some are regulars. We usually start out by asking 'How was your week?' We go around the table, and most times we have a topic dealing with things like relationships, anxiety, and stress. We have an open dialogue. Men in general, internalize and keep things in until it's too late. We have an open forum to talk about your feelings, or you can just stay and listen."

The tournament was a success, and the weather cooperated to make for great playing conditions for the final time on the diamond this season.



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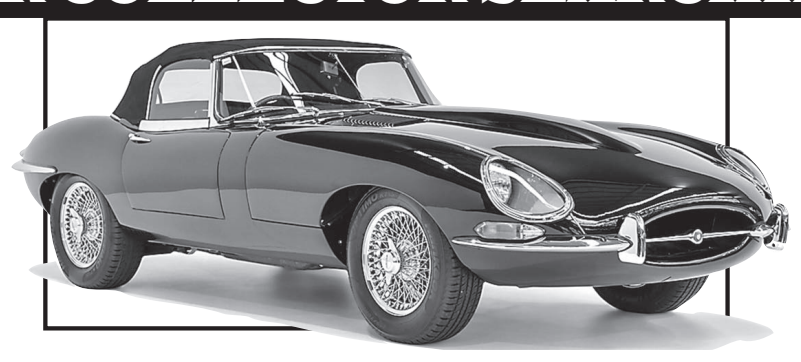
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She is predeceased by her beloved husband of 72 years, Arthur, daughter Carol (Peter Sulkye) and son Michael. Loving mother of daughters Gabriele (Robert Matchett), Belinda (Dale Moore) and devoted grandmother (Oma) of 8 and great-grandmother of 12.

Never one to live on the sidelines, she embraced adventure and challenge from an early age, immigrating to Canada as a new bride at the age of 21. After moving from the big city of Toronto to the small town of Orangeville, with determination and perseverance, she and Arthur overcame many challenges, growing the company they started in their garage to a thriving manufacturing business that is still in operation today. While Arthur managed the business at home, Gabriele was able to indulge her passion for travel, not only with her "sidekick" Christine, but also with family and friends, both new and old.

Oma to many, she had a gift for making everyone feel welcome. Her strong will and lively spirit were matched only by her kindness, generosity and open hospitality. No one dropped by 80 Townline without the offer of joining for a meal, coffee or a bottle of good German beer.

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A memorial service will be held on Saturday October 18th, 3:00 pm at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 389 Blind Line, Orangeville, L9W 4X1. Friends and family are invited to come share stories, laughter, and love in honor of a life well-lived.

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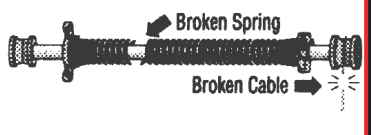
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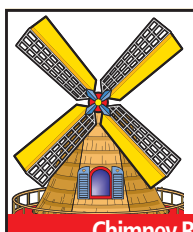
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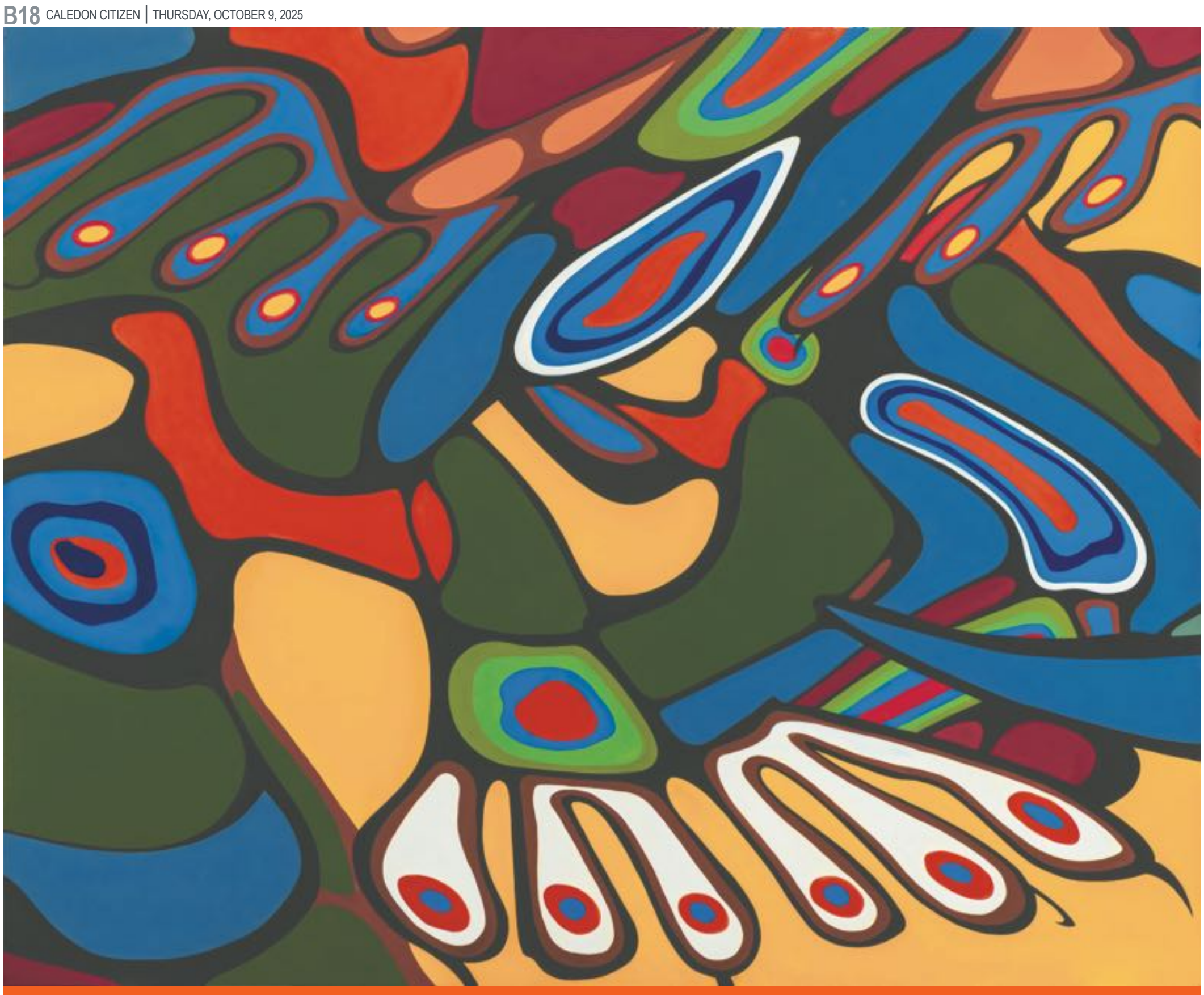
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