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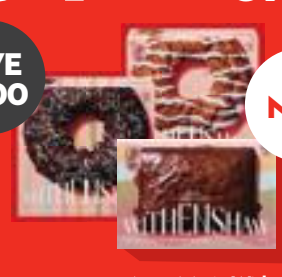
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SPOOKY SEASON AT THE FAIRGROUNDS – The Caledon Agricultural Society's Fairgrounds was a pre-Halloween destination this past weekend as they joined forces with the Caledon Village Association to host a festive event to raise money to build a new community centre serving the area. This display was one of many that kept attendees enthralled. For more, see Page A7. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

Integrity Commissioner's plan to file police complaint against Councillor sparks conversation

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An email exchange posted to the Town of Caledon's October 28 Council Meeting agenda revealed that Caledon's Integrity Commissioner David Boghosian plans to file a formal complaint with Peel Regional Police against Councillor Dave Sheen for alleged "threats" he describes as "extortion."

On September 18, Sheen submitted two complaints to the Integrity Commissioner (IC) regarding comments made by Mayor Annette Groves in a letter she wrote to the Caledon Citizen (Report 25-004), as well as remarks attributed to Groves in a Caledon Enterprise article (Report 25-003).

The comments made in a letter Groves wrote to the Caledon Citizen are as follows, "Town Council directed staff to prepare the budget for early approval."

Sheen argued that "the Mayor continues to publicly frame key actions as being taken by Council. This pattern appears designed to avoid transparency regarding her use of strong mayor powers."

Boghosian stated that the "Mayor's misstatement regarding who directed staff to prepare the 2026 budget was technical and minor in nature."

In the report regarding comments made in an interview with the Caledon Enterprise included comments such as "I gave them an earful on this... This can never happen again."

Sheen stated that "the Mayor's remarks appear to constitute public criticism of Town staff in a manner that may impugn their professional competence and credibility. "

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AND THEY'RE OFF! – Halloween fun got started early over the weekend as the Bolton Rotary Club hosted their annual Haunted Hill Walk and Run, benefitng the local community. For more on this year's record-breaking event, see Page A6. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

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CCRSA reflects on a year of Action and Awareness in Caledon and community

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(Left to Right) Hunar Kahlon, Ward 2, Kate Hepworth, Ward 1, and CCRSA members Carmela Anzelmo-Palkowski, Franca Pisani, and Amanda Corbett holding Remembrance Day donuts donated by Coffee Time for the meeting. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

A year after its inception, the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy (CCRSA) group held a public meeting to discuss its current initiatives, where it's been, and where it's going.

The CCRSA is a not-for-profit organization that advocates for significantly improving road safety in Caledon and surrounding areas by addressing a range of critical issues.

The group, led by Franca Pisani, Carmela Anzelmo-Palkowski, and Amanda Corbett, was created after the September 10, 2024 collision at the intersection of Coleraine Drive and King Street West in Bolton that tragically took the life of 23-year-old Bolton woman Adrianna McCauley.

"The Town reacted with anger and hurt, and so I reached out, and the response was incredible," said Pisani at that evening's at CCRSA's public meeting. "People that have known Pia [Adrianna's mother] hurt, and they wanted this to stop. We've just been snowballing from there, and Pia's been very engaged in everything, and we hope to, in Adrianna's name, at least do something."

"We're getting everybody involved. Everybody's finally starting to open their eyes."

At the meeting that night were residents and representatives from every ward across Caledon, something the CCRSA says demonstrates that these issues are occurring across the Town.

There was also staff from the Town of Caledon with informational boards showing the potential east-west connector roads through the south end of Caledon.

CCRSA shared many initiatives that they have been working on for the past year to advocate for better road safety.

They have had various meetings with the Ontario Trucking Association, which will now launch a Caledon-specific campaign.

They have also held various protests around Caledon on road safety issues, including calls for better training and licensing, as well as against illegal truck yards.

CCRSA has participated in numerous conversations with various organizations and levels of government to continue advocating and spreading the word about the necessary changes they hope to see.

They are currently working with eco-Caledon to make headway on the environmental side of illegal truck yards.

"We believe that these truck yards are contaminating the waterways, drinking water, and it's going right into the Humber and the Credit River," says Pisani.

They have also been working with the OPP to develop a road safety presentation they intend to deliver to Caledon secondary schools to teach students about road safety.

This will include their driving simulator.

This simulator, which CCRSA brings to local events, gives users a firsthand experience not only of what it is like to drive a truck on the roads, but also of what it is like to drive next to one, as well as around snow plows and in various conditions.

Palkowski says they intend to get as many people as possible to see for themselves whether they're as safe a driver as they think they are.

The simulator will also give users an idea of how long it takes a truck to slow down and stop, as well as give new drivers a firsthand experience of the dangers of impaired driving (alcohol and drugs), distracted driving, and speeding.

They also plan to have insurance brokers on hand at these presentations to explain how poor driving habits can affect insurance rates and even make it difficult to get insured.

They hope to see this program come into Caledon schools soon.

In the meantime, they will continue to bring the simulator to events and festivals across Caledon to show users what can happen in just a matter of seconds while driving.

The three, sitting down after the meeting, shared how inspiring it was to see the community come out that night.

"We wanted to tell people that it's not about sitting behind your computer, that's not what the page is about," said Palkowski. "The page is about a bigger picture of a not for profit that we have to take action now. Let's come together with solutions and let's figure out how to fix this as residents."

Their group page on Facebook has accumulated more than three thousand members.

The three agreed that the residents in Caledon are extremely special, and through working in other communities facing similar issues, they realized how involved Caledon is.

Corbett added that they really notice a difference, and other places "don't have as much of a sense of community as there is in Caledon."

She said not only is the night about reflecting on their work ahead, but also being proud of what they've been able to accomplish.

One thing they did take the time to reflect on is the work they do together.

"It's three women who didn't know each other before, and worked together so well," said Corbett.

"If you have that dynamic, and we've been able to find it, it's not common to find people that you click with so well," says Palkowski. "We have each other's backs."

"I don't think I could have found two better people in Caledon to work with in all this, and now I feel like we're getting there. We have to push a little bit harder," added Pisani.

"These are our roads. Our kids are on our roads. We're on the roads. Our families, our friends. We don't accept it. We want change," said Palkowski.

"That's why we keep going."







Renewed Hope Caledon Ambassador Carmela Anzelmo-Palkowski and Renewed Hope's Margarita ensure the racks of clothes are ready for community members inside the Relief Vehicle.
PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Renewed Hope charity comes to Caledon

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Renewed Hope Caledon held its first-ever clothing donation event this past week, inviting community members not only to donate winter clothes but also to take what they needed from the available resources.

Renewed Hope, a volunteer-run nationwide charity and nonprofit, works to deliver essential services, support, and resources to communities in need.

Now, they've come to Caledon.

"People make the difference, and people that care make a huge difference," said Tim, with Renewed Hope, at the outreach event.

They have been doing volunteer charity work for decades, and Tim says that 100% of the donations go to their mission.

They have various initiatives, including meals, shelter, necessities, counselling and recovery, lunch box rescue programs, and more.

The Caledon outreach initiative featured Renewed Hope's Relief Vehicle Van, inviting people inside to pick out what they needed.

It's not just the vans; they also have Relief Vehicle aircrafts.

They aim to have a "fleet of relief vehicles," which will include: Relief Vans for food delivery, pastoral visits, and hygiene outreach, Relief Trucks for mobile medical clinics, mental health counselling, and shelter, and Relief Planes to reach isolated regions and deliver emergency aid where roads can't go.

"All the things that we do, it's about the people. It's about bringing them to a greater place, getting them where they want to be in order to launch," he says. "We do this for people because there's something great in people and we can plant something even greater in them to bring them where they need to be."

The Caledon community delivered on the donation aspect, with community members dropping off bags filled to the brim with clothes and bins of hand-knit items.

Tim shared that when the charity came to Caledon, there was a natural synergy, and now they're able to bring their resources to those in the community who need them.

He says that once Renewed Hope recognizes a need, they're able to partner with ambassadors in the area and their team to help with whatever they need, whether it's clothing or food distribution, or any of their other various initiatives.

"What does it mean for the people in Caledon? A sense of relief that help is there," he says.



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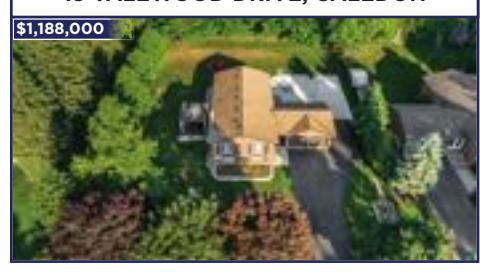


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SHOOTING INVESTIGATIONS ON OLD SCHOOL ROAD

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

"On October 17, 2025, at approximately 5:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting in front of a residence on Old School Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "No injuries were sustained as a result of the incident. The suspect vehicle, a black SUV, was observed leaving the area eastbound on Old School Road.

"On October 26, 2025, at approximately 3:00 a.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting in front of a residence on Old School Road, in the Town of Caledon. No injuries were sustained as a result of the incident. The suspect vehicle, a silver BMW sports utility vehicle, was observed leaving the area eastbound on Old School Road.

"The OPP urges the public to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious activity to the police. This investigation remains ongoing, and more information will be released when available. Residents of the area should expect to continue to see an increased police presence. Investigators believe this is a targeted incident related to the ongoing shooting investigation by Caledon OPP from October 17, 2025. At this time, there is believed to be no threat to public safety."

This investigation is ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit (MCU). Anyone with information or surveillance/dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP by phone at 1-888-310-1122, referencing investigation number E251413803. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged another three individuals with operation while impaired, following eight alcohol-related investigations between October 18 and October 20, 2025.

"On October 21, 2025, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Caledon OPP officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding a vehicle displaying poor driving behaviour," say Police. "Shortly after, officers located the vehicle on Heart Lake Road, near Mayfield Road, in the Town of Caledon. Investigating officers conducted a traffic stop upon the vehicle and formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

Following the investigation, Deonarine Persaud, 72, of Shelburne, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

"Just hours later, on October 22, 2025, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Caledon OPP officers received a report of a two-vehicle collision on the Highway 410 off-ramp, near Valleywood Boulevard, in the Town of Caledon. Shortly after, officers arrived on scene and subsequently formed grounds that a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

As a result of the investigation, Sagar, 22, of Cambridge, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

The charges have not been proven.

"On October 23, 2025, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Caledon OPP officers were on general patrol in the area of King Street and Queen Street, in the Town of Caledon, when a traffic violation was observed. Investigating officers conducted a traffic stop upon the vehicle and formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

As a result, Adrien Vanderjagt, 26, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Drive motor vehicle - not equipped with ignition interlock device.

The charges have not been proven.

The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 13, 2025, to answer to their charges. The vehicles were also impounded and their driver's licences were suspended as result of the offences.

"Drivers continue to take chances. It's simply not worth the risk. Motorists are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it."

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

SHOP WITH A FIRST RESPONDER

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Caledon Fire and Emergency Services are pleased to announce this year's "Shop with a First Responder" event.

"The planning is underway for the 13th annual Shop with a First Responder event. Caledon Fire, the Town of Caledon, Caledon Community Services (The Exchange), and Caledon OPP have once again teamed up to offer the program on November 30, 2025. Each year it runs, several children from families experiencing financial difficulties or other personal challenges in Caledon are identified to participate. Participants experience a morning of shopping, gifts, and food, while building positive relationships with local first responders.

"The Shop with A First Responder event, supported by the Optimist Club of Caledon, entirely relies on community support and involvement to ensure its continued success and sustainability. All donations are used for expenses associated with the program such as the purchase of gifts, food, venue, supplies, and other giveaways."

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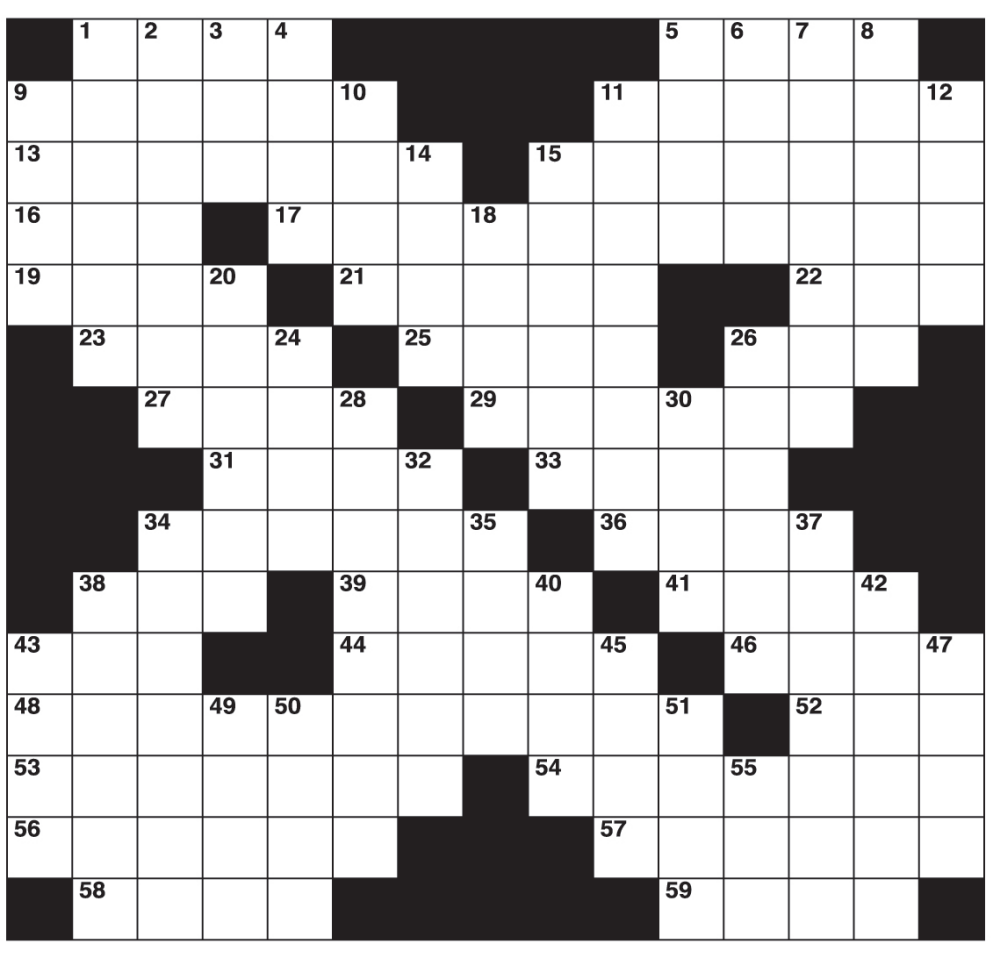
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11. Loved Romeo
13. Sticky situation
15. Pelvic areas
16. An informal debt instrument
17. Cannot be repaired surgically
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. Sound unit
23. __ Sagan, astronomer
25. Utah city
26. A disappointing effort
27. Steal goods during a riot
29. Wakes up
31. Hair salon service
33. Serenaded
34. Looked intensely
36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
38. A type of cast
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Having had the head cut off
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. Dennis is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Students' exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave
2. Act of awakening
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. One who earns by disreputable dealings
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. Long, mournful lamentation
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Decreases
18. Indicates beside
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. College students' ultimate goal
28. Amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. US government entity
34. Swinish
35. Legislative body in Russia
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Picnic invaders
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient person of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell

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Integrity Commissioner's plan to file police complaint against Councillor sparks conversation

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Sheen added that, following the IC reports filed against him, he wished "to underscore the necessity for equitable, consistent treatment and analysis of similar conduct under these same policies."

In response to these comments, Boghosian stated that the complaint was "retaliatory in nature and politically motivated, not brought forward due to genuine concern for the values underlying the Code."

He stated that "Mayor Grove's breach of the Code of Conduct was technical and minor, such that no penalty should be imposed."

In the later email correspondence, Boghosian stated to Sheen that since he submitted only one of the two Complaints in draft form (25-003) asking him to put it to the Complainants regarding the subject of his Reports 25-001 and 25-002 "to try to convince them to withdraw their Complaints was only one of several reasons I cited for deeming your first Complaint to be retaliatory and politically motivated."

Sheen states in the emails that when he contacted Boghosian on September 12 regarding his proposal for informal resolution involving mutual withdrawal of complaints, "I provided you with complete information about my circumstances and sought your professional guidance on how to proceed. Your response constituted advisory guidance under the Code of Conduct."

The reports Boghosian refers to (25-001 and 25-002) were Code of Conduct complaints filed on July 15 by Groves and Chief Administrative Officer Nathan Hyde.

The complaints were about comments made by Councillor Sheen at the May 20 Council meeting regarding the issuance of a Fill Permit for 0 Shaw's Creek Road, where Sheen shared comments regarding staff working "in a Strong Mayor Power environment."

In reports 25-001 and 25-002, Boghosian says that Sheen's statements impacted staff and his claims were unfounded; he recommended in terms of penalty a 15-day suspension of remuneration and an apology to the two staff members he felt the comments were aimed at, as well as an additional 15-day suspension of pay was deemed necessary, along with an apology to Mayor Groves.

On September 18, before the meeting which took place discussing the IC reports filed against Sheen on September 23, Sheen wrote to Boghosian to ask that the 25-001 and 25-002 reports "be excluded from the agenda based on fundamental procedural fairness violations that must be addressed before any public release or Council consideration."

He added he was "simultaneously filing a comprehensive complaint with the

Ontario Ombudsman regarding these procedural fairness violations and will pursue all

available legal remedies if the reports proceed without proper process."

Boghosian disagreed in the correspondence, saying he saw no basis for removing the reports from the agenda.

Now, in October, Sheen wrote to Boghosian to formally complain about his "violation of fundamental professional standards, procedural fairness requirements, and your advisory duties under Caledon's Code of Conduct in your Reports 25-003 and 25-004," which he said contains mischaracterizations that directly contradict Boghosian's existing professional conduct and creates an "unfair and prejudicial official record."

Sheen states that Boghosian should acknowledge the inconsistencies and issue revised Reports 25-003 and 25-004, adding that if he "fails to take appropriate corrective action immediately and/or before reports 25-003 and 25-004 become public or I will file formal complaints with: 1. The Law Society of Ontario…2. The Ontario Ombudsman."

This statement led Boghosian to write, "you have threatened me that if I do not

take the steps you demand in the portion of your email… you will institute disciplinary proceedings against me with various bodies. That certainly seems to meet the definition of the criminal offence of extortion."

Following this, on October 22, Boghosian writes that he plans to file a formal complaint with Peel Regional Police regarding Sheen's "threatening" conduct, as set out in the emails.

At the October 28 meeting, several delegates brought forward this complaint and raised concerns about a conflict of interest involving Boghosian and the Council.

Town Staff stated that the Integrity Commissioner is carrying out his function and is independent.

"I feel it's inappropriate to comment, whether his actions are correct or not at this point in time," said staff.

"I do not believe I'm in a conflict at this moment; if down the road there comes a time to consider when I am, then I would consider it at that time," adds Boghosian.

These quotations also arose due to an item on the agenda regarding a complaint filed by a "Town Staffperson" regarding the email exchange that took place on September 18, which Boghosian states he is "unable to investigate this Complaint given my earlier Reports

are at the heart of Councillor Sheen's demands, as there would be a reasonable apprehension of bias."

Boghosian added during the meeting, for clarity, that the "threats" made towards him were issued after the reports were delivered to the correspondents, meaning they "did not influence the writing of either of these reports."

Two delegates called on Council to bring forward a motion to discontinue the working relationship between the Town of Caledon, Boghosian, and his firm.

One of the delegates, Brad Haines, a Caledon East resident, stated that if Council wishes to "operate in a transparent, conflict of interest-free manner and under a good governance model, then you are left with no decision other than to remove I.C. Boghosian from this I.C. role."

No such motion was brought forward.

Delegate Joe Sassine stated that he fully supports the action taken by the Integrity Commissioner, "so we can hold anyone and everyone accountable and responsible for their actions, regardless of who they are."

A later motion was brought forward and approved regarding the complaint in the September 18 email exchange: Council appoints the Region of Peel Integrity Commission - Principles Integrity, upon confirmation of availability, to act as a third party to investigate the complaint in place of Boghosian.

Should the Region of Peel Integrity Commissioner not be available, the delegated authority will fall to the Town of Caledon Chief Legal Officer.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.



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Notice of Open House – Proposed Pickleball Facilities in Bolton

The Town of Caledon is inviting residents to a Public Open House to review and discuss the proposed development of new pickleball facilities in Bolton in partnership with the Peel District School Board.

Potential locations include:

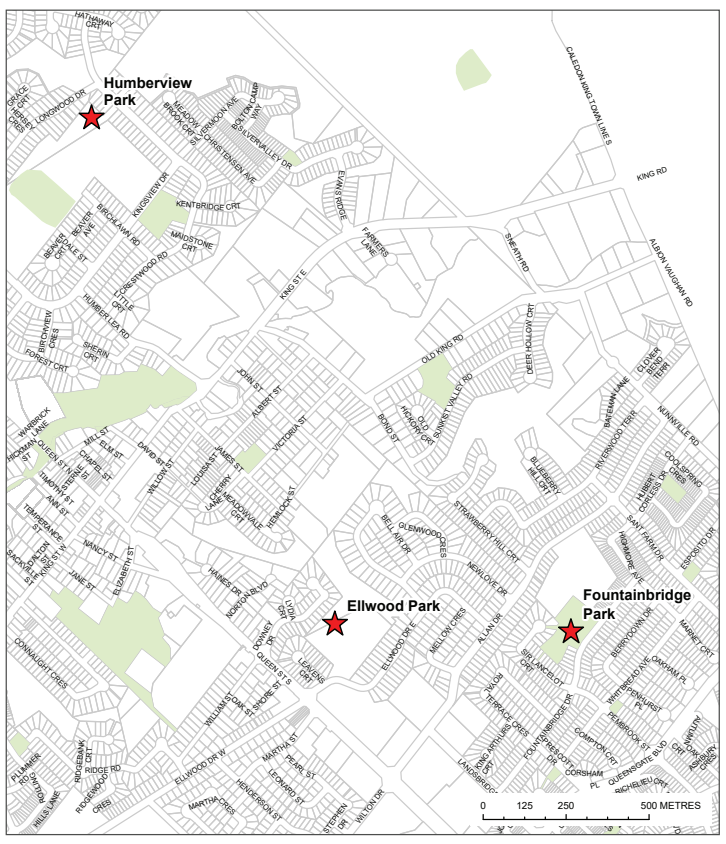
- Ellwood Park
- Fountainbridge Park
- Humberview Park

The Public Open House will take place at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness (map) on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 6 – 8 p.m.**

Residents are welcome to drop-in and be provided with the opportunity to view conceptual plans for each site, ask questions and speak with Town Staff and share feedback to help shape the project.

Accessibility
If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in this Open House, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Legislative Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca.

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★ **Potential Bolton Pickeleball Locations**

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November 1-7 is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

Skate with Sparky

Saturday, November 1, 2025
3 – 3:50 p.m.
Caledon East Community Complex

At our free public skate, you can meet Sparky the Fire Dog, sip on hot chocolate, meet your local firefighters, learn about fire safety and get up close and personal with a fire truck! Don't forget your helmet!

Visit **caledon.ca/fire** for more information.





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

MONO MILLS

Saturday, November 1, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

Mono Mills Cenotaph, 35 Victoria Crescent, Caledon

ALTON

Sunday, November 9, 2025 – 10:15 a.m.
Alton Legion Hall, 1267 Queen Street

A potluck lunch will follow the service. For more information, contact the Alton Legion at 519-942-4021.

BOLTON

Sunday, November 9, 2025 – 12:30 p.m.
Bolton Cenotaph, Centennial Drive (Laurel Hill Cemetery)

CALEDON EAST

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – 10:50 a.m.
Caledon East Cenotaph (Town Hall), 6311 Old Church Road

This year, the Town of Caledon will lead both the Bolton and Caledon East ceremonies.

Members of the community who wish to sponsor the laying of a wreath on behalf of an individual, family, or organization can contact events@caledon.ca.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Bolton Rotary Haunted Hill Walk and Run hits record-breaking numbers

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

For well over a decade, Bolton Rotary has held its Haunted Hill Walk/Run for the community, and this year it set a record with more than 200 participants.

The event allows both kids and adults to participate in either the Haunted Hill 1K Kids Fun Run or the Haunted Hill 5K Walk/Run.

Bolton Rotary President Frank Macellaio says he's watched the event become more fun for the kids and the community over the years.

He says the event truly is "all about the community."

Each year, all the funds raised go back to local charities, and this year the recipient was Caledon Community Services.

Special this year was the School Team Challenge.

Bolton Rotary challenged high schools and elementary schools to form teams to enter the 5K and compete for bragging rights and a pizza party prize.

But that's not all – all schools that entered a team received $500 from Bolton Rotary.

As the Kids Fun Run kicked off, onlookers could see pickles, captains, and fairies all competing to get to the finish line.

All participants received a medal, courtesy of the Humberview Robotics Team, also known as the Alpha Dogs, who created and printed each medal.

The Alpha Dogs had their own team that year, comprising about half of their robotics team.

Loghan, who is currently in his first year on the Alpha Dogs, says they do a lot of work to give back to the community and really enjoy it.

Bridie Burchiel was there not only to support her son that day, but also James Bolton Public School, which had a team of eight competing in the run.

"It's a great way to get kids involved, get schools involved, and it's a great community event," she says.

Burchiel has watched the event change over the years, as her older kids used to participate as well.

"It's gotten bigger each year, and different communities and different groups connect with each other and support each other within the run," she says. "I just think it's wonderful."

During the event, participants could also enjoy free temporary tattoos, free t-shirts, join the ongoing scavenger hunt, or enjoy various treats and drinks.

Albion Appliance and Farmhouse Grill sponsored the best costume prize, Coffee Time provided free coffee to fuel up before the race, and Chapman's Ice Cream and Orange Theory provided free coupons.

Bolton Rotary also took the time to thank its various sponsors for making the day possible.



PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Shine N' Drive hosts Caledon's first Haunted Tunnel Car Wash

BY RILEY MURPHY
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For the first time, Caledon will experience a haunted tunnel car wash.

Hosted by Shine N' Drive, the "Scream N' Drive" will allow Caledon residents to drive through their fright-filled tunnel as animatronics, scare actors, fog, and lights transform the car wash into a haunted experience.

The best part is it's all from the safety of their cars, allowing people of all ages to participate.

The event will run from October 29 to 30 from 6 pm to 10 pm at Shine N' Drive, Caledon's first full-service carwash.

This local small business used to be Bolton Classic Car Wash, and they shared that, after hearing residents' feedback for years, they changed their business to better meet Caledon's needs.

A former Bolton resident, Manager Jagnoor Grewal says they spent years turning it into the car wash residents see today.

And now, they've transformed it yet again into the spook-tacular haunted car wash.

Shine N' Drive shared the event is designed to be spooky and exciting, but not terrifying.

Those seeking a little extra thrill can ask for the "scary" option at check-in, and keep their windows down or unlock their doors for extra frights.

Each ticket includes one ultimate ceramic shine wash, entry to the haunted tunnel experience, a Halloween goody bag, and a chance to win 10 free washes.

Tickets are available for purchase online, as well as at the door but are limited. For more information, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/scream-n-drive-tickets-1826682980969.



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(LEFT) Hannah and Melanie are pictured with their pumpkins. (RIGHT) The proclaimed “safety unicorn.”

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Caledon Village Association and Caledon Agricultural Society set the spooky season with Halloween on the Fairgrounds

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Halloween activities are now in full swing in Caledon, and Caledon Village is no different, as attendees descended on the fairgrounds dressed to the nines in costume last weekend.

The Caledon Village Association (CVA), along with the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), hosted Halloween on the Fairgrounds for the community.

The event not only provided fun for all but also helped raise vital funds for the CAS community centre capital campaign.

CAS is on a mission to raise $3 million to build a community centre on the Caledon Fairgrounds for all of northwest Caledon.

Fiorina Neher, with CVA, says they teamed up with the Agricultural Society to bring more events to the community and raise funds for the building.

Over 20 years ago, CAS held Halloween on the Fairgrounds, and CVA thought it was time to bring it back.

Melissa Little, Secretary for CAS, says the event was initially intended to raise awareness of their grounds and provide a space for kids and youth in their community.

Neher says her goal last year was to bring it back, and this year they achieved that.

She said that when planning the event, they considered not only how to make it safe for the community, but also how to raise funds for the centre.

Everything at the event was free that day, with donations accepted for the community centre capital campaign.

Kate Hepworth, President of CVA, says that through these types of community events, they hope to build the community around them.

“It’s about bringing the community together, in order to help build on the community that’s here,” added Neher.

Hepworth says that the community really stepped up to support them.

Coffee Time and Spirit Tree donated food and drinks; the Caledon Lions Club was gave out hot dogs; and community partners had set up multiple booths.

BrightStart Caledon, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, and the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy (CCRSA) group were all participating in the event that day, handing out candy and providing education to attendees.

At the CCRSA awareness booth, they had a driving simulator, and Carmela Anzelmo-Palkowski from CCRSA says that the Halloween event was the perfect opportunity to bring it by.

Palkowski says they were explaining that so many in the community are surrounded by trucks and other large vehicles, and that this simulator provides the opportunity to see not only what it is like to drive next to them, but also what it’s like to be the driver of one.

Not only is the simulator for adults to try and see how cautious they should be, she says, but also for younger and newer drivers.

“We’d love for the younger generation who are here today to try it so that we start getting it into their brains and into their minds that it’s safety first, and a car is not a right, it’s a privilege to drive. They need to learn the rules of the road and start instilling that kind of message today in their minds that they need to be safe,” she says.

“Hopefully we can get as many residents as possible into the simulator so they drive safer,” says Palkowski.

The event featured various games, a frightening haunted maze, fun music, and pumpkin carving.

Margo Browne attended with her daughters, Melanie and Hannah, who were both hard at work in perfecting their pumpkin designs.

Browne says she saw the event and thought it would be a fun way to spend the day.

As attendees gathered around the fire or shivered their way through the spooky maze, it’s safe to say the event was a great success.

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"Can you believe it?" Not really.

"Can you believe it?"

I don't know about the rest of you, but when I hear that question pointed in my general direction, I usually think I'm about to be on the receiving end of a real fast one – or, at the very least, the attempted fast one zipped by so quickly I didn't even see it.

It's a phrase that's often used to express some sort of incredulity, underscoring the ridiculousness of whatever they've relayed. If they call attention to said ridiculousness, is it a question of looking for affirmation of their perspective or affirmation that whatever they're saying has more basis in reality than it actually does?

On Friday night, Canadians took a momentary break from baseball fever to react to the news that the U.S. President had abruptly ceased trade negotiations with our country. The reason? Offence at a commercial produced by the Provincial Government to challenge the very idea of tariffs in the country – using the words of the oft-lionized Republican President Ronald Reagan to make their point.

Ontarians, whether they wanted to or not, paid an eye-watering $75 million for this message to reach its intended audience and, regardless of the price tag, it seems to have hit its target sometime over the course of the week that was.

"They cheated on a commercial," said the President in a scrum. "Ronald Reagan loved tariffs and they said he didn't. And I guess it was AI or something. They cheated badly. Canada got caught cheating on a commercial. Can you believe it?"

What is it going to take for just one person he's addressing to answer one of his favourite queries with firm and resounding no?

But, wait, there's more.

Amid the manufactured furore, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, which is, at the end of the day, run under the auspices of the U.S. Federal Government, released a statement, trumpeted out by the President, of course, that they're reviewing their legal options. On a commercial. Directly using the words of the man in question.

"The ad misinterprets the Presidential Radio Address [where Reagan's words originated], and the Government of Ontario did not seek nor receive permission to use and edit the remarks," they said. "The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is reviewing its legal options in this matter. We encourage you to watch President Reagan's unedited video on your YouTube channel."

On the one hand, hopefully more people took to the 'tubes to watch the video from start to finish, even just to see how ridiculous these complaints are. But, on the other, for some members of their intended audience, they might have encountered some inconvenient truths… which may or may not inspire more "nos" to join the chorus against the "Can you believe it?" crowd.

Yes, the speech was made to justify Reagan's imposing tariffs on Japan, an action he said he was "loath to take," but at the heart of the message was trade barriers like tariffs "hurt every American worker and consumer."

"For those of us who lived through the Great Depression, the memory of the suffering it caused is deep and searing," he said. "And today, many economic analysts and historians argue that high tariff legislation passed back in that period, called the Smoot-Hawley tariff, greatly deepened the Depression and prevented economic recovery.

"You see, at first, when someone says, 'let's impose tariffs on foreign imports,' it looks like they're doing the patriotic thing by protecting American products and jobs. And sometimes, for a short while, it works. But only for a short time. What eventually occurs is: first, home-grown industries start relying on government protection in the form of high tariffs; they stop competing and stop making the innovative management and technological changes they need to succeed in world markets. And then, while all this is going on, something even worse occurs. High tariffs inevitably lead to retaliation by foreign countries and the triggering of fierce trade wars. The result is more and more tariffs, higher and higher trade barriers, and less and less competition.

"So soon, because the prices made artificially high by tariffs that subsidize inefficiency and poor management, people stop buying. Then the worst happens. Markets shrink and collapse. Businesses and industries shut down. And millions of people lose their jobs. The memory of all this occurring back in the '30s made me determined when I came to Washington to spare the American people the protectionist legislation that destroys prosperity."

Did Ontario somehow cheat?

No; not only were the words in context, but the footage and audio in question is public domain, by design, and free to use.

Did Ronald Reagan love tariffs? To hear him tell it, absolutely not.

Did "they" (Ontario) say he didn't? No, Reagan said it himself.

Did Canada cheat badly? First of all, it's an Ontario matter, and unless there was an unspoken agreement between any of the players in this drama that we would not defend our perspective, then, once again, that answer is no.

Can we believe it?

No – for the aforementioned reasons and so much more.

Amid the ongoing trade battle between the two countries, I have to hand it to the Federal and Ontario governments for continuing to act and negotiate in good faith – because it's clear that these acts of good faith are exclusively travelling down a one-way street.

For every one step forward we, as Canadians are knocked back at least two more, due to the increasingly frivolous and ridiculous whims of one man, which makes any negotiation impossibly unpredictable.

If we ever get close to a deal in the next three years of the current administration, will it be scuttled at the eleventh hour for some absurd perceived slight?

If we actually go as far as inking a deal that works for both countries, would it be unilaterally nullified because he didn't like the outcome of the latest Great Canadian Baking Show, or singer Katy Perry's relationship with Justin Trudeau? It sounds ridiculous, but it doesn't seem all that far removed from the world we're living in today.

It is impossible to work towards a deal when one party keeps moving the goal posts and, as apparently he's a "builder at heart", it's no sweat on his brow to dig them up and plant them again.

"Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant," said Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, addressing the Nixon government. "No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, if I can call it that, one is affected by every twitch and grunt."

That oft-repeated quote is more relevant now than ever before as the twitches and grunts make way for kicks and falsehoods.

As important as these relationships are, will there come a point where our leaders simply throw up their hands and decide to take our business elsewhere rather than stepping up time and time again, hoping for the best, only to get kicked in the teeth?

We probably can't afford to lay off being gluttons for punishment, but it's nice to dream.



Are we comfortably "slotted into" our lives?

by Mark Pavilons



As I went about my daily business recently, I took a step back, and realized just how orderly things are.

I'm in my own lane, one that's been set for me, and all I do is go from Point A to Point B, and occasionally veer off to Point C, sometimes swinging around Point D.

Is that what our lives have come down to?

I pictured a Hot Wheels race track or one of those fancy slot car tracks we used to play with as kids. The track and the slot kept our cars on the straight and narrow, and only when we went too fast, or took a turn too quickly, did we venture off the rails.

Are we conditioned to be like ducks in a row, following a certain path?

Perhaps once our indoctrination took hold as we grew into young adults, we were already conditioned to be consumers, cogs in some enormous societal wheel. George Orwell would be proud.

But really folks, those of us Baby Boomers followed a rather specified path. We went to school where we were taught what to think, not how to think. We chose a post-secondary field of study, or we opted to go straight to work, or trade school.

We spin the wheel in the Game of Life, and meander around the board. We choose career or school and keep plugging away until we gain friends or family.

If we want to slide back into the race track scenario, we got our driver's licence, landed work, kept inching forward, around the track. Maybe we had a slight fender-bender and met our soul-mate or future spouse.

And so it goes. Like most board games, the object was to amass as much money and property as possible, to be successful.

What?

I was never specifically taught to be greedy, and obtain personal wealth at all costs. I wasn't directed to put things first and cherish objects. I wasn't encouraged to practice idolatry.

I always believed I was to stay away from those deadly sins, at all cost.

Have we simple humans put a major monkey wrench in things by exercising free will and free choice, driven by our frail emotions?

I laugh in the face of our celestial chess players, those giants hovering above on Mount Olympus. Humans may very well be playthings in the fabric of the universe.

But if you think about it, a lot of what we do is rote. We get up, brush our teeth, grab a coffee, jump in our car and head to work. After eight hours or so, we head back, maybe stopping to pick something up on the way home. We have dinner, hopefully at the table with everyone present.

We watch some TV and catch our favourite sports team in action.

Sleep, wake, work, repeat.

There have been many times I examined my almost mechanical actions. Okay, some of them are filled with emotions, while others are simply mindless movements. I fill the dishwasher, take out the trash, replace the paper towel roll.

I'm not saying everything we do has to have meaning, but it would be nice to inject a little umph into our daily lives. Our steps should be light and almost dance-like, not clunky, thud-like movements. Our heads should be held high, and our eyes wide as we take in everything around us.

And yet, we waste more than we cherish.

I have found my new "cancer routine" to be matter of fact, cold, and calculated.

I approach every appointment, blood test, scan and treatment with a rational, straight-forward mind set. I set my alarm, hit the road, attend my appointments, discuss my condition with my doctor, and return to work. Then I do it all over again, every couple of weeks.

Sure, I sometimes get anxious about what awaits, but then I just focus, steer my personal "race car" along the track that's before me. It's a course that's designed specifically for me and one that I have to navigate, often alone, sometimes in the wee hours.

This is my journey, from here on in. Sure, it may be smooth sailing some days while others require more than one pit stop. The checkered flag, in my case, remains elusive, hidden.

There are no crowds cheering me on, but there may be a few "fans" here and there, sending positive thoughts and vibes my way.

I have to rely on the skills, kindness and compassion of nurses, radiation techs, oncologists, administrators and special pharmacists.

My phone is filled more with appointment schedules than jovial vacation photos. I concentrate on more frequent visits to the gas station and I try to make sure my hospital parking pass is up to date.

These are things I never thought I would ever have to worry about. Alas, such is my fate. I'd much rather have no need for countless texts for appointments, new information on various portals, and reminder upon reminder.

I'd much rather scoot around the circuit, top down, watching the speedometer lean heavily to the right. I'd be much happier steering around hairpin curves, enjoying the thrill of it all.

Through it all, I have to make sure my car is road worthy, and well maintained, lest I be derailed.

It's kinda funny that we humans can reduce a life-altering "race" to a series of movements – dates, times, destinations.

I'm still a productive member of our family, and run errands, drive kids around, pick up pizza and attend functions. In our busy lives, there's little time to pause and wonder just how I'm feeling. Fortunately (?), I've felt rather well physically. Emotionally, that's another story.

But we resilient drivers firmly grasp the wheel at 10 to 2, and look in all directions.

Wouldn't it be nice to just leap out of our race cars and just walk around, enjoying the scenery?

Do we need to go that fast?

For the most part, we are led by common sense, rationality and a sense of purpose. If that purpose is earning a living to support our family, so be it. If that objective is to make it to Point V (for Victory), great.

I wish everyone a safe driving experience, and hope you all make it safely to your destination.

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Last Chance...

Caledon residents have one last opportunity to help make a difference in our community. One that could truly have a lasting impact on what might otherwise result in devastation. Your last chance ends tomorrow and while we know those of you with little ones might be preoccupied with Halloween, the end result of not taking action prior to October 31st, is scarier than any halloween ghoul or goblin.

There are no "treats" at stake here, but there may well be some "tricks." Let's hope not. In the meantime, it's your last chance to have your say so please do so.

It's time to save Swan Lake.

We have talked in this space before about the "Have Your Say" option on the Town of Caledon's website. It's your opportunity, from the comfort of your own home, to log in and comment on important matters being debated (and potentially made into bylaws) by Caledon Council. Often, as is the case with Swan Lake, these are matters that could have a long-lasting impact on area residents. Perhaps in this case, with Swan Lake located in Ward One (and you live elsewhere) you think your opinion doesn't matter. I'm using this space to argue it's actually never mattered more.

If you drive area roads, this decision impacts you since language included suggests one person alone could hold the power to designate future haul routes. If you care about the future of drinking water, not just in Ward One but potentially other areas too, it impacts you because what happens at Swan Lake, potentially putting groundwater at risk, could be precedent setting for other parts of Caledon.

Whether you are pro, or against, the 413, this decision impacts you because of the quantity and type of potential fill coming our way. And finally, if you appreciate all that Caledon has to offer in terms of the environment, hiking trails, winding country roads, wildlife, you name it – all of these things that make Caledon beautiful will potentially be impacted by the passing of the proposed new Site Alteration Bylaw.

Of concern first and foremost is that the proposed changes will see primary decision-making centered not in the hands of Caledon Council, but rather, with just one employee of the Town – the Commissioner of Engineering, Transportation and Public Works.

That person will have sole authority to determine when, or if, "a public information centre or meeting of Council is required or not required," when determining approvals for fill operations. That person can even "exempt certain works from provisions of the bylaw." That seems like a significant amount of authority, with potentially little to no oversight by Council (the folks WE elect to make decisions on our behalf).

Also concerning is that the draft bylaw – coming in at 25 pages – might best be described as "littered" with the word "may," vs. "shall." What's the difference, you ask? Using the word "may" suggests a far more discretionary use of decision-making power (again under just one person) vs. use of the word "shall," which is more traditionally defined as an action which would be considered mandatory.

The use of more permissive language could leave the Commissioner with much larger discretionary powers at a time when not just Swan Lake is at risk, but a number of other properties are (or have already) come up for fill consideration. In fact, Swan Lake could be precedent setting, just not in a good way.

Fill, by the way, just to be completely transparent (a word that's getting tossed around at Council a great deal these days) is defined by the proposed bylaw as: asphalt, rock, soil, concrete, brick, sand, gravel, and even something referred to as "liquid soil," which just sounds nasty. All of this potentially dumped into a groundwater fed lake that houses once-endangered Trumper Swans, turtles, fish, other birds and all manner of flora and fauna, not to mention the risk such fill poses to the groundwater of rural residents, particularly those on private wells.

By the way, under the old bylaw, importation of fill was capped at 10,000m3. Under the new bylaw that cap becomes discretionary with the, yup you guessed it, Commissioner responsible to "determine if approvals over 10,000m3 requires the approval of Council." Who exactly is representing the best interests of the citizens of Caledon?

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MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES
MAYOR GROVES' COLUMN



Honouring Our Veterans with Remembrance Day Commemorative Crosswalks

This fall, just in time for Remembrance Day, I am proud to share that several Remembrance Day Commemorative Crosswalks have been installed throughout Caledon in honour of the brave men and women who have served our country.

These crosswalks are a powerful tribute to the veterans who sacrificed so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms we hold today.

This initiative is a meaningful collaboration between the Region of Peel, Town of Caledon staff, and the Alton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, who reviewed and approved the design.

The result is a respectful and thoughtful symbol of remembrance that will serve as a daily reminder of the courage and service of our veterans.

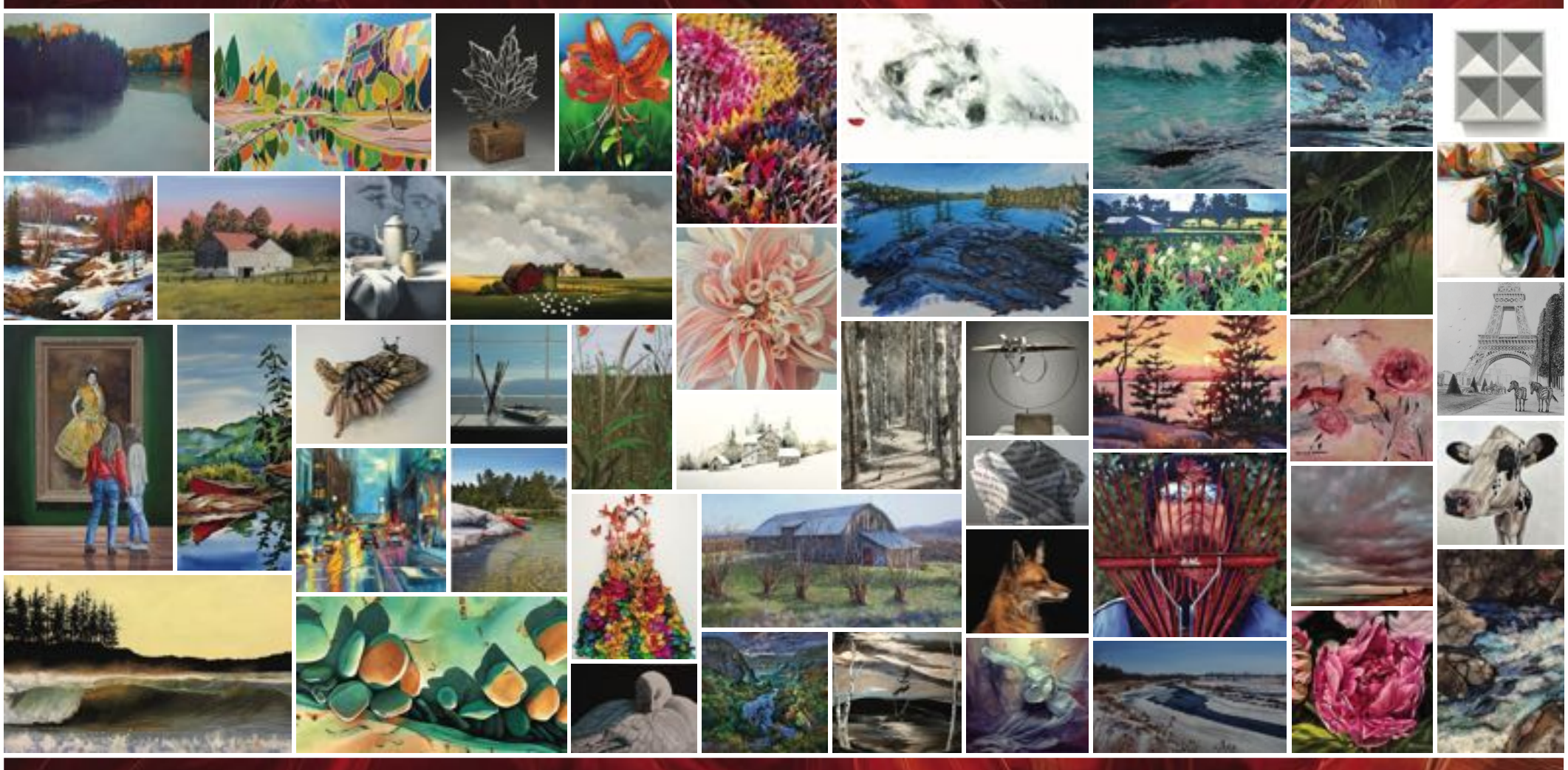
The crosswalks are now in place at the following locations:

- Centennial Drive & Highway 50
- Caledon Town Hall
- Victoria Street at Queen Street West
- Agnes Street at Queen Street West
- Emeline Street at Queen Street West

I would especially like to thank community member Jason Figliano, from the Canadian Black Belt Academy, for his advocacy and passion for this project. Our conversation began in 2022, and I'm thrilled to see this vision come to life.

These Veterans Crosswalks stand as enduring symbols of our gratitude, honouring those who gave so much for Canada. May they inspire us all to reflect, remember, and continue to uphold the values our veterans fought to protect.

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Community comes together to celebrate competitive plowman Daryl Hostrawser

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association hosted a fundraising event to both celebrate and support Daryl Hostrawser, accomplished competitive plowman.

Hostrawser just came back from representing Canada at the 70th World Ploughing Championship in Prague, Czech Republic, in September.

Part of the fundraising celebration was to help provide financial support to offset costs from this year's journey.

The celebration honoured Hostrawser's decades-long plowing career; the second-generation plowman is from East Garafraxa in Dufferin County.

He has competed in various plowing competitions, from local competitions to the World Championships.

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, Switzerland, and the Republic of Ireland.

The community was invited to join in the celebration with Hostrawser and the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.

Hostrawser it was "overwhelming" to see that kind of support at the event.

During the celebration, Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association President Glen Early interviewed Hostrawser in a "fireside" type conversation to discuss his career.

Hostrawser was able to look back over his various competitions, including his most recent one, and says the conversation brought up "little things" he hadn't thought of in a while.

"There's a group of us that started plowing when we were quite young, and we've grown up entering the same classes, getting into class five, which is Ontario Championship, fully with the thought that we could go to the Canadian, to the worlds, that's our objective," said Hostrawser.

"I'm not the only one that's done this."

He added that, although he joked at the event that he's never met a judge he liked, Ontario has a very good set of judges who work quite well together.

The Worlds, he said, are always a chance to learn little by little, such as when the Worlds required countries to use a roll-over plow in 2003.

"We started sending plowmen and at that time, we had never even seen one before," said Hostrawser. "We've been learning since."

"A small group, and we've got to pass it on and try and get plowmen and judges to recognize it."

Hostrawser said he's already looking forward to next year, when he will be accompanying Conventional Plowmen Brian Davenport, and he says they've already started to prepare for it.

Early said that on the day, it was nice to see the room filled with Hostrawser's competitive peers from the international Plowing match level, the Canadian level, and the World level.

"It's good to see that plowing community come out and celebrate one of their own," he said.

The room was filled with past and present Plowmen Association members and there was great conversation all around.

He added that it was also great that the community came out to support the fundraiser, with an almost entirely filled room.

"It went off really without a hitch," said Early.

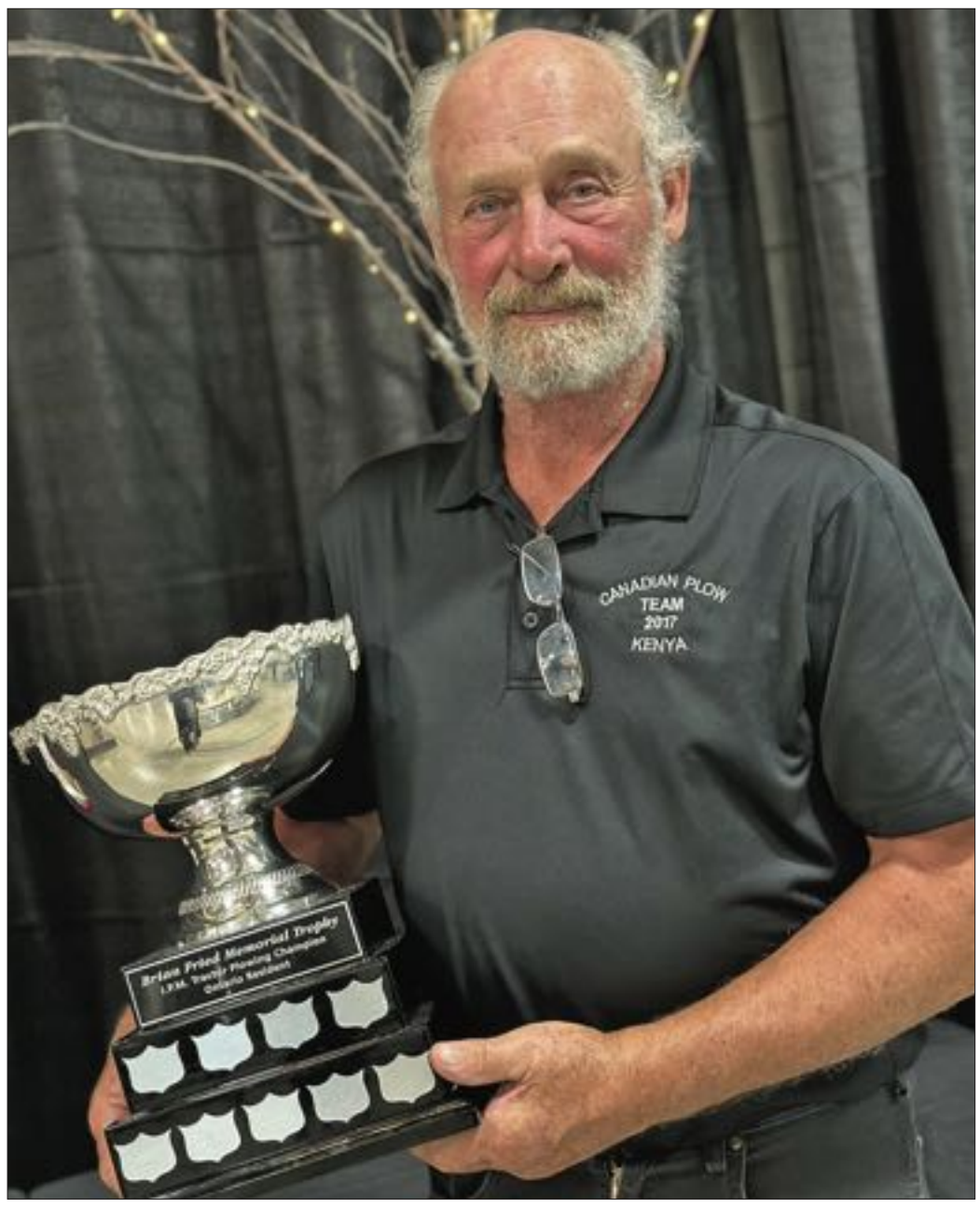
During the silent auction, a local farming family donated an old horse-drawn walking plow to help fund the fundraiser.

Early said his "fireplace chat" with Hostrawser brought back memories for many people in the crowd and on stage.

Anne Thompson of the Plowmen's Association, added "when something or someone is in your own backyard, you don't always get a sense of the type of scope or impact that they've had, but Daryl in the competitive plowing world really has a unique and unmatched record."

Not only has he competed as their Canadian champion over several decades in two separate divisions, she said, but he also has coached on various teams and locally.

Thompson said that as he has attended his last Worlds, it seemed like a great time to recognize his career and help with the accumulated expenses, which she says Hostrawser is far too humble to ever ask for.



DARYL HOSTRAWSER

PHOTO BY ANNE THOMPSON

She added that they're representing the Country oftentimes with very little sponsorship, and Thompson says that as events change and grow and costs rise, it's important to raise awareness.

The day was one filled with fun and good energy, she concluded.

At the end of the event, they opened the floor for attendees to share stories and anecdotes about Hostrawser.

Hostrawser spoke on attending plowing matches with his father, who plowed with 1961 World Champion Bill Dixon, who was in the audience that day.

Thompson said that watching Hostrawser speak about this decades-long legacy in front of their own young plowmen was a great sight.

When Hostrawser made his first appearance at the World Match in 1988, he became the second generation of his family to do so, following in his father's footsteps.

As the community celebrates Hostrawser's numerous accomplishments and records, they look forward to continuing to share this legacy for years to come.

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CTHP presents Bending the Truth by Londos D'Arrigo

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Many great and very funny plays embrace an awkward situation. Bending the Truth by Londos D'Arrigo is one such work.

Caledon Town Hall Players will hold the world premiere of this work, opening November 8.

Simon is a struggling writer – blocked and blue for years – and Kate is his long-suffering wife. Their finances are waning and their house is rundown in a neighbourhood to match. They cannot afford anything and sometimes look for a creative way in which to earn some money.

How creative Simon was one day, twenty years ago, provides that awkward moment, with a knock on the door, where stands a young man who announces he is Simon's son, Trevor.

How could this be? Simon reluctantly admits to having made "a donation" for money to the Bundle of Joy Fertility Clinic – yes, while he and Kate were married but childless.

Director Rose Brown remarked, "Simon is happy to meet his son who has 'showed up ready cooked,' as an old saying goes. Kate is not happy but Trevor was living in his car, trying just to find his father."

Trevor tells them he learned Simon's identity from the fertility clinic but how? as Kate complains.

Still, they could not send Simon's own son away, so, in he comes to live with them.

Recently, Londos D'Arrigo spoke with us about his life in comedy and how thrilled he is to see this play coming up at the CTHP.

D'Arrigo travelled with the indomitable Phyllis Diller when she performed at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto and elsewhere.

"She was my mentor," D'Arrigo said. "She taught me a lot. Not many people are that generous. I retained a relationship with her for many years. How I met her - she was performing at the O'Keefe Centre [Meridian Hall]. I took her some jokes that I wrote and she called me within the hour. She kept my jokes in the act for many years."

He commented that he is still writing plays. CTHP are very supportive and D'Arrigo loves coming to the theatre to see them.

With his plays being produced all over North America, he said, "I am living my ambition. I worked hard to get to where I am. Those years working for Joan Rivers and Lily Tomlin as well as Phyllis, I never knew what was next and that was great for me!"

Phyllis told him what to do in comedy and what not to do. The comedienne started so late in life, as D'Arrigo related. She had children and a life before comedy and she was really grounded.

Back to Brown directing the play, who said, "The play centres on the three characters. Simon has been struggling for a long time but before it's too late, along comes Trevor."

Brown is pleased to say rehearsals are going really well; the actors are getting into their characters. At first, Trevor appears almost as a gangster but perhaps appearances are deceiving and we will have to come to see the play and discover for ourselves.

Personally a contrast to his character, Paul Bryant as Trevor also looks much younger than he is in this play, so Brown hinted.

Joanne Hopkinson [as Kate] is happy to be back. When she got the part of Kate, she and Kevin Wrycroft, as Simon, struck it up really well.

"Kevin is very large, portly," Brown described him, "and Kate is a toothpick. They're great comedy together as this couple."

Bending the Truth is set in modern times, entirely in the front room, which is also the dining room and Simon's office.

Come and see the World Premier of Bending the Truth by Londos D'Arrigo.

Rose Brown promises: "It's very funny and the actors are amazing!

"There is a real twist to the ending," she said.

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(LEFT) ecoCaledon team and Regional Councillor Christina Early. (RIGHT) Christine Millar is pictured at her work station. PHOTOS BY RILEY MURPHY

Town and ecoCaledon Celebrate Waste Reduction Week with Repair Cafe

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

ecoCaledon hosted its ninth repair cafe this past weekend in collaboration with the Town of Caledon's Energy and Environment Team to celebrate Waste Reduction Week.

Lucrezia Chiappetta, co-chair of ecoCaledon, says that this event was supported by the Climate Action Fund grant they received from the Town.

This event allowed participants to bring in broken items, and skilled volunteer fixers worked with them to repair them.

Their team of fixers included community volunteers with diverse backgrounds.

Chiappetta shared that on that day, they had 14 fixers, some with backgrounds in certain repairs and some "just like to tinker" with electronics, sewing, darning, and more.

That day, they were also sharpening knives and repairing bikes.

Even those who didn't have a broken item still enjoyed the event, which featured various information booths, activities, and products from local groups, including presentations from local schools such as Southfield Village Public School and Caledon East Public School.

Chiappetta shared that the schools were displaying their own Climate Action Fund projects.

"It's a Repair Cafe, but at the same time, it's meant to focus on sustainability as a whole and it being Circular Economy Month and Waste Reduction Week, we really want to promote sustainability to the Caledon community," she says.

She says that only an hour into the event, their fixers had already been busy with 30 knife sharpenings, fixing lamps and fans, and numerous clothes to be stitched.

For Chiappetta, she says it's about talking to people.

"Learning what they're up to, what actions they're taking, no matter how big or small. If we all do our part then that's how we make a big difference," she says.

Christine Millar has been a volunteer fixer with the Repair Cafe for all nine years. She works on sewing and darning various items.

Millar also volunteers with Comfy Cases, a Canadian non-profit organization that brings together volunteers to stitch colourful pillowcases for children in hospitals with cancer.

One of the places they donate to is Headwaters Health Centre in Orangeville.

Millar says she loves volunteering to help her community.

At the event, she was working on repairing a well-loved handmade plush doll made by the person's mother.

Millar says one of the best parts of being a part of this is extending the life of what she's working on for others.

"It's the joy in their face, and they're very grateful," she says.

Regional Councillor Christina Early attended the event and shared that hosting repair cafes such as these helps keep waste out of landfills and builds skills right here in Caledon.

She shared that by working together to make small changes, the community is making a collective impact, whether this be through repairing instead of replacing, choosing reusable options, or reducing our food and plastic waste.

"Big kudos to ecoCaledon for all their work!"

Headwaters' 12-hour "mammothon" screens over 40 women for breast cancer

BY SAM ODROWSKI

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a local health care facility recently held an event to promote early detection.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) rallied the community throughout October through an educational campaign to encourage eligible women to receive mammograms.

The campaign culminated in a 12-hour marathon of mammograms, called a "mammothon" on Friday, October 24, bolstering early detection of breast cancer.

"Early detection is a vital part of breast cancer diagnosis and in saving lives. We know that one in eight women in Canada will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and breast cancer is most treatable when caught early," said HHCC President and CEO Kim Delahunt.

"We were fully booked throughout the 12-hour mammothon, with women from across our community coming in for their mammograms, some arriving with their mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends, and neighbours. It's incredibly inspiring to see our community come together to take this important step in prevention and self-care."

The mammothon ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., where 42 women from the community were screened. Up to 75 per cent of those women received a mammogram for the first time, according to HHCC.

The hospital also launched a successful staff mammothon to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month on October 3. Throughout the day, 37 HHCC staff received on-site mammograms, inspiring others in the community to do the same.

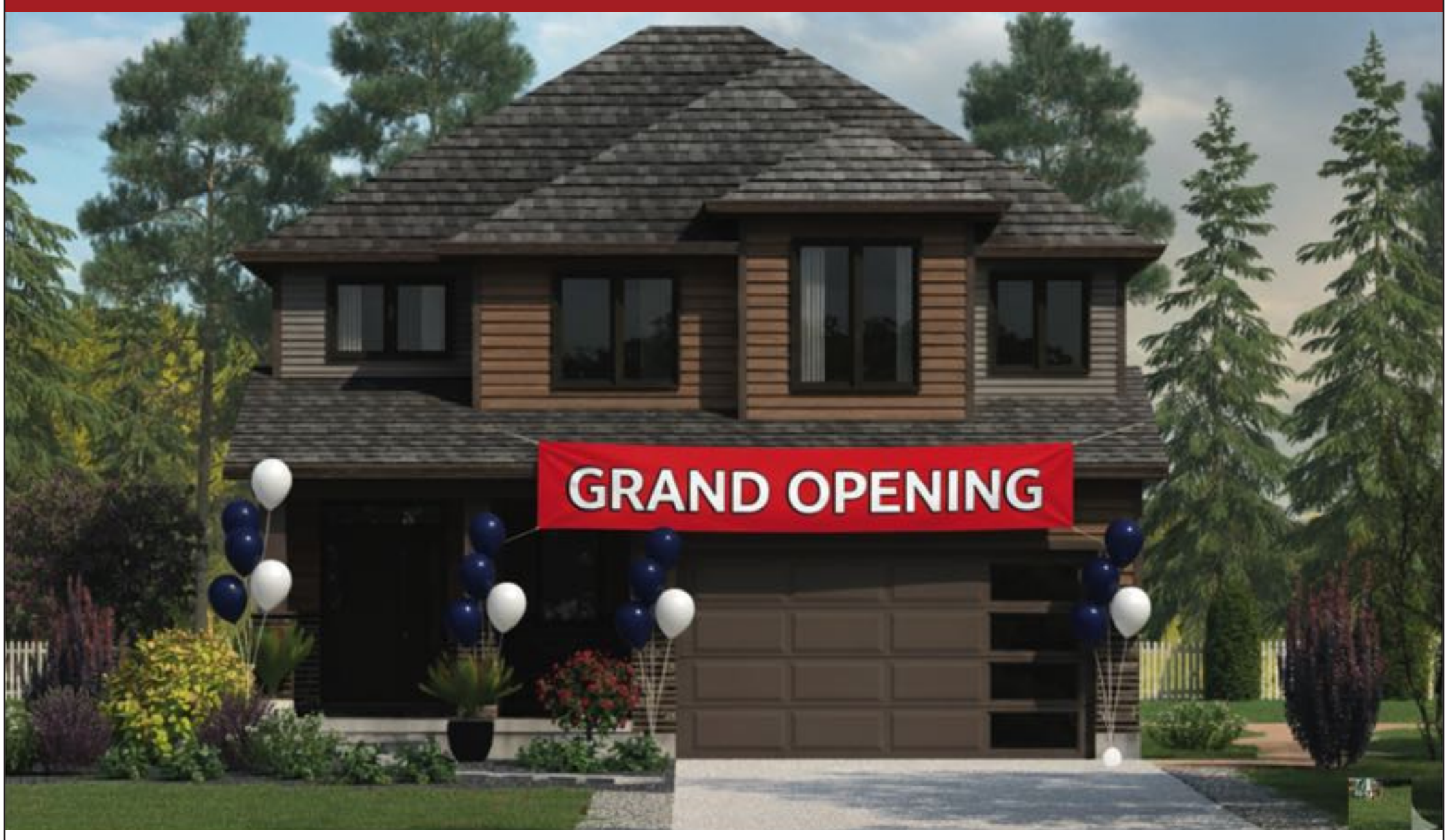
"Headwaters' mammography program uses state-of-the-art digital radiography, is fully accredited by the Canadian Association of Radiologists and proudly participates in the Ontario Breast Screening Program," said HHCC in a press release issued October 28.

"Women between the ages of 40 and 74 can self-refer, booking directly without a physician's referral by calling 519-941-2410 ext. 2842."

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Residents to revisit Bolton South GO MTSA discussion after meeting disruption

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Last week, due to a loss of quorum, residents lost the chance to discuss and ask questions regarding the Bolton South GO MTSA and CPP By-law following the public meeting presentation.

The rescheduled meeting, initially scheduled for November, will take place this Thursday, October 30.

The topic concerns the "unfinished business" regarding the planned Bolton South GO Major Transit Station Area.

The planned GO MTSA is a mixed-use, high-density, multimodal community in the draft Bolton Secondary Plan, and is concurrently being led by the Town.

Alongside this is the CPP By-law to implement a Community Planning Permit System (CPPS) that will apply to the growth area, and is an accelerated development approvals process.

The CPPS will replace the Town's Zoning By-law for the study area.

The rescheduled meeting will allow residents to voice their concerns and ask questions about the presentation, and staff may be able to answer questions from the public and members of Council.

Amanda Corbett from the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy Group was a planned delegate on the original item at last week's meeting.

She shared that she left last week's Council meeting feeling angry, frustrated, and disappointed.

She highlights that "Council should be trying to work together for the betterment of all of Caledon, and if Councillors think an agenda is too heavy, they have ways to address that well in advance of a meeting so they're not wasting everyone's time and taxpayer dollars."

Corbett shares that last week's meeting sent a message that "discourages residents from participating in local government by showing no respect for certain people's time or opinions."

"Despite having to deal with three separate medical appointments for family members that day…I still made time to read all the material, try to understand it and prepare intelligent questions," says Corbett. "Clearly, these Councillors didn't think it was important enough to stay to hear what residents had to say. Why would I take more time away from my family to share comments that people aren't even interested in hearing?"

Those frustrated with long agendas should prepare themselves for the future, she added.

"Each of those development applications has a deadline to meet for Public Meetings and come before Council for a decision. If those timelines are not met, the Town of Caledon will be brought before the OLT and that will cost us taxpayers a lot more money," said Corbett.

This week's meeting will allow residents and others to voice what they feel should remain top of mind for planning the Bolton GO MTSA and the CPP By-law.

Former Caledon mayor Allan Thompson says one thing needs to remain at the forefront: if the GO is to be successful, the focus has to remain on the Caledon-Vaughan line.

In January of 2022, the Town of Caledon and City of Vaughan received a commitment from the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, Caroline Mulroney, that the proposed Caledon-Vaughan GO rail line was moving forward.

Thompson says now one of the bigger issues when it comes to Metrolinx is that the focus has to remain on this line, and on an end where they can park the trains.

There's "good planning with the proposal that they have in Bolton," he said, and he has no issues with it, but adds, "we can't lose focus. If we want this line to be successful, we have to focus on the Caledon-Vaughan line, not the Bolton GO."

Going forward, he says, they should consider how they message the proposal "because if we're just talking about this, Metrolinx isn't going to pay attention."

"What they're talking about is the beginning and the end of a goal line and basically, the name of it is the Caledon-Vaughan GO line," says Thompson.

He shared that during his time as Mayor, they had numerous meetings and reports regarding this line.

"Going forward, staff need to get those conversations going again…staff need to start working with the City of Vaughan again to get this back on track," he says. "Just because we want to do this in Bolton, the tracks still have to come and it takes a 10-year plan. We've got to get back on track with that, it's so important. They've got to work together."

Thompson says the bottom line is that what's happening with the Bolton GO cannot move forward unless conversations continue regarding the Caledon-Vaughan line.

To view more information for the upcoming meeting visit https://pub-caledon.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=86c18c54-feb6-4e95-8df8-e6801bd169d8&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English.

"Drowning in Love" Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond celebrates their second anniversary

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond is celebrating their second anniversary this weekend, and they're inviting the community to join them.

Co-owners Taylor Arrowsmith and Shaina Lindeyer specialize in wedding, birthday, and celebration cakes, as well as treats such as macarons, cookies, and bars.

Arrowsmith and Lindeyer first met in 2015 as lab partners in the Baking and Pastry Arts Management program at Humber College.

It wasn't until Arrowsmith began selling her Little Almond products at Lindeyer's later workplace that they started working together again, and it took off from there.

The two worked to both elevate their personal family recipes and create their own, and once they mastered this, they added baking classes, birthday parties, and tea parties to their business.

Their second birthday officially marks the move to their current Downtown Bolton location, which was rebranded last October.

Arrowsmith shared they're happy not only to be the place where people can "come in to make their day better with just a cookie and a coffee," but also to be the place that can make their birthday or even wedding cakes.

The two shared that one of the best parts over the past two years has been watching their regulars grow and become a part of their lives.

They shared that they've been able to watch their customers grow from coffee drinkers to asking them to make their engagement cakes or their babies' first-birthday cakes.

They add not only that, but also feel they're becoming both the community's "quick stop" for lunch and the space where they can sit and do work.

Arrowsmith says they understand how important community is, and having locals choose them over large chains is "amazing."

They say the community's love and support over the years have been both overwhelming and emotional.

"We're drowning in love, and it feels so good to feel a part of a community," says Arrowsmith.

To mark their anniversary with the community was a no-brainer to these two, and they invite everyone in the community to join in their celebration.

This Saturday, November 1, from 1 pm to 3 pm, they will be giving out free coffee and slices of their beloved chocolate cake.

"It's a recipe I've been using since I was a kid," says Lindeyer. "People that don't like chocolate cake even still like it."

The community has been one of the best parts of the past two years for them.

"Watching them grow with us, that's so exciting to me. We feel like they have welcomed us into their families in some way," says Arrowsmith. "It's really thoughtful and nice that they want our desserts on their table."

"I really love that we've been able to grow into our space, make it our own, and make it into a comfy cozy place for the community," says Lindeyer.

Looking ahead, they share that they're looking forward to the exciting things to come.

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"Where Neighbours Gather" *by Laura Boughen and Stephen Julian, Co-Chairs of the Home for the Holidays Gala, in support of CCS*



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That act of kindness has grown into something extraordinary. Nearly three decades later, the Home for the Holidays Gala has become a cherished Caledon tradition.

True to its origins in people's homes, this Gala is still a night where generosity fills the room and community spirit shines brighter than the lights on the tree.

This year's theme, 'Where Neighbours Gather,' feels deeply personal and very fitting. Because when the world feels upside down, it's our community that grounds us. It's the people who drop off a casserole when things get tough. Who stop by just to check in. Who show up without being asked because that's what neighbours do. It's you. It's all of us.

On Friday, November 28, we'll come together again at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre. Yes, there will be laughter, music and celebration. But more than that, there will be purpose. A shared promise to look out for one another. And what's more Caledon than that?

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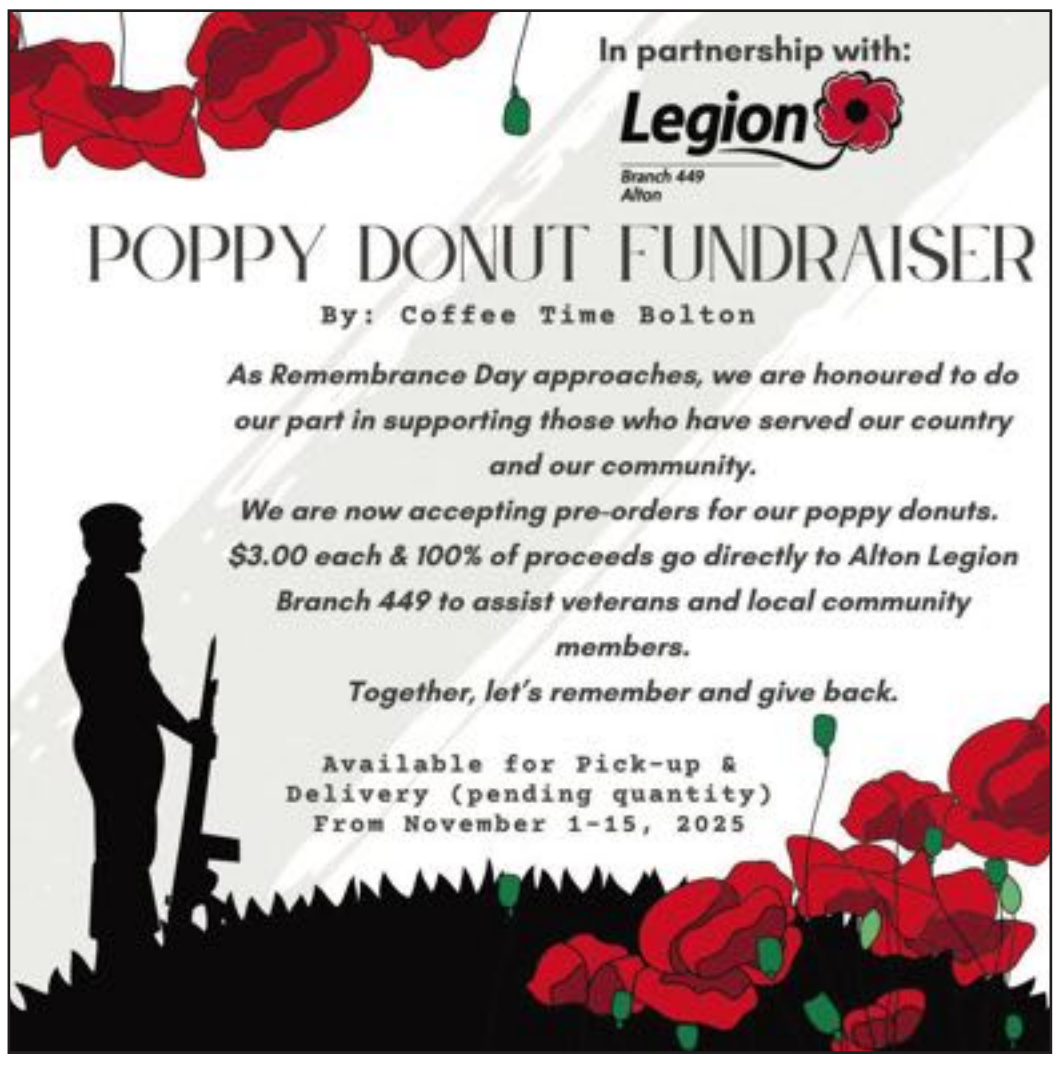
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Pause for Reflection: Caledon offers many ways to Remember this November

BY RILEY MURPHY
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This year, for Remembrance Day, not only are there numerous services held across Caledon, but also several initiatives.

Services begin on November 1st and run until November 11.

On November 1st, the Mono Mills Remembrance Day Service will take place at the Mono Mills Cenotaph on 35 Victoria Crescent at 11 am.

On November 9, there will be two services held in Caledon. The first is the Alton Remembrance Day Service, which will be held at the Alton Legion Hall at 10:15 am. There will also be a potluck lunch following the service. The second will be the Bolton Remembrance Day Service, held at the Bolton Cenotaph at Laurel Hill Cemetery at 12:30 pm.

On November 11, the Caledon East Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Caledon East Cenotaph at Town Hall at 10:50 am.

For those interested in sponsoring the laying of a wreath on behalf of an individual, family, or organization at either the Bolton or Caledon East Service, please contact events@caledon.ca.

The Town of Caledon recently installed Commemorative Crosswalks in various locations around Caledon to honour our veterans.

The project was realized through collaboration between a number of partners, including the Town, the Region of Peel, the local Alton Legion, and Jason Figliano.

Figliano, from the Canadian Black Belt Academy, says he wanted to see something done in the community to honour veterans, as he trains with many of them and feels they often don't get enough recognition.

The idea first came about in 2022, and he says the community truly came together to get this done, making it a team effort.

Bolton Coffee Time is running a Poppy Donut Fundraiser in partnership with the Alton Legion.

This year, they created custom yeast donuts decorated to look like poppies in support of the Alton Legion Branch 449.

Each donut is three dollars, and 100% of the proceeds will be donated directly to the Legion to assist veterans and local community members.

Coffee Time shared they're honoured to do their part in supporting those who have served our country and community.

They are currently accepting pre-orders for the poppy donuts, and they will be available for pickup and delivery, pending quantity, from November 1 – 15.

Coffee Time didn't stop there this year; they will also be sponsoring St. Michael Catholic Secondary School's "Field of Crosses."

For their Field of Crosses, the school will paint over 100 crosses for the 120 names on the Caledon-based cenotaphs, with white and "Caledon Remembers."

Next year, they'll include the names of the fallen.

This year, residents are also invited to join the Region of Peel in Peel Remembers: The Second World War.

At this drop-in-style event, attendees can join archivists to remember the sacrifices of Peel residents.

This year's event will focus on the Second World War in honour of the 80th anniversary of the end of the conflict.

It will run on Thursday, November 6th, from 4 pm to 8 pm, and on Saturday, November 8th, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Chris Hadfield touches down in Orangeville to talk space and writing career

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Theatre Orangeville brought Canadian space icon Chris Hadfield to the Opera House on Sunday, October 26, to talk about his new novel, Final Orbit, part three of his Apollo Murders series.

Set in 1957, amongst the backdrop of the Cold War space race, Final Orbit follows a joint mission between three NASA astronauts and three cosmonauts. Kaz Zemeckis, a flight controller based on Earth, listens. Something goes horribly wrong, and three of the crew die in a mysterious accident. Amongst the chaos and confusion, a third power from the east is rising, as China sends its first man into space.

"It's been very delightful to have been able to release a book into the wild," he said. "It was a domesticated animal for a long time, and it feels wonderful to see how many people are enjoying it."

Hadfield has enjoyed writing his whole life, starting with short stories as a teenager. Going into his early 20s, he wrote for an underground newspaper. But he said he was holding off on writing anything until he felt he had accumulated enough experience.

"When I was a brand-new astronaut, I was approached to write a biography, to which I said, 'a biography? I haven't done anything yet,'" he said. "I wanted to get to a stage in my life where I had done enough things and maybe gained enough perspective that it was worth writing."

He was eventually asked to write an introduction to Ray Bradbury's classic sci-fi novel, The Martian Chronicles, which led a UK-based publisher to suggest he try writing fiction. This led to Hadfield writing The Apollo Murders series, which applied what he had learned speaking to crowds during his career as an astronaut.

"Once I got selected as an astronaut, and because Canada has almost no astronauts, you have to go out and speak a lot," he said. "People want to hear stories about space that are cool. But they also want to hear the 'why?' and 'How does this apply to me?' I learned more and more about what's useful and how to tell a story that's memorable."

"If I tell you facts and figures of a space shuttle, you won't remember them. But if I tell you what it was like to fly one, and slip in some facts, you might remember them."

This approach has paid off well for Hadfield's launch into fiction. His series has earned critical acclaim for its approach to science fiction, and here in town, Theatre Orangeville sold out tickets for his event well in advance.

Hadfield is just the first of many incoming authors to be hosted at Theatre Orangeville as part of Authors on Stage, a series created in collaboration with BookLore.

"This special series is more than an evening with acclaimed authors; it's a community collaboration that champions local arts and culture," said Theatre Orangeville in a statement. "Together, BookLore and Theatre Orangeville are uniting literature and live theatre in support of our New Play Development (NPD) Fund."

"Every ticket purchased directly contributes to nurturing Canadian playwrights and helping bring new stories to life on our stage through workshops and commissions," the statement added.

Next up, Theatre Orangeville will host author Alan Doyle on November 23, which has already sold out. Adams Shoalts is next on December 2, and tickets are limited but still available. They can be found on Theatre Orangeville's website at theatreorangeville.ca/fundraiser/authors-on-stage.

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

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One final thought. As concerned as I am about the concentration of power in the hands of one individual, it's clear we have experienced a great deal of divisiveness amongst Council members of late. Certainly the original 5-4 vote that landed us in the middle of this Swan Lake debacle was an example of a Council divided. But, and it's a big one, I still hold out hope and have a belief in a system that recognizes democracy - even flawed - still allows for the potential of a better decision to be made by the collective than when power is concentrated in the hands of the few or even just one individual.

If Council votes for this flawed and potentially precedent-setting proposed site alteration bylaw, we must remember how each Councillor voted come election day.

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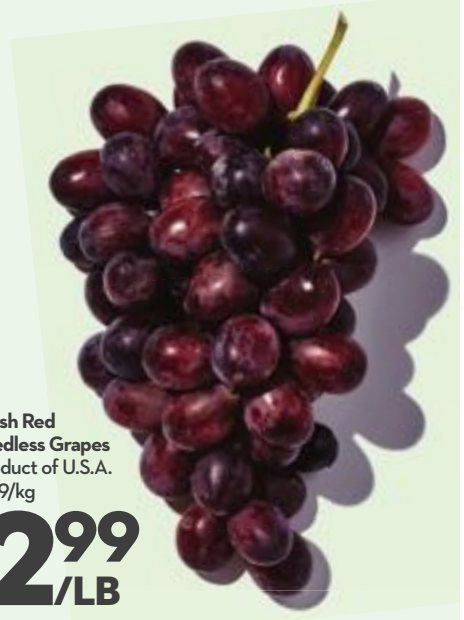
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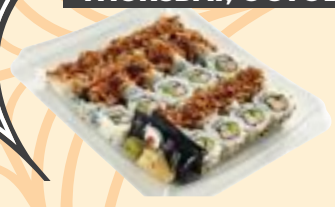
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Admirals' offence wakes up in Niagara Falls in convincing 6-2 win over the Canucks

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals rebounded from a 5-1 home ice loss to Milton on Thursday night by thumping the Canucks 6-2 in Niagara Falls on Friday.

It was the Admirals' first win in two seasons over the Canucks. Niagara Falls won all four of their games against Caledon last season en route to an eighth-place finish and a playoff berth in the OJHL West Division.

On Friday night, three unanswered goals paced the visitors to a commanding 3-0 lead after twenty minutes of play.

Before the game was ninety seconds old, Jack Fang converted Xavvier Rowe's pass past Canucks' goaltender Dylan Bourque at 1:28 to give the Admirals a quick 1-0 lead.

Eight seconds later, Cole Kirton's first goal of the season stunned the 200 spectators into silence at the Gale Centre as the home side fell behind 2-0.

Nolan Keeler's seventh of the season—from Braeden Van Gelder and Clarence Allain—gave Caledon a comfortable three-goal lead heading into intermission and chased Bourque from the Canucks' cage.

Caledon Head Coach Joe Washkurak described the importance of the team's quick start on Friday night in Niagara Falls after consecutive losses to Milton and Burlington.

"It was a great start. I challenged the guys and we challenged each other to be better. We have to beat playoff teams like Niagara Falls to make the playoffs this year. It was a big bounce-back win, although we didn't play that bad against Milton. We gave up three power play goals [against the Menace] and only one at even strength. It was much better than our effort in Burlington—I thought we played our worst game of the season [against the Cougars]."

Coach Washkurak didn't like his team's start in the second period – "the second wasn't great"—and Ronan Campbell's goal at 11:21 pulled the Canucks to within two. However, Coach Washkurak's crew arose from its middle frame slumber and played "a strong third period with three goals and a much better effort."

A pair of timely goals by Clarence Allain at 9:31 on the power play and Cam Lang's shortie at 13:33 extended the Admirals' lead to 5-1.

Although Campbell notched his second goal of the game fifteen minutes into the final frame, Owen Meli's marker with forty-five seconds left provided the margin of victory for the ninth-place Admirals (7-6-1-2).

Allain picked up his second assist on Friday night on Meli's goal to complete a three-point night and pace the Admirals' offense against tenth-place Niagara.

Coach Washkurak complimented Allain on his offensive contributions and improved play of late.

"Clarence has been challenged to play better—he's been struggling away from the puck. We had an animated conversation after practice last week and told him we expected more. He's worked his tail off the last two games—he got an assist on our goal against Milton and he was rewarded for his hard work in Niagara Falls. Those were the best two games he's played and I'm happy for him."

He also praised the work of Keeler and Van Gelder on what turned out to be the game-winning goal in the first period versus Niagara Falls.

"Van Gelder fired the puck off the glass right on to Keeler's stick. Keeler's a left shot and he got the puck on his forehand coming in off the right side, and fired it over the goalie's glove. It was a goal-scorer's goal. We're so happy to have him here."



Calem Yorke made 48 saves to backstop the Admirals to a 6 – 2 win over the Canucks in Niagara Falls. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Keeler, a prized acquisition from the Georgetown Raiders during the off-season, earned his team-leading fourteenth assist on Allain's third period power play marker.

Calem Yorke turned in an exceptional performance between the pipes—stopping 48 of 50 shots—to earn the W and move the Admirals three points ahead of the Canucks in the OJHL standings.

Coach Washkurak is running out of superlatives to describe his goalkeeper who has bailed out the Admirals' boat a number of times this season with his acrobatic play.

"Cal made some really good saves, especially from the perimeter. We limited their good scoring chances, but Cal really played well when we needed him on Friday night."

The Admirals host the Aurora Tigers at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 30 at the Mayfield Recreation Centre.

Coach Washkurak discussed the importance of a home ice win versus the tenth-place Tigers (5-10-0-0).

"Aurora's vastly-improved from last year, but they're a team we should beat. We're playing better of late so it should be a good game on Thursday night."

Sledge hockey comes to Orangeville

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It is a sport that allows people with disabilities to get out on the ice and play some hockey.

Sledge hockey has been around for a while, and thanks to a local player and the Orangeville Accessibility Committee, the sport is now available in Orangeville.

Sledge hockey is played on a sledge with two skate blades beneath a seat. The players are strapped into their seats and use picks at the bottom of shortened hockey sticks to propel themselves across the ice.

The rules are pretty much the same as regular ice hockey; the notable exception is a penalty for "T-boning" someone on the ice.

While T-boning is against the rules, it still happens, especially during competitive matches when skilled players make tight turns on the ice.

There are competitive leagues in different towns and cities in Ontario. Not all players are disabled. Some able-bodied individuals enjoy the sport as well. With everyone in a sledge, things on the ice even out.

Area resident Rob Jeffery, who has a prosthetic leg, was instrumental in bringing the sport to Orangeville.

"I did a small dry-land demonstration in front of the Accessibility Committee," Jeffery explained. "After I had my leg amputated, I was still trying to find my way. I had friends, you become part of a community, and they said, 'why don't you come and play hockey? I looked up sledge hockey, and I came out to their games and thought 'I could do that.' It really brought me to the game that I loved as a kid."

Jeffery had played hockey before, both at the minor and senior levels.

"I play in a league with the Ontario Sledge Hockey Association, it's all across Ontario," Jeffery said. "They have different divisions, teams, and clubs. My team plays out of Markham."

The Town took a real interest in sledge hockey as part of its efforts to make facilities and sports in the area accessible and inclusive.

The Town purchased 10 sledges, which are available for residents to use free of charge at the Alder Street Arena.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Councillor Joe Anderson, and Accessibility Committee members James Jackson and Rick Ugolini formalized the launch of sledge hockey on Orangeville ice and gave members of the public a chance to try sledge hockey at a special announcement at the Alder Street Arena on Saturday, October 25.

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Robin H. (Geddes) Berger passed away peacefully on October 22, 2025, at age 81 at Headwaters Healthcare Centre in Orangeville, surrounded by loved ones.

She was born on January 24, 1944, in Walkerton, Ontario to Homer and Ruth Geddes and is survived by her sister Meredith, pre-deceased by her brother Scott. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Lou, her children Heidi (Brett), Leah (Pat) and Jon (Katrina) and grandchildren Mia, Lauren and Luke.

Robin attended nursing school in 1962 at Toronto Western Hospital and graduated with honors in 1965. Robin met her future husband, Lothar (Lou) who was studying to become a chemical engineer at the University of Toronto. Lou and Robin married on July 17, 1965. After graduation, she was a nurse at Humber Memorial Hospital 1965-1968. She taught full time at Credit Valley School of Nursing from 1968-1974. She was employed with Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit (WDGPH) from September 1974 to January 2011. Robin retired at the age of 68 years old after 37 years of service working for WDGPH. She was WDGPH's longest serving public health nurse and first ever lactation consultant. She has been an IBCLC (International Board Certified Lactation Consultant) since 1994 (recertified in 1999, 2004, 2009, and rewrote and passed the IBCLC exam in 2014) and Member of ICLA/CLCA (Canadian Lactation Consultant Association) since 1994. She was instrumental in starting the community breastfeeding centre in Orangeville in 1996, which was initially situated at the old hospital but later moved to Headwaters Healthcare Centre and then into the local WPGPH health unit office. In May 2011, Robin went into private practice. She opened "Robin's Nest- Where Breast is Best" a public drop in breastfeeding centre at the Centre Fellowship Church in Orangeville. She officially retired at the age of 79 in September 2023, just shy of 5 decades of service to her community.

She published various articles in support of breastfeeding and received many honours and accolades over her career. Most recently in May, she was awarded the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal which recognized her exemplary contributions to her community and country.

She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to families and friends. Robin's legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday November 18th from 2-6 p.m. at In Memoriam (28 Main Street N., Grand Valley ON). Robin has chosen to continue serving and has donated her body to the University of Toronto so others may learn from her.

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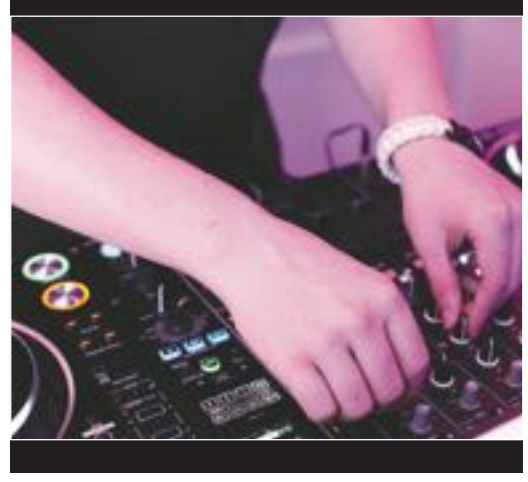




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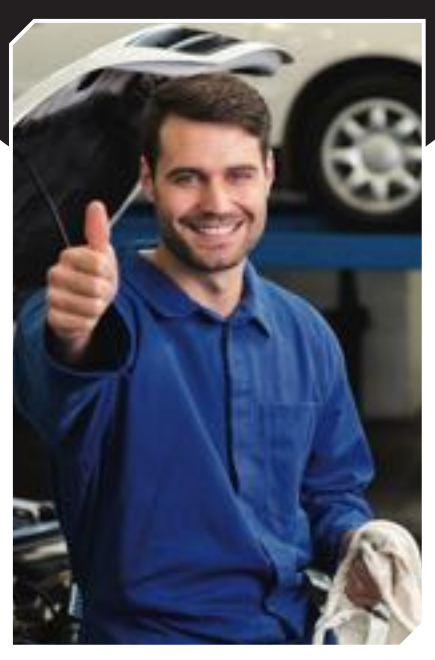
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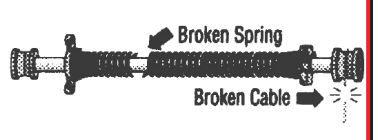
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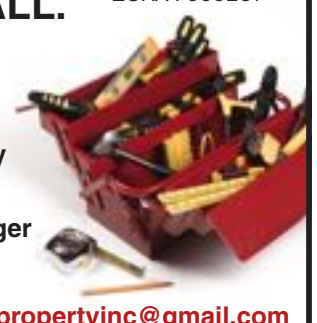
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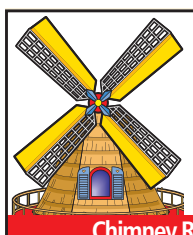
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