

WE REMEMBER

We owe a debt to the men and women who served and sacrificed for Canada.

Too many people forget to wear a Poppy. It's a small act, but it means a lot. It shows our Veterans that we remember what they gave up for our country and for us.

This Veterans' Week and on November 11, wear a Poppy. Take a moment to remember the cost of the freedom we enjoy every day.

Lest we forget.

2025 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES IN DUFFERIN-CALEDON

ALTON
Sunday, November 9, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Alton Legion Hall
1267 Queen St., Alton
Potluck lunch in the upstairs hall following the Service. The Legion asks that anyone attending the lunch to please bring a dish. For more details, please contact the Legion directly at 519-942-4021.

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

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

GRAND VALLEY
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
10:50 a.m.
Grand Valley Cenotaph
(corner of Amaranth St. W. & Main St. N.)
Grand Valley

SHELBURNE
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Service at 9:30 a.m.
(203 William St., Shelburne)
March to Cenotaph at 10:45 a.m.
Service at Cenotaph at 11:00 a.m.
Cenotaph located at
203 Main Street E., Shelburne
The Legion will be hosting a dinner at the Legion at 5:30 p.m. For more details, please contact the Legion directly at 519-925-3800.

ORANGEVILLE
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Orangeville Cenotaph
(Alexandra Park)
Orangeville

MANSFIELD
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
10:45 a.m.
Mansfield Cenotaph
Mansfield Park
(937016 Airport Road)
Mansfield

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The war began on September 1,1939 when Germany invaded Poland. Canada officially entered the war days later on September 10, 1939.

Canada's military contributions to the Second World War were immense. More than one million Canadians fought in lengthy and arduous campaigns around the world serving on land, sea, and in the air. These campaigns included the Dieppe Raid, the Italian Campaign, the Battle of the Atlantic, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy where Canadian forces demonstrated tremendous valour and whose efforts significantly contributed to the defeat of the German, Italian and Japanese forces.

By the time the Second World War officially ended six years later in 1945, more than 1.1 million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in uniform here at home and abroad with more than 45,000 making the ultimate sacrifice and another 55,000 being wounded.

We remember the sacrifices of the exceptional Canadian men and women who served in this War to protect our great country.

Kyle Seeback, M.P.
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ANNUAL YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTEST - ENTER TO WIN!

Passing on the torch of Remembrance from generation to generation is essential in ensuring the selfless service and sacrifices made by our country's finest will never be forgotten.

I'm **inviting youth of Dufferin-Caledon to enter my 4th annual poster contest**, sharing their original creative artwork (hand-drawn or painted) to proudly honour our Veterans and to show what Remembrance Day represents to them.

One prize will be awarded for each of the following **four categories: 1) Primary Level (Grades 1, 2, 3), 2) Junior Level (Grades 4, 5, 6), 3) Intermediate Level (Grades 7, 8, 9), and 4) Senior Level (Grades 10, 11, 12).** Please note one entry per youth.

Contest entries **may be dropped off at my constituency office at 180 Broadway, Third Floor, Unit B, Orangeville** or a clear photograph of the original poster art **may be forwarded to me by e-mail at kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca** (parents may assist with this step). When entering your submission, **please provide your name, a phone number or e-mail address (so you may be contacted if you win), and indicate the category (grade level) for your entry. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 11, 2025.**

Contest winners (and photos of their artworks) **will be announced on my Facebook page (/KyleSeeback)** on **November 13, 2025**. All **four winners will be notified by my office and to make arrangements for collecting their prizes.**

Primary and Junior Level prize winners will each receive a **pair of mittens with a large felt Poppy appearing on the front.** Intermediate and Senior Level prize winners will each receive a **water bottle with a Poppy motif. All prizes have been purchased from The Royal Canadian Legion's The Poppy Store.**



2025 POPPY CAMPAIGN

When we wear a Poppy, it's one small, but important way we can show our gratitude and honour those who've served Canada.

Each year, Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Canadian cities, towns, and communities, including here in Dufferin-Caledon, organize the Poppy Campaign.

Legionnaires volunteer their time to support their local Legion Branches with the campaign. This year's campaign will run from October 31 to November 11.

Poppies are free to anyone who wishes to wear one; however, our local Legion Branches greatly appreciate any donations to the Poppy Fund. The funds raised during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the Branch level. When you make a donation to the Poppy Fund, you can know **you're directly supporting Veterans and their families within our community,** as well as the vitally important work the Legions perform throughout the year.

Let's show how much our Veterans, and their sacrifices, mean to each of us by wearing a Poppy.

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STEPS TOWARDS REMEMBRANCE – Canadian Black Belt Academy owner Jason Figliano and his students are pictured at a commemorative crosswalk honouring veterans in Bolton. Figliano was instrumental in the installation of the crosswalks after petitioning since 2022 to bring them to Caledon. For more on how the community is set to honour veterans and the fallen in the days ahead, please see our special Remembrance Day section beginning on Page B1.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Humberview Teacher and students recognized for contributions to Canada's Innocence Movement

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

When George Allain was in his teens, he first picked up a book about the Steven Truscott case.

Little did he know that, decades later, he would accept the Rubin Hurricane Carter Champion of Justice Award for his and thousands of students' work in making significant contributions to the country's Innocence Movement.

In 1959, Steven Truscott, at the age of fourteen, was sentenced to death when he was charged with the murder of his classmate Lynne Harper. After a nearly 50-year battle for justice, Truscott was acquitted by the Ontario Court of Appeal in 2007.

In 2002, the Humberview Secondary School law teacher Allain wanted to help his students focus on the idea of law being a part of advocacy, advocating for themselves and others.

He had his students look up several potential cases where the legal system may have made a mistake. They then presented their ideas on which case they thought the class should do, and then voted on it.

He says that by working with real cases, he believed the students could advocate for something they could believe in and work with.

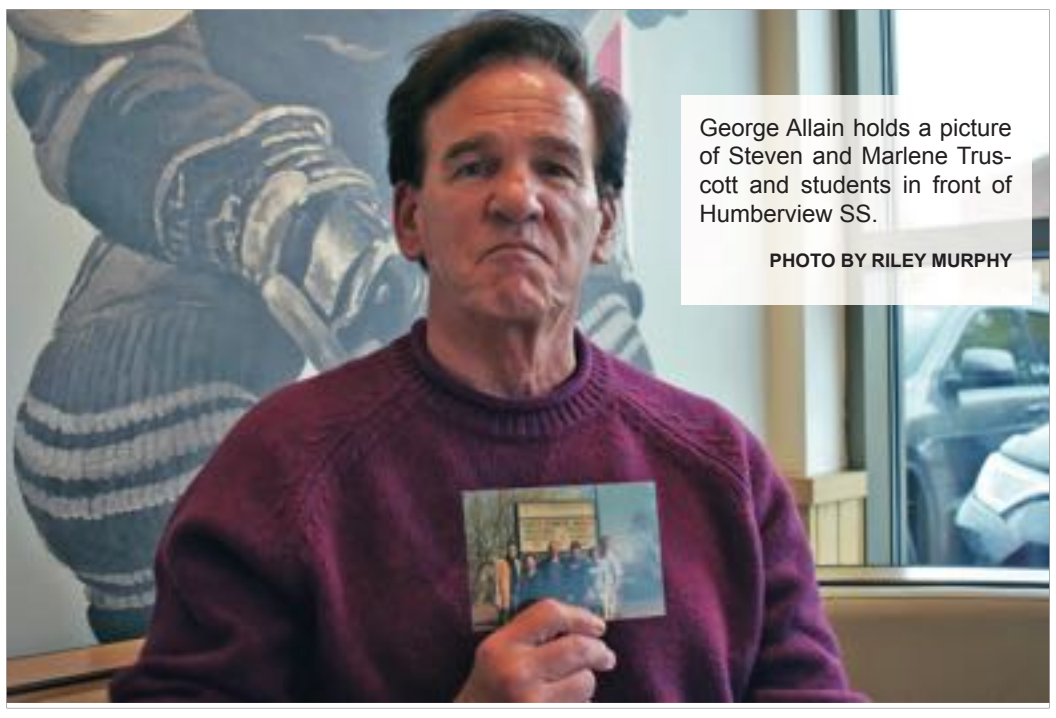
"Kids could bring their variety of skills they had to it and wouldn't feel like they were pretending," he says.

The students decided on the Truscott case.

From there, Allain's goal was to introduce as many people as he could to their learnings to help them fully understand the case.

Over the years, they worked with over 25 experts in their fields, including homicide detectives, Defence and Crown attorneys, and judges from both provincial and superior courts.

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George Allain holds a picture of Steven and Marlene Truscott and students in front of Humberview SS.
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Concerns and questions continue to be raised over Bolton GO MTSA CPP By-law

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Last week's Planning and Development Public Meeting featured the rescheduled business of the Bolton South GO Major Transit Station Area and CPP By-law.

The public meeting allowed residents and Council to raise potential concerns and ask questions about the information presented.

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.

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

Residents at the meeting voiced concerns about benefits, public notice requirements, density, development standards, the height of proposed properties, parking, parks, and more.

When it came to the benefits of the CPP By-law, David Riley, partner at SGL Planning and Design, noted that the proposed by-law contains more detail about the process than the current zoning by-law.

Additional benefits, he said, relate to development proponents in support, design perspective, and community benefits.

Riley explained "community benefits" means that the tool "establishes a framework where the municipality can require community benefits in exchange for additional height or density."

Questions were raised regarding the approval process, as it states that Classes 1 and 2 do not require approval from Council or the public, but only from staff.

The approval process ranges from Class 1, with Staff approval and no changes needed, to Class 3, which involves larger variations and requires council approval, along with mailing to residents within 120m, website posting, and physical signage.

Amanda Corbett, alongside other community members, raised concerns about the approval process regarding public notice, "the idea of no notice being given, even if staff are looking at it, is concerning."

She shared there should be an opportunity for the public to have their say, especially neighbouring residences or businesses.

Other residents also voiced concerns about the 120-metre requirement, but Mayor Annette Groves assured that there are opportunities for notices to go outside the 120-metres required under the Planning Act.

Riley noted, "in terms of the change in notice requirements are really for minor variations and site plan approval matters," and they are establishing an acceptable threshold and accepting concerns and comments on what that threshold should be.

Multiple community members also came forward and voiced concerns about the amount of potential density coming in, with a lack of parking spaces and public transport, as the GO Train Service is not yet confirmed.

"This is a Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) where we can have minimum parking requirements, and what we've suggested in the bylaw is essentially carrying over what the parking requirements exist today and applying for the residential units of one space per unit," said Riley, to which resident Kathleen Wilson said most Caledon homes have more than one car.

Wilson also noted the need for parks in the proposed areas.

"We just heard from the last planning and development committee meeting about the incredible situation in Valleywood, where you can't plow snow because people's cars are on the road. There's no additional parking spaces anywhere where visitors can park," said resident Rima Dornfeld.

Dornfeld said the "up to a 30% reduction in the [parking] requirement that staff can arbitrarily grant is excessive." She noted that it leaves no room for changes in the economic conditions in the number of people that live in the proposed units.

Corbett also voiced concerns about how density will come into play given the lack of public transit, as previously noted.

"If we proceed with these condo heights of 20 to 25 stories and that extreme density, no one is going to be able to move anywhere because we'll be gridlocked with cars from an additional 75,000 people," said Corbett.

Carmela Anzelmo-Palkowski said she lives approximately four blocks from the proposed area, and the density and parking issues make her "extremely nervous", as well as issues of emergency services being able to reach the proposed high-rise buildings.

Alongside the density issues raised by residents regarding building height, resident Al Axworthy said the proposed building heights would change the "face of the community."

Various residents raised questions over the idea of the proposed plan being run as a "pilot."

Mayor Groves, following suggestions in response to residents' concerns over the pilot, suggested that staff may look at other municipalities comparable to Caledon and the specific area of Bolton to see what worked and what did not for them.

She also noted that, as the community grows and the density increases, she is sure Town Staff are looking at ways to move the public around that do not solely rely on the GO station.

Councillor Dave Sheen asked whether one potential benefit of this type of density is justifying ridership to Metrolinx for the proposed GO station, and staff answered in the affirmative.

He also clarified that another motivator would be the financial incentive from the Housing Accelerator Fund, which was also answered in the affirmative.

The funding commitment through the Federal Government's Housing Accelerator Fund ties certain dates to specific initiatives that would enable Staff to "unlock next year's funding," but any funding could be revoked if the initiatives aren't completed, shared Staff.

The Housing Accelerator Fund requires action plans from local governments, unlocking funding to ensure the timely implementation of housing initiatives, with subsequent payments upon delivering results.

"Local governments are encouraged to think big and be bold in their approaches, which could include accelerating project timelines, allowing increased housing density, and encouraging affordable housing units," reads the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation website.

Councillor Christina Early noted the advantages, but "if we don't have a GO Train for 20 years or 15 years, we're going to really compromise some of the people in Bolton."

Following the Public Meeting, Staff will bring forward a recommendation report for Council to approve the recommendation for the bylaw by the end of November, the bylaw will have to be passed, and then move into implementation from December to March 2026.



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Caledon Chamber of Commerce hosts 2025 Fall Business Summit



(Left to right) Representing MPP Sylvia Jones, Karol Jakubczak, the Shine N' Drive team, and Hazel Piacentini. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon Chamber of Commerce held its 2025 Fall Business Summit at Mount Alverno Resort last week.

The business community enjoyed a day of networking, guest speakers, and themes of growth, economy, and Artificial Intelligence.

Multiple speakers from various areas of expertise spoke to local businesses about how to harness AI to unlock opportunities, navigate Ontario's evolving economy, and strengthen local business resilience.

The keynote speaker of the summit was Daniel Tisch of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Tisch has been awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his contributions to the community, the province, and the country.

He said he has attended more than 60 local Chamber events in the last year-and-a-half, and that these local events tell him the stories behind the numbers and data he sees from his office, "the highs and lows and needs and preoccupations of businesses, the people I'm here to serve."

"It was particularly valuable to be in Caledon, because it's a community at the crossroads of Ontario's growth," said Tisch.

He noted that Caledon's economic base is broad, spanning manufacturing, agribusiness, logistics, and innovation.

"Thanks to economics, demographics and geography, you find people with both a deep commitment to a small-town quality of life and the ambition to be part of North America's economic heartland, a player in the global economy," said Tisch.

At the Ontario Chamber, he said they believe that strong businesses make stronger communities.

"Chambers are special because they attract two types of people: those who are leaders in their community today, and those who aspire to be leaders in their communities tomorrow," he says.

After his keynote speech, he said he hoped that Caledon businesspeople would "see the connection between their involvement in their chamber and the voice of business across Ontario and Canada."

"Business has an opportunity to lead, in partnership with the government, the non-profit sector, and the community. When we stand together, we are a voice that's incredibly wise for the government to heed, and incredibly foolish for the government to ignore."

"If we can make our business environment more competitive, invest in the industries and infrastructure of the future, and attract, retain and develop our talent, we can lead the world."

As a voluntary organization, Caledon Chamber of Commerce has come a long way from where it was to where it is today, and President Marion Upshall spoke about how proud she was to see the Chamber's growth.

"I also know that we have more growth to come," added Upshall. "Our foundational work is done.

"We've got a great Board of Directors in place, and we can only go up from here. We can only strengthen more from here, and we can only connect more from here, and that's what it's all about: connecting all of Caledon. I'm very proud of how far we've come in a short period of time, and we've got greater growth to happen."

She shared the event itself that day was very well received, which she says is partly due to the speakers they chose for the businesses there.

"It's down to the messages that we needed to get to our business community on a local level, on a regional level, and on a provincial level," said Upshall.

Upshall said the summit was important for the businesses to understand that the Chamber is there to support them.

"We're here to support them, and we're here to lift them up. We're here to encourage them, and in any way that we can assist with any challenges that they may face, we want them to know that we're here for them," she said

One major part of the day Upshall spoke on was the return of the Business Excellence Awards, something that hasn't been a part of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce since 2017

"It's a long time coming, and they do deserve the accolades, and it's a very proud moment for us, and I believe for our business community as well," said Upshall.

For the Consumers' Choice Awards, dining went to Symposium Café Restaurant and Lounge, retail went to both Caledon Creamery and Shine N' Drive, and service went to Crown Commons.

The New Business /Entrepreneur /Start-Up Award also went to Crown Commons.

The Impact Award went to Caledon Community Services (CCS), and Business of the Year went to Husky Technologies.

Shine N' Drive held its grand opening this September as Caledon's first full-service carwash, after being known as Bolton Classic Car Wash for 20 years.

After winning the Consumers' Choice Award for retail, Manager Jagnoor Grewal from Shine N' Drive said, "All the days of a lot of hard work, a lot of blood, sweat, and literal tears have now kind of felt a little bit rewarding.

"We're glad that everyone was able to enjoy it just as much as we did, and we're glad that the community feels the same way that we do, that we want to give a really good, great customer service to every single customer that comes, regardless of who it is, and continue to do this for years to come."

He shared that they attended the Summit that day to give back to the businesses that had supported them.

"A lot of these people were supporting us before we even existed as an old car wash, and a lot of these friendly faces are now back here to celebrate our achievements and accomplishments, and we couldn't have done it without everyone involved."

LEST WE FORGET
Remembrance Day

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:

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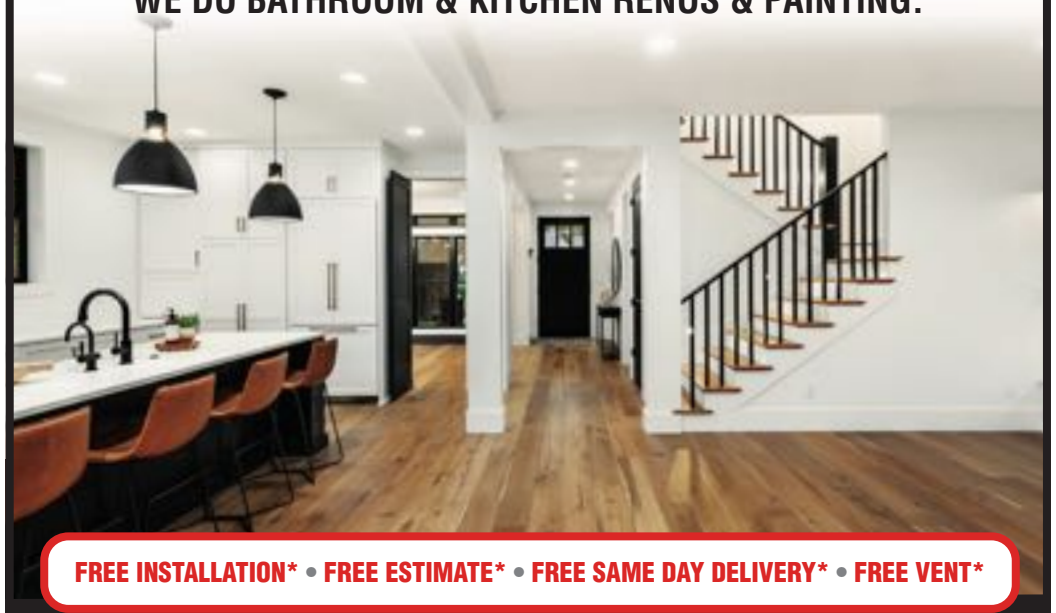
This year, the Town of Caledon will lead both the Bolton and Caledon East ceremonies.

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CHARGES FOLLOWING DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION

Members of the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid numerous charges against seven individuals following a recent warrant execution.

"In summer 2025, the Caledon CSCU entered into a drug trafficking investigation," say Police. "With the assistance of numerous CSCU's across southern Ontario, as well as the Toronto Police Service and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), search warrants were executed upon several residences and vehicles throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

"Officers seized approximately one kilogram of Methamphetamine, 800 grams of Heroin and a large sum of currency, as well as items consistent with the sale and trafficking of drugs, including cell phones, digital scales, packaging materials, and more. In addition, a prohibited knife, firearm ammunition, and body armour, as well as two stolen personal watercrafts and associated trailer were also seized as a result of the warrants."

Following the investigation, seven individuals were arrested and charged.

Shivansh Sharma, 35, of Vaughan, was charged with:

- Traffick in a Schedule I substance - two counts;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - two counts;
- Fail to comply with release order - three counts;
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over $5000;
- Participate in a criminal organization.

The charges have not been proven.

Inderdip Sahota, 37, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Fail to comply with release order;
- Participate in a criminal organization;
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over $5000.

The charges have not been proven.

Brent Marko, 45, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Traffick in a Schedule I substance - two counts;
- Participate in a criminal organization;
- Drive while under suspension - six counts.

The charges have not been proven.

Tyrone Osei, 24, of Etobicoke, was charged with:

- Traffick in a Schedule I substance - two counts;
- Participate in a criminal organization;
- Drive while under suspension - three counts.

The charges have not been proven.

Ellique Bowman, 20, of Toronto, was charged with:

- Traffick in a Schedule I substance - two counts;
- Participate in a criminal organization;
- Drive while under suspension - two counts.

The charges have not been proven.

Nicholas Senior, 20, of North York, was charged with:

- Traffick in a Schedule I substance - two counts;
- Participate in a criminal organization.

The charges have not been proven.

Jaydem Maraboli, 24, of Etobicoke, was charged with:

- Traffick in a Schedule I substance - two counts;
- Participate in a criminal organization.

"The success of this drug trafficking investigation reflects our ongoing commitment to public safety and the disruption of criminal networks across the Town of Caledon and the Greater Toronto Area," says Detective Sergeant Steven Linton, Caledon OPP Detachment. "These results demonstrate the effectiveness of coordinated investigative efforts and the dedication of our officers to keeping our communities safe and free from illegal activity."

CHARGES FOLLOWING "FABRICATED" CAR JACKING

Members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges against two individuals following an investigation into a carjacking.

"On September 18, 2025, at approximately 10:00 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP received a report of a carjacking in the area of Old School Road and Mississauga Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The complainant alleged that their vehicle was involved in a collision and was then approached by two suspects, one of which was armed with a handgun. The suspects were then said to have stolen the vehicle and fled the area.

"Detectives from the Caledon Major Crime Unit (MCU) assisted with the investigation which ultimately revealed the complainant fabricated the report of the carjacking in a complex fraud scheme."

As a result of the investigation, Raji Sharma, 38, of Brampton, and Meeraj Tandon, 40, of Brampton, were charged with:

- Public Mischief;
- Fraud over $5000.

The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date to answer to their charges.

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information about suspected unlawful activity to Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) 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 laid charges following a collision investigation.

"On October 25, 2025, at approximately 10:00 p.m., officers responded to a report of a collision involving two vehicles on Highway 10, at County Road 109, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The vehicle occupants suffered minor injuries as a result of the collision. During the course of the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

Following the investigation, Anthony Weidendorf, 28, of Toronto, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

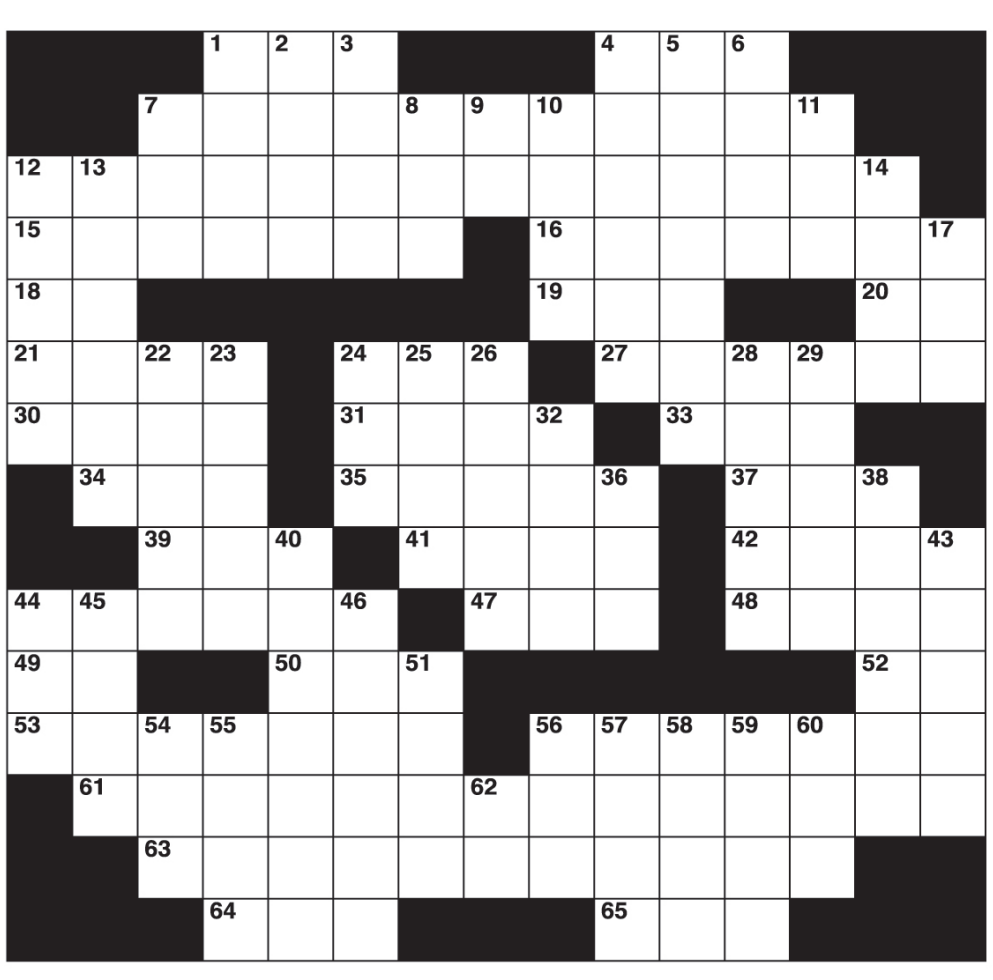
The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 13, 2025, to answer to the charges. Additionally, the driver's vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

"The OPP remains committed to keeping our communities safe through enforcement and public education. Drivers who are impaired by drugs or alcohol continue to pose a significant threat on Ontario roads. Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, impaired is impaired, and impaired driving is dangerous regardless of the source of impairment. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it."



The Citizen CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of surprise
4. Keyboard key
7. One who works on lights
12. Notable children's story
15. Fall back into a bad pattern
16. Eye parts
18. Atomic #18
19. Of she
20. Farm state
21. One point south of southeast
24. British media entity
27. Asian garment
30. Drench
31. Expressions of pleasure
33. Turf
34. UK trade union (abbr.)
35. Bleated
37. Fifth note of a major scale
39. Paddle
41. Monetary unit of Italy
42. American classical pianist
44. Shuts down for the day
47. Seize
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
49. Greeting
50. Some cars still need it
52. Atomic #22
53. Let go
56. Marched in public
61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
63. Hostilities
64. Speak aloud
65. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

1. Razorbill genus
2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
3. Performs on stage
4. Supports a sentiment
5. Rugged mountain ranges
6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
7. Snakelike fish
8. Men's fashion accessory
9. Hospital worker
10. Something to scratch
11. No (Scottish)
12. Volcanic ash
13. Of this
14. American jazz drummer Watts
17. Drop down
22. English dialect
23. Predatory seabirds
24. Imams' deputies
25. Fertility god
26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two
29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
32. Protein-rich liquids
36. Touch lightly
38. Season for Catholics
40. Boat race
43. Police actions
44. Chinese river
45. Waterfall (Scottish)
46. Walk ostentatiously
51. Type of carpet
54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
55. Sea eagles
56. An enclosure for confining livestock
57. Dry
58. An increase in price or value
59. The highest point of something
60. Government lawyers
62. Larry and Curly's pal

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ARTS & CULTURE

Town, CMHA host Lunch and Learn with Caledon OPP and CMHA Crisis Team

BY RILEY MURPHY
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In partnership with the Town of Caledon Age-Friendly Caledon program and the Canadian Mental Health Association, a lunch-and-learn will be held with Caledon OPP and CMHA Crisis Team Staff for residents.

This lunch-and-learn will educate residents about the services and supports Caledon OPP and CMHA offer to help Caledon residents age well and age in place.

Caledon OPP was invited to supplement the conversation and help introduce services and supports.

Jesse Nobleman, Community Engagement and Media Relations with the Caledon Detachment, said that residents often aren't aware of what is available to them, and holding open sessions to explain what is offered is highly beneficial.

In attendance will be their Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT), along with one of the CAMH crisis workers, who will share information about their program.

In addition, Caledon OPP will be highlighting some of their key partnerships, including their work with Caledon Community Services and its food bank, The Exchange, as well as Punjabi Community Health Services.

Highlighted as well will be Project Lifesaver, Life Alert, CMHA resources, and more.

Nobleman notes that this lunch-and-learn is an opportunity for residents to learn more about what the OPP, CMHA, and the Town have to offer.

It will also give those in attendance a chance to ask questions and share feedback on what community members feel they need more of.

The lunch-and-learn will be held in the auditorium at the Albion Bolton Community Complex from 12 pm to 2 pm on November 6.



John Pelosi is pictured in his Bolton Studio. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

LOVE GARDEN Blooms in Bolton: A Night of Music and Creativity

BY RILEY MURPHY
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With snow possibly on the horizon this weekend, the Caledon community is hoping to offer a variety of events to keep you warm and entertained this winter season.

This Thursday, November 6, Jazz Fusion Guitarist John Pelosi and his band LOVE GARDEN invite the community to join them at the Humber River Centre as they play through their albums "Love Garden" and "White Hole Echo".

Pelosi studied music for years at various institutes, including the Musicians Institute Academy in Los Angeles, as well as Humber and York.

Growing up, he shared music was quite extensive, and he had an interest in music and literature from a very young age.

"The Beatles were on the radio, there was jazz on the radio, R&B on the radio, it was such a rich, complex mix of music. If you were already predisposed to that, then it was a great time to grow up," says Pelosi.

He returned to Caledon in his early twenties and began working full-time in the music industry, writing for TV, working for record companies, and playing live with various artists.

Over time, he has been able to play and study with some of the world's greatest guitarists and musicians.

"Music is taught to you as a language, that way you can interact with many people," says Pelosi.

Now, he teaches at his studio in Bolton, The Guitar Arts Studio, where he applies the same concepts he uses in his own life.

"Thinking of music as a language helps people individualize the way they learn, and more importantly apply musical concepts in a unique way."

Pelosi adds that music has endless growth and evolution.

Before the band began, Pelosi explained he was writing solely instrumental music, but around 2021, the band formed as "a vehicle for creativity that started appearing," as more and more lyrics found their way into his writing.

He says he has known most of them for over 30 years, adding that, luckily, he knew some "outstanding vocalists."

Pelosi says that, as a group, they draw from various genres.

"If you look and you learn the language [of music], then your creativity reflects that," says Pelosi. "I listen to all kinds of music, your creativity can draw from all those genres."

He says that, when it comes to the albums themselves, the themes will circle around the feelings of "being alive in the world."

The performance will be held at the Humber River Centre, a revitalized space that reopened in 2024 as a community hub for Downtown Bolton.

Pelosi says he looks forward to the centre becoming more of a space for performers.

The event is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on November 6, and tickets are available on Eventbrite and at the door.

The group will also be performing at The Rex on January 18 and 19, and Tabone Academy on February 21.

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Legacy Golf Classic presents cheque of $82,650 to Caledon Agricultural Society

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Allan and Anne Thompson have announced that their Legacy Golf Classic has raised $110,200 net in their inaugural charity golf tournament.

Under the event design, each year a Major Grant Recipient is named, who will receive 75 percent of the event proceeds, to a maximum of $75,000, with the balance of those funds assigned to other recipients.

This year's Major Grant Recipient was the Caledon Agricultural Society's fundraising campaign for their new community centre on the Caledon Village Fairgrounds.

The proposed centre will enhance the community in numerous ways, and CAS must raise $3 million to bring it to life.

During the cheque presentation to CAS, Allan and Anne Thompson announced that no secondary recipient would be named this year to receive the $7,640 difference; instead, CAS is receiving the full 75 percent of net proceeds for a total grant of $82,650.

"For them it's a groundbreaking, very large campaign and this was the first public kickoff for it, we wanted to put as much gas in their tank as we could," says Anne.

Allan notes that both he and Anne have volunteered for a long time, building various relationships.

"It's great we can use relationships to help better our community and we're all greater for it."

"If this can give the Caledon Agricultural Society's ability to get them out of the starting blocks, which I think we have, it's created a lot of awareness and I think there's a lot more activity starting to happen for them and that's what they sure needed.

"Hopefully we'll get them there with next year's tournament."

CAS has already been named the Major Grant Recipient for next year's Legacy Golf Tournament as well.

Anne notes Caledon has numerous needs and opportunities, but they firmly believe in giving this campaign a boost with a commitment to a second year for the project.

Earlier this year, CAS's campaign received the 2025 annual disbursement from the Thompson's fund as well.

Their venue, TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, was not only a fantastic course for the event, but the people as well made it an amazing experience, says Anne.

"It takes a village to do anything," she says. "We were really fortunate that some of those relationships, newer, long-standing friendships, business relationships, trusted us and believed in us and shared the vision."

On top of this, she adds, she was pleased with how many agricultural families and agriculture-based businesses in Caledon stepped up to join them.

"There isn't a lot of agriculture focus left here in Caledon that we can celebrate beyond the plowing match and the fairs so that was really exciting as well that it could bring together all of those relationships for us, we wanted people to have fun," she says.

The two shared that plans are already underway for next year's event, and that they've "set the bar high."

"The Legacy Golf Classic is uniquely structured to provide both immediate funding opportunities for community grant recipients while also building a reliable, permanent funding source for the Caledon community."

The remaining 25 percent of net proceeds will stay with the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund, established in 2022 through the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation.

The fund deposits will remain and are pooled for investment purposes, and interest earned is used to support an annual grant to a charity.

To date, the Thompson Community Fund has issued annual disbursement proceeds to Bethell Hospice, Caledon Community Services, Volunteer MBC, and the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

"We wanted to create something that would create a difference in our community, but we also wanted to offer something that we didn't see currently being offered right now," says Anne.

The money stays within the community, and this allows for sustainability and longevity, the two explained.

"The community wins no matter what," says Allan. "The community gets 100%."

Ed Taccone, President of CAS, says that the Legacy Golf Classic has helped by "leaps and bounds."

"I was kind of lost for words," says Taccone.

He says not only that, but the tournament has brought forward a lot of interest, and they are seeing more and more donations come in.

Following the cheque presentation, Taccone shared that they even received an anonymous $1,000 donation.

"It certainly has spurred much needed interest," he says.

As they continue to fundraise, Taccone shared that they look forward to having their lottery license approved for their tickets on the Kubota RTV, courtesy of Jeff Stewart.

He says this is something that has already garnered immense interest from the community.

Tickets will be available for $20 each, or three for $50, and sales will run until September – the same month in which the second annual Legacy Golf Classic will be held.

Coats for Dufferin returns for the 2025 winter season

BY JOSHUA DRAKES
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Recognizing the growing need for warm, dependable outdoor apparel in the community, Coats for Dufferin is preparing for another year of giving back.

Originally a program for kids in schools, founder Jacqueline Clement realized the scope of the deficit was far larger than she first expected.

"I originally started this initiative during COVID just as we were starting to go back to normal," she said. "I originally saw a huge need in schools, and that's where it began. But then I saw refugees and immigrants coming here from Ukraine or South Africa, for example, and they're obviously not prepared; they came here with basically what they could carry. Yes, there's other thrift shops, but saving those extra few bucks makes a difference for them."

Over time, seeing that adults were just as much in need as kids, the initiative morphed into Coats for Dufferin. With demand increasing every year, Clement said there has not been a season when they have had a single item left over. Everything was gone. As a result, the program has continued to expand each year.

Clement made sure to shout out the amazing work her team has put in to make sure that Coats for Dufferin is a success each year.

"I need to mention my colleagues," she said. "Jessica Menard and Sarah DeBoer. They run the Orangeville operation for me while I handle Shelburne. This is also the first year we've taken on volunteers, so we now also have student volunteers and adult volunteers throughout the community."

The program is very straightforward. They accept donations of new or slightly used winter wear, including hats, jackets, and gloves – anything that can help protect from the elements. They're then cleaned, if needed, and put on display at locations in Orangeville and Shelburne for anyone to take if needed.

An important factor, Clement said, was preserving clients' dignity. Everyone who comes can take whatever they need. No judgment, no questions asked.

"There's an important dignity factor to it," she said. "People have asked us over the years, 'how do you make sure you're monitoring people not coming in and taking more than one item, or resell them elsewhere?'"

"I tell them I don't care. I don't care if they come by to give something to a friend; if they need the money so badly, they're selling it, then go for it. There's no cost to take any of our items; they're all donated to help the community."

For those who might need a little bit of extra help, Coats for Dufferin has special assistance available. If you're looking for a particular item or perhaps a rare size, you can fill out a private form, and the volunteers at Coats for Dufferin will try to find items that are close to your requirements and prepare them for you.

"For example, we've had people going for job interviews, and they might need something a little more fancy," Clement said. "That's not a problem, we will try to sift through the donations and find what they need. That includes odd sizes that are hard to get. We will absolutely take requests."

Coats for Dufferin remains open for everyone, and no matter the struggle or need, Clement encourages anyone who needs clothing to come out. The initiative has already begun collecting items and will be open for drop-offs for the rest of November.

Locations where the coats can be accessed include the Edelbrock Centre in Orangeville, open Nov. 6 to 30, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Shelburne's location is 134 James Street, open from Nov. 6 to 30, Monday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Orangeville Legion will have a pop-up close on Dec. 7, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information on Coats for Shelburne, and a complete list of all drop-off and pick-up locations, head to https://linktr.ee/coatsfordufferin.





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Remembrance and Unanswered Questions

There has been a lot of time to think recently.

Last week, a member of my family underwent significant surgery at an area hospital. While we knew the surgery itself was a likely outcome of their health journey this year, the speed at which the surgery was scheduled – particularly in our healthcare system – was something of a surprise.

When the date was booked, there were just three days to prepare for it all – mentally, materially, and any other ways one has to prepare for a surgery that is not your own.

There was a flurry of preparation the weekend before last with the big event to address the "Big C" took place and, running on at least a little bit of adrenaline, by the time they were in the operating room, it was a matter of "hurry up and wait."

Arriving at Southlake Health shortly after 7.30 a.m. last Tuesday, it was a good eleven-and-a-half hours before I was able to go home and get some rest but, in the hours that preceded getting the all-clear, there was plenty of time to think.

I brought a fair bit of work to polish off during the wait, but my heart and my brain weren't in it.

The five books I brought with me that day – everything from a historical biography on James VII/I to Cher's recent autobiography, to a new tome of wartime love letters exchanged between Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz to a harrowing story of loss, conflict and triumph penned by a local author, and a magazine picked up just in case – went largely unread.

So, outside of conversation with assembled family members and well-wishers who popped in and out throughout the day, much of the time was spent more or less alone with my thoughts – and there were many.

As the numerous doom-and-gloom scenarios going through my head mercifully lifted, I realized something that startled me: as close as I am to the patient, as much as I've gotten to know them over the entirety of my forty years on this planet, there is still so much about their life's journey that I don't know.

At least one car on train of thought was put on the track by one such pop-in family member I hadn't seen in several years. They too have known the patient their entire lives, and they have a few years on me. As they reminisced, I learned a wealth of new info going back some 70 years – about their health, influences, and even some surprising things about a spiritual journey that was, for whatever reason, kept under wraps.

So, I decided then and there to change that, using this "bonus" time with the patient to get down to business in figuring out what truly drives them, makes them tick, and assemble the puzzle pieces I've picked up along the way.

Perhaps it wasn't the best time to announce this to them the day after they were settled in the ICU if the widened eyes poking out from the tangle of tubes about their person was any indication; after all, as you may have guessed, they are a largely private person who, perhaps, would hate this topic is even being broached in these pages, but I'm determined to make it happen.

There is some downtime ahead to take advantage of – and, of course, I'm always a firm believer in practicing what I preach.

As we approach Remembrance Day, I experience, as I suspect so many of us do, many mixed emotions – and these emotions sometimes take a different track from year to year.

In some years, my thoughts drift to my paternal grandfather, an airman, who spent far too much time in a German Prisoner-of-War camp during the Second World War. While, against incredible odds, he was able to come home, he died quite young and we missed our paths crossing by some 15 years.

Thoughts also often turn to his parents, who met and married during the First World War. His father also died quite young and while his mother lived a long and fruitful life, we again missed each other by five years or so.

Timing is everything!

In recent years, I've found myself thinking about her brother, previously unknown to me just under a decade ago, and what he must have experienced before paying the ultimate sacrifice for King and Country.

The questions I have for these men and women but was never able to ask, could fill a newspaper double or triple this size, but there's some solace that more than 15 years in this job as a reporter and then editor have afforded me many opportunities to pose some of the questions I did have to others who followed similar paths, experienced similar horrors, and were eager to share their experiences with anyone who asked.

Time was of the essence and you have to strike while the proverbial iron is hot.

There is a stereotype that those who were fortunate to come home usually expounded on their own experiences in order to somehow relive the "glory days" of their youth, but from talking to them, this was never, ever the case.

While their individual circumstances varied, whether they were fighting on the frontlines or working here on the home front, there was one overarching uniting factor: they shared their stories so us younger folk would appreciate the true horrors of war in the hopes of ensuring such things would never happen again.

Each passing Remembrance Day leaves us fewer and fewer people who are able to share their perspectives with younger generations, and while it took a while to get to this point, I think we're sadly seeing the results of losing that lived experience from our discourse: horrors experienced by these people fading into history, leaving a door open for up-and-coming generations to downplay these unspeakable traumas, adopt an "Oh, it wasn't THAT bad" mentality, cast doubt on what these men and women shared with us, or, at worst, dismiss them outright as fantasy, hoaxes, and conspiracies.

That old saying, "Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it," holds no small amount of truth – and it's not always even a matter of ignoring history; it could sometimes be simply a matter of not having access to it. And we are all the poorer for that.

Thankfully, so many veterans were generous enough with their time to share their experiences for posterity, and we are the richer for it, even if so many questions will forever be unanswered, but if only more people took the time to listen, read, and reflect on what they left behind.

I'm grateful to have some bonus time with my family member thanks to the team at Southlake Health and I'm damned if I'm not going to do my utmost to get all my outstanding questions answered and, yes, saved for posterity.

These reflections may not change the world, as the recollections of so many of our servicemen and women did, but, none of us know until we ask.



Sending messages to those we've lost

by Mark Pavilons



"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near still loved, still missed, and very dear."

How many of us think about, and even talk to, the dearly departed?

How often do we miss hearing their voices or laughter?

Recently, while driving home from my radiation treatment at Southlake, I pictured my mom's face in the cloudy sky above. I began to cry.

I miss her smile and hearty laugh, even her weird mannerisms.

My youngest grew quite close to my mom before she passed. Kyleigh sometimes criticizes me for not expressing how much I miss her, or even crying about the loss.

I've lost everyone – mom, dad, sister and uncles. That's a lot of tears. And lately, my sorrow has been focussed on my own personal journey with cancer. Bottom line is I just don't have enough tears to shed.

If only we could "talk" to our loved ones, and get a wink, a nod or a smile – an indication that everything will be okay.

I went to a psychic healer last year and she said seven of my close relatives said it wasn't my time, and that I had more to accomplish here on earth. Comforting, I suppose.

I have told my kids that if at all possible, when I transcend, I'm gonna move some cups and things around the kitchen, just to let them know I'm okay. It would also make me laugh, knowing I freaked them out a bit. Sue me!

There is no device that allows us to speak to our relatives. Okay, some paranormal investigators say they use gizmos to communicate with spirits, but few are going to run out and buy these things in hopes we can share a joke with our parents.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority unveiled their "Wind Phone at Scanlon Creek Conservation areas."

"The Wind Phone is a symbolic and powerful concept that originated in Japan. Featuring a disconnected rotary phone placed in a quiet natural setting, it offers a space where people can connect with loved ones they have lost. Thoughtfully integrated into the landscape at Scanlon Creek in partnership with Oasis, the Wind Phone provides a meaningful and peaceful place for reflection, remembrance, and emotional healing." Many of us try to reach out to our deceased loves ones in many ways. Perhaps you talk to your long-lost relatives. Maybe you include them in your prayers. Perhaps, you just picture them in your mind when you sit quietly by yourself in a moment of reflection.

I recall an interview with Keanu Reeves, and when asked what happens when we die, he said: "Those that love us will miss us."

According to psychologists, After-Death Communications (ADCs) refer to the apparent communication of the deceased include full-body visualizations, dreams, hearing footsteps, electronic devices flickering on or off, feeling a hug, or conversations with the deceased.

I often dream of my family members and see them quite clearly. We never exchange real words, but we do share "thoughts." The brain is a weird and marvellous thing.

We build bonds with family, friends and acquaintances during our lifetime. We share experiences and grow.

Patrick Swayze once observed: "When those you love die, the best you can do is honour their spirit for as long as you live. You make a commitment that you're going to take whatever lesson that person or animal was trying to teach you, and you make it true in your own life ... It's a positive way to keep their spirit alive in the world, by keeping it alive in yourself."

We grieve when people close to us pass. But grief and love don't have rigid timelines.

Buddhism believes when a person dies, their physical body disintegrates, but the other four Skandhas continue to exist and move on to the next life.

According to Christian doctrine, when a person dies, their soul leaves the body and enters into a state of rest, awaiting the final judgment. This belief is based on the idea that at the end of time, Jesus Christ will return to Earth to judge the living and the dead. Those who have been faithful to God and followed the teachings of Jesus will be granted eternal life in Heaven. It's often described as a place of perfect peace, joy, and love, where the faithful will be reunited with their loved ones and live in the presence of God.

Muslims believe that life on earth is a temporary phase, and the soul will continue to exist even after the physical body dies. The moment of death is considered to be predestined, and it is believed that nothing can change the time or manner in which a person will pass away.

When a Jewish person is nearing the end of their life, it is customary for family members and close friends to gather around their bedside to recite prayers, offer comfort, and ensure that they are not alone. The Vidui, which is a confessional prayer, is often recited by the dying person or on their behalf. It is believed that this prayer helps to cleanse the soul and prepare it for the afterlife.

In Chinese culture, the concept of death is deeply rooted in the beliefs of filial piety, ancestor worship, and the continuity of family lineage. It is believed that the deceased continue to exist in another realm, and maintaining a connection with them is of paramount importance.

Whether wind phone, thoughts or prayers, I think once connected means always linked. Those we love are part of us, in ways we can't fully explain.

Ok, we can't reach out and touch them or feel their thoughts. But perhaps they can "sense" ours.

The power of love may very well transcend death and our energies – of all members of our lineage – will gather, unite and play among the stars.

Oh, how wonderful that would be.



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Open Letter to Strada Aggregates Inc from MP

To the representatives of Strada Aggregates:

Following my October 14 community town hall in Honeywood and numerous conversations with residents, local organizations, and grassroots advocacy groups, it's clear that many in our community still have serious, unanswered questions about your proposed quarry project.

Before the close of public consultation on November 10, I am formally requesting that Strada provide clear, public responses to the following questions. These concerns come directly from residents, technical experts, and community organizations who have engaged extensively in this process.

I will not be in a position to offer any support for this project until these matters are addressed transparently and substantively.

Environmental and Hydrological Concerns

1. How does Strada plan to address findings from its own integrated transient modelling that predict reductions in the Pine River headwater tributary stream flows of 20–35% at Horning's Mills?

2. How will Strada reconcile the apparent underestimation—by more than two times—of dry-weather streamflow at Horning's Mills within its integrated Groundwater Model?

3. Why did the application not include Fisheries Population and Impact Studies or consideration of the historical fish hatchery and culture context?

4. Should the application be approved as submitted on September 18, 2025, what mitigation plans does Strada have for protecting Brook Trout and other fish populations?

5. Why did the submission omit detailed data on absolute changes in transient wetland flows, and on water-quantity and water-quality characterizations for each quarry phase?

6. Why has Strada withheld data in its possession—such as Model Virtual Transient Flows (monthly), streamflow monitoring results, private well data, and the Community WELLness Survey—despite repeated community requests?

7. How will Strada address the deficiencies identified in its groundwater model, including the absence of unmitigated worst-case scenarios and lack of groundwater quality (nitrates) treatment scenarios?

Community and Economic Considerations

8. What tangible benefits does Strada commit to delivering to the local community should the quarry be approved—number of local jobs, community investments, or other measurable contributions?

9. Has Strada studied the potential impact on wetlands within Ontario's Greenbelt?

10. How often will Strada test for water contaminants, and what specific notification and remediation protocols will be followed if contaminants are detected?

11. Given that the site lies within a highly vulnerable aquifer area, has Strada provided comprehensive documentation confirming there will be no negative effects on groundwater quantity or quality, as required by the local Official Plan?

Transportation and Infrastructure

12. Can Strada confirm that the operation will result in 65 gravel trucks per hour in one direction (130 total) on local roads, and did its Traffic Impact Study account for this volume?

13. Why does the Traffic Impact Study not extend to the traffic bottleneck in Shelburne?

14. What is Strada's long-term plan for the site once aggregate extraction concludes?

Residential and Agricultural Impacts

15. What assurances can Strada provide that quarry operations will not compromise private wells—both those of participating and non-participating landowners—and that any impacted wells will be restored or replaced at Strada's expense?

16. If a water source must be replaced, how will remedial actions be selected and communicated to the landowner? Will all Schedule C options be offered, including water transport and storage solutions?

17. Has Strada consulted with the Niagara Escarpment Commission or local conservation authorities?

Air Quality, Noise, and Wildlife

18. Beyond standard Ministry of Natural Resources requirements, what air-quality studies (including dust, silica, and particulate impacts) has Strada conducted on local agriculture, water, animals, and residents?

19. Has Strada identified the air-quality radius of influence (e.g., two kilometres) and what on-site measures will be used to reduce dust?

20. What studies, if any, has Strada undertaken on the effects on amphibians and pollinators, and what were the findings?

21. What steps beyond the minimum ARA requirements will Strada take to reduce noise impacts for nearby residents?

Property, Business, and Safety

22. How does Strada intend to respond if home foundations are damaged by blasting or shifts in the water table?

23. Has Strada evaluated the potential impact of the quarry on local businesses and employers?

24. Has Strada studied the potential effect of this project on land and home values, and what mitigation measures would it provide if negative effects are confirmed?

Residents of Dufferin–Caledon have engaged in good faith to understand the implications of this project.

It is now Strada's responsibility to match that good faith with full transparency and accountability.

I urge Strada Aggregates to respond publicly to these questions prior to the close of the consultation period.

Only with complete and accessible information can our community—and I as its Member of Parliament—fairly assess this proposal.

KYLE SEEBACK, MP
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

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It's that time of year

Several locations throughout Caledon, including Town Hall, in Alton and in Bolton, were recently the recipients of crosswalk "makeovers." It was a timely, and largely citizen-led initiative to honour our veterans.

These crosswalks and light standards have been painted in remembrance of the service and sacrifices made to preserve our freedom. This includes: the freedom to enjoy our democratic way of life, to love who we love, to participate in how we are governed, and to move about this great nation without restriction. Yes, it's that time of year again, and increasingly it seems, we must use November 11 as an opportunity to remind ourselves of all that was fought for, by whom, and all that is at risk if we fail to remember them.

Canada is a great nation. Now, much more so than in recent years, we have once again embraced patriotism, with expressions like "Elbows Up" and "Buy Canadian" becoming a mantra of sorts.

These are good things. Yet, in other ways, we are passively watching the slow erosion of some of the basic principles of democracy.

We see it here in Caledon and other municipalities with how Strong Mayor powers are being used, and as we watch environmental concerns being swept aside in the rush to build, fill and dump.

We see it provincially as our Premier (and others, including Alberta's Danielle Smith) use the Notwithstanding Clause to run roughshod over our rights; such as the right to strike, or to hear and participate in debate on important issues in the legislature that instead are given first, second and final readings with little or no input.

Our Prime Minister talks of "nation-building," and it's promising to listen to our potential as he describes it, but will the very style of democracy we espouse also be our downfall if the budget of November 4 causes a snap election?

These are not just existential threats, they are happening now.

In Caledon, in the rush to build homes faster (but not necessarily more affordably) we're building a highway through portions of environmentally sensitive land and we might soon be filling in lakes with construction debris, potentially destroying our drinking water sources in Ward One.

Our neighbours to the west in Erin are quietly seeking to dump effluent (sewage) into the West Credit River even though the required effluent cooling system has not yet been installed. In short, a lot of unilateral moves are being made by politicians around the country, all in the name of progress. I'm just not sure it's the kind of progress our veterans fought so fiercely to protect.

Most concerning of all, here and around the world, we are seeing a rise in authoritarianism, extreme conservatism, Christian nationalism, racism and more. We'd be naive to think Canada is immune to the rise in "ism's," and have only to take a peek at social media, or take a drive through Shelburne on a Saturday morning, to see how entrenched the "'ism's" are.

It's easy to dismiss and yet, they persist, and what persists can grow and morph into dangerous territory. Is this what our veterans fought for? The defense of freedom of speech, yes, but the slippery slope toward any kind of "ism" isn't really democracy but rather, democracy gone wild.

I encourage us all to take a moment on November 11. Be sure to pause. To reflect and to remember. Learn more about what so many brave Canadians did for you, and for our country, because they believed in protecting and preserving democracy. Don't let them down. One of the easiest ways you can honour their sacrifice is to vote – because you have the right to do so. Hold our elected officials to account through your continued advocacy; by delegating, signing petitions, attending community meetings and staying involved and knowledgeable about what's happening locally, provincially and federally. Your voice matters. Don't let the sacrifices of those who gave everything, so we could have freedom, go to waste. So little is asked of us, the least we can do is remember not only our veterans, but the reasons they fought battles for us in the first place.

Back to those several locations throughout Caledon – here's where you can participate in Remembrance Day Services: Alton Legion, November 9, gather at 10:15 a.m., Bolton Cenotaph, November 9 at 12:30 p.m. and at Caledon Town Hall, November 11, at 10:50 a.m.

It's that time of year.

We will remember them.

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Students dig into Food Literacy at Albion Hills Community Farm

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre students are seen hard at work. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

On a blustery Wednesday, Grade Six and Seven students from the Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre (EOEC) could be seen at Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF), tucking garlic cloves into small divots in the dirt, all while learning the importance of food literacy.

The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre is an overnight centre that is owned and operated by the Toronto District School Board.

Students are provided the opportunity not only to learn more about the environment, but also, through their experiences, achieve many of the goals and objectives set out in their grade-specific curriculum at their schools.

Karen Hutchinson from AHCF shared that they were working with the field centre and their students to help plant their garlic for next season.

Garlic is typically planted between Halloween and Thanksgiving, and is harvested in July, Hutchinson explains.

AHCF plants over 18,000 cloves of garlic annually every fall.

Hutchinson explains that while students from EOEC are learning a variety of skills through their education at the field centre, AHCF also incorporates farm activities.

"The idea is that we're incorporating farm education, or food literacy, into the outdoor education curriculum because we're a farm, in a park, in the conservation area," says Hutchinson.

It is critical to introduce food literacy into the education system, she says.

"When people learn about things then they start to care about them and embrace them," she says. "We're educating the next generation of environmental eaters."

Hutchinson says that they want to teach students where their food comes from.

"We all need to learn about that, about building our food literacy skills. Whether it's gardening, planting, growing, harvesting, or cooking with food, it goes a long way to making people healthier."

As Jonathan Clodman, a Grade Six teacher with the Toronto District School Board, watched his students plant garlic, he explained that every Grade Six class in the TDSB has the chance to take an overnight trip like this.

"As much as possible, I set my class up so they get the chance to do this. It's really a great opportunity because a lot of students don't have access to experiences like this in the city," says Clodman.

"As a teacher in my classroom, it's amazing to see the growth coming back from the trip, seeing them after a trip where they've learned to clean up after themselves, to problem solve on their own, it's really helpful for my own classroom too."

He notes that food literacy is part of a bigger picture that students don't often have the opportunity to see where their food comes from.

"This is an experiential opportunity where they're part of it, where they make connections between the garlic powder on their table, or the garlic right in the jar, and something that actually goes into the earth, which is a connection they haven't had before," says Clodman.

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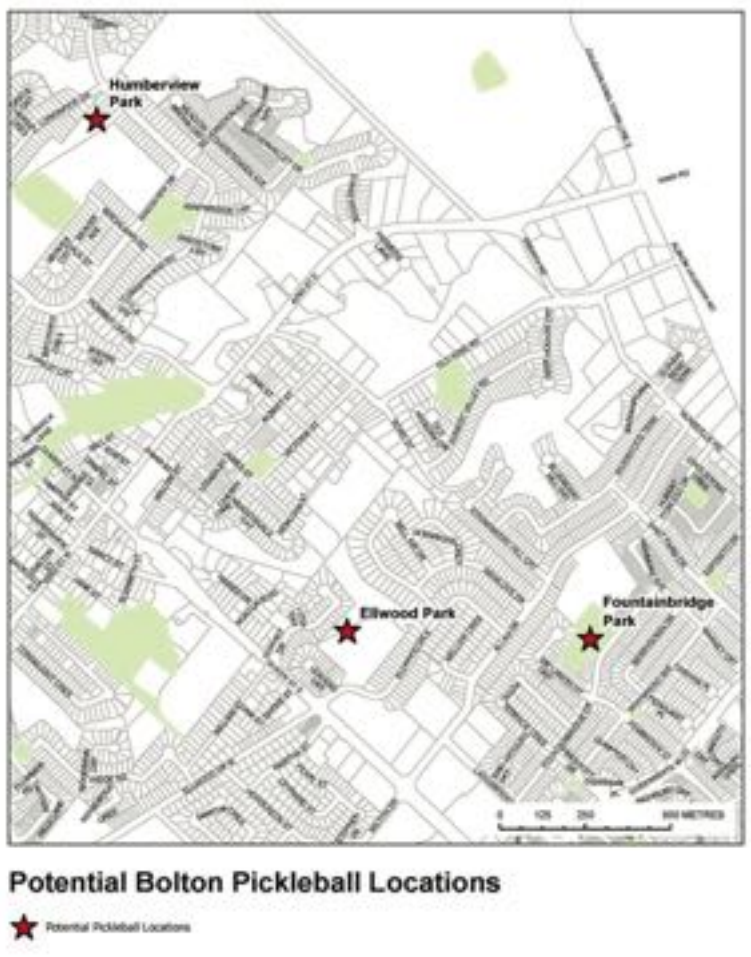
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Open house to be held for proposed Pickleball facilities in Bolton

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Potential Bolton Pickleball Locations

In partnership with the Peel District School Board, the Town of Caledon is looking to review and discuss the proposed development of new pickleball facilities in Bolton.

Potential locations for the facility include Ellwood Park, Fountainbridge Park, and Humberview Park.

An open house for the proposed facilities will be held at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness on Wednesday, November 12, from 6 – 8 p.m.

At the open house, residents will be able to view conceptual plans for each site, ask questions, speak with Town Staff, and share feedback.

Elevation Athletics (EA) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of pickleball across Canada.

They first began running pickleball leagues in Caledon in the Spring of 2024.

Head of Pickleball Operations Karan Tiwari shared that since then, they have grown to have leagues running in multiple locations on multiple days across Caledon, specifically in Bolton.

"Our dedicated and passionate coaches and co-ordinators have been key to helping us keep the game of pickleball growing in the community," says Tiwari.

Currently, they have leagues running for two nights at Southfields Village Public School and for three nights at various school locations across Bolton.

They are currently accepting registrations for the next round of programs at the Southfields Village locations, starting the week of November 24, and are hoping to announce a new round of programming in Bolton soon.

"The opening of a dedicated pickleball court in Bolton would be fantastic news, not only for us but for the Bolton community as a whole," says Tiwari.

"It would show that the effort that EA has put into growing the pickleball community in Bolton has been recognized and rewarded, and will only encourage us to continue our work in Bolton, as well as the rest of Caledon and beyond."

Caledon welcomes new Deputy Fire Chief

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The Town of Caledon has announced the recent appointment of Richard Murdoch as Deputy Fire Chief with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

Murdoch will be taking over the position from Deputy Chief Dan Rowland, who is retiring on December 5 after 37 years of service.

The Town of Caledon shared that Murdoch has nearly 30 years of experience from Brampton Fire and Emergency Services, where he served in a variety of leadership roles, including Acting Fire Chief, Deputy Chief of Operations and Training, and Division Chief of Training.

"Throughout his career, he has built a strong reputation for leading with integrity, supporting his teams, and driving innovation to enhance fire service delivery and community safety," says the Town.

He has a Fire Service Executive Management Certificate from Humber College and a Certificate in Emergency Management, Threat, and Response Planning from Toronto Metropolitan University.

Murdoch also has numerous professional certifications in fire service leadership and emergency management.

"We're excited to welcome Richard to our leadership team. His operational expertise and collaborative approach will help us continue to evolve as we serve Caledon's growing population," said Fire Chief Dave Pelayo. "He understands what it takes to support firefighters in doing their best work and keeping our community safe."

Murdoch will officially join Caledon Fire and Emergency Services on November 24.


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BUSINESS

YOUR SOURCE FOR BUSINESS IN CALEDON

Coffee Time Bolton celebrates 40 years in the community

BY RILEY MURPHY
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(TOP) Tellos and Monique Charalambides. (ABOVE) Diana Mollicone and her family.
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Since 1985, Caledon residents have enjoyed the famous donuts and coffee on Allan Drive in Bolton.

Whether you're staying up to date with their changing donuts of the season or running into the owners at local community events dropping off hot chocolate or coffee, you're sure to know the name Coffee Time.

Although the name is just as familiar, Coffee Time Bolton runs independently from the franchise.

For over three decades, it was run by Tellos and Monique Charalambides, who decided to sell the store in 2021.

This is when the current owner and operator Diana Mollicone jumped in with her family.

In the middle of her third maternity leave, Mollicone shares that she traded her career in engineering "for life behind the counter," closer to her home and to her three young children.

Mollicone shares that during the takeover, Tellos and Monique helped her every step of the way and were "incredibly supportive".

Whether that be through personal introductions to suppliers, or handwriting recipes down to the exact portion.

Mollicone shares that over the past four years they have made some "much-needed" updates to the beloved coffee shop.

Many changes were behind the scenes, she says, with new kitchens and renovated customer washrooms, but much was added to the interior as well.

Mollicone notes the added cozy "chill corner" with couches, a bookshelf, and board games, as well as an outdoor patio set for the warmer months.

When it comes to the menu, they introduced espresso-based drinks, matcha lattes, and expanded their sandwich and bagel options.

Not stopping there, they also moved into catering and school lunch programs, where just this week, Coffee Time was prepping cut vegetables and grilled cheese for students.

She says that her husband Dmitry, who's also her business partner, has brought his own touch to the shop.

Each winter, Dmitry offers free chess lessons, and every spring he hosts complimentary bike tune-ups for the community.

"We try to give back whenever we can, whether through donations, gift cards, or fundraising partnerships," says Mollicone.

"Running a small business certainly has its ups and downs, but we have no regrets. The support we've received from this community has been incredible, and we're proud of what Coffee Time continues to represent: a place that's part of Bolton's daily rhythm, built by and for the people who call this town home."





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Peel Regional Police Deputy Chief Mark Dapat speaks at a press conference on Monday morning.
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Police focused on community outreach during Crime Prevention Week

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The importance of community outreach and action was underscored at the York Regional Police's Aurora headquarters on Monday morning as representatives from the YRP, Peel Regional Police, Toronto Police Service, and Durham came together to launch Crime Prevention Week.

Running through November 8, community outreach and engagement is an overarching theme of the week, and representatives urged residents to be partners in addressing criminal activity.

"Crime prevention isn't just a one-week campaign; it's a core function of what we do every day," said Peel Regional Police Deputy Chief Mark Dapat. "It's the foundation of what policing is all about: preventing harm before it happens and helping people feel safe where they live, where they work, and where they gather.

"This week and every week, we are highlighting the power of collaboration and the difference we make when police, government and communities come together with one shared goal – that is a safer, stronger neighbourhood."

Police services across Ontario are investing in crime prevention through early intervention, youth engagement, and partnerships that "support our most vulnerable residents," he said, adding that is a reflection of their drive to identify "local risks and address them before they lead to a crisis-driven response that our officers across the Province are responding to at alarming rates."

"The commitment to this work is a force multiplier in ensuring that police respond quickly to emergencies and relentlessly pursue criminals, and, in particular, those criminals that commit violent and serious crime," he said. "We know that no one chooses to be a victim of crime, and that prevention starts with awareness, early intervention and partnership."

The power of collaboration can be seen in Peel Region, an area he said saw a surge in pharmacy robberies in 2021 – up 238 per cent over the previous year. Incidents rose by a further 400 per cent the following year as offenders targeted narcotics, including fentanyl.

"In response to this, our robbery bureau partnered with the Ontario College of Pharmacists and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police to develop strategies that focus on prevention," he said. "Through this partnership, a provincial mandate was established for pharmacies to implement time-delayed safes in all community pharmacies. The time-delayed safe initiative was pivotal in Peel Region, leading to a significant reduction in retail robberies and a major enhancement for community safety through the reduction of the illegal drug supply being trafficked within our communities.

"The results speak for themselves. In 2023, pharmacy robberies in Peel dropped by 59%. In 2024, they fell another 75%. So far in 2025, 75% of the attempted robberies have been unsuccessful thanks to these preventative measures. These results represent more than statistics. They represent lives protected, trauma prevented and community confidence restored."

Speaking on behalf of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Dapat added that they're committed to developing programs and strategies that both prevent crime and support victims and survivors.

From a York Region Perspective, Deputy Chief Kevin McCloskey noted the rise of smash and grab robberies in the area, as well as distraction thefts, and criminals becoming "bolder and more brazen."

"I understand the concerns of our community members. At the end of the day, we all want to keep ourselves and our families and our property safe and secure. We should be able to enjoy the neighbourhoods we live in without feeling like we need to look over our shoulder," he said. "At York Regional Police, we believe crime prevention is a shared responsibility – and while the police may take that lead, citizens do have the chance to play a huge role in preventing crimes from occurring. Much like a triangle, crime needs three points to connect. First, you need a criminal's desire to commit a crime. Then, you need a target. And last, you simply need an opportunity. Eliminating each point of a triangle is an effective crime prevention strategy, and it begins with education and awareness, empowering all members of our community, and it starts in your neighbourhood.

"Through mentorship, through collaboration, visibility, programming, and engaging with youth, we can put a stop to crime before youth are enticed to commit the crime in the first place. Our youth engagement team continues to build bridges between police and youth because the youth are the people who are the future of our region….And as police services, we need to empower residents and commercial property owners to do little things, because at your homes and businesses, it's all the little things you can do that make a big difference in deterring criminals, allowing you to safeguard yourself and your property."

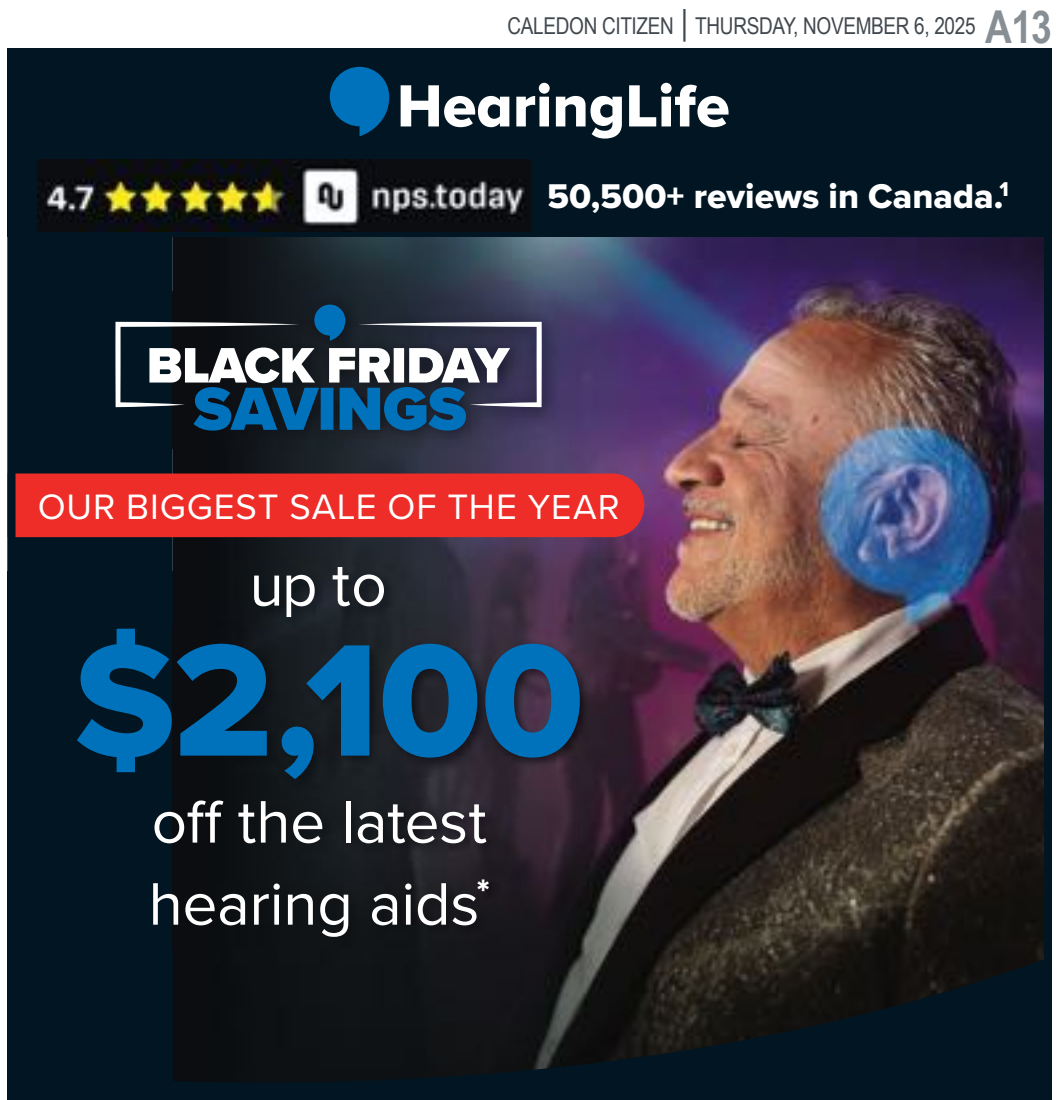
These "little things" that can have a big impact include installing security cameras and motion-detection lights outside your property, registering security cameras with police, trimming trees and shrubs in your yard to make your home more visible from the street, and improving sightlines.

"We also want members of the public to work directly with the police. Sign up for Neighborhood Watch. Sign up for our security camera registry. And of course, if you see something, say something. Look out for yourself and your neighbors, and call Police if you notice something out of the ordinary in your neighborhood. We will respond. This is how you can help us, because I can tell you, all across this province, we are working very hard to identify and arrest criminals who are committing violent offenses and other crimes."



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Humberview Teacher and students recognized for contributions to Canada's Innocence Movement

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They held a series of workshops, both in and out of class time to learn from these experts.

They also read all the legal documents from Truscott's original trial.

At the time, AIDWC, the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted, the former name for Innocence Canada, had also taken on the Truscott case and had an application for a 690 review by the Minister of Justice, which was an application for ministerial review on the grounds of miscarriage of justice.

It was then that Allain rented a courthouse, and the students from Humberview held a mock trial for the case as part of their studies.

Following their mock trial, Allain shared the students thought to themselves, "What can we do now?"

"We went from being triers of evidence to a degree, to advocates for what we saw as being an issue with Steve's case," says Allain.

They launched a website with a petition, and they gained more than 10,000 signatures.

At the time, Allain explained the Attorney General of Canada and the Minister of Justice had already determined that a likely miscarriage of justice had occurred.

The students were asking to expedite the process to have the 690 application looked at.

"There was an intervening time between 2003 and 2004 when that decision came down from the Minister, and then the question was how long it was going to be delayed," says Allain, and he shared they had heard it was going to be an "incredibly" long time.

"We thought, let's try to see if we can light a fire, but also get people aware of the fact that this is a likely miscarriage of justice already investigated for a year-and-a-half now."

The students arranged to go to Queen's Park and speak with whoever would listen. At this point, much of what the students were doing was outside of class time and the curriculum – on top of which, Allain notes, the students had been changing over time.

In 2005, it was coming up on the first anniversary of the report, which said the Attorney General and Minister of Justice was going to refer the case to the Court of Appeal.

"A year later, there was still nothing," says Allain. "And so we held a symposium."

The students, joined by the experts they had initially met, would run workshops on the various areas of criminal law and law they had been studying and working on for the case in a symposium, and invite other students to attend.

What they imagined as a small group grew into an event attended by over 800 students from across Ontario.

Allain notes that throughout this process, they faced many roadblocks, but the students continued to advocate.

"I had to explain to them that the situation that we were in now and what we were doing and advocating, sometimes would make other people question and work through, and sometimes they would come to conclusions that weren't correct, and so part of advocacy would mean that we would have to show them or explain to them, help to educate them along the way," says Allain.

"Naively I thought the primary purpose of education was with our students, I didn't necessarily understand the education that would need to happen with other people around us," he adds.

Their symposium was titled "A Symposium on Wrongfully Convicted with a Focus on the Steven Truscott Case" and featured heads of homicide, an entomologist, and others.

Allain notes the symposium was "amazing" and was attended by Steven Truscott and his wife, Marlene, as well as others who had been involved in this case over the many years.

At the time, students were also fundraising through various avenues; they ran car washes and made message bracelets to continue to advocate.

In 2007, when the Court of Appeal unanimously found Truscott not guilty of the offence, Allain and his students were there.

The gallery was packed, he said, and students were even sitting on the stairs to be a part of it.

Finally, in 2008, as the Ontario Legislature debated compensation for Truscott, students continued to advocate.

Allain says the final group of students sent out educational materials leading up to the debate, and they were even given an office in the Legislature to teach MPPs about the Truscott case, wrongful convictions, and compensation for them.



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One of the last things they were able to do for Truscott, Allain explained, was fundraise to send him and his family on a trip.

Because of his criminal record, Truscott hadn't been able to leave the country for decades, and the students wanted to provide that experience for him and Marlene.

"Thousands of dollars came in," says Allain. "And what was amazing is just before this, David Asper from the National Post called and said, 'George, wherever they want to go in the world, whatever is supported by the people who are there and didn't cover it, we'll cover it.'"

Humberview students continued to ask what they could do and took on more cases to continue to advocate and educate.

"I often thought of us as being the cheerleaders of justice," says Allain.

For years now, he's heard from past students who have gone on to become lawyers, join the police force, and more.

In October, Allain accepted the Rubin Hurricane Carter Champion of Justice Award from Innocence Canada at the Law Society of Ontario.

Rubin "Hurricane" Carter was a boxer who was wrongfully convicted of a 1966 triple murder in New Jersey and spent nearly 20 years in prison before being exonerated in 1985.

He dedicated the rest of his life advocating for the wrongly convicted.

Allain says he was speechless when he received the call.

He explains that the Humberview mascot is a husky, and that a husky howls to "let you know that they have your back, they're there for you, they're there for support."

"In a lot of ways, that's what we were for Steve, and for Marlene, and for their family."

Going back to his point about the thousands of students who put work into this, Allain compares it to a relay race.

"The baton is left by the previous class and you pick it up and work through it. The husky howl being the echo and the echo out there, they hear that echo and they move forward in what's happening or the baton being passed along."

Allain says that over all these years, it was "wonderful" to see all the elements and the learning that went into this process.

He reflects on a time after the symposium when he received a note from one of his students.

Allain says in the note his student writes that he was with his mother and his sister for dinner, and he told them about what they achieved, "and they were so amazed, and he was so amazed by what he was able to do and what they were able to do."

"That was a phenomenal thing to get, that students could see their potential," says Allain.

"Those students were willing to take this chance on doing something more, where the answer was an unknown," he says.

Allain says that, for all these students, he hopes that, coming away from this, they learned to "use the processes to help them in their life and help other people."

"Not just advocating for yourself, which is really important, but also helping you to advocate for other people."



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT A BUDGET AND TO AMEND BY-LAWS UPDATING FEES AND CHARGES

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel is providing notice that it intends to adopt the 2026 Regional Operating and Capital Budgets, and to amend by-laws updating fees and charges for Regional services. This includes fees and charges for the use of Peel water, wastewater, sewer, and waste management systems, and any increases, additions, deletions or changes to the Fees By-law.

The Regional Council Budget meetings are open to the public and residents may attend. The meetings will also be live streamed on *peelregion.ca*. The 2026 Regional Operating and Capital Budget will be available at *peelregion.ca/budget* as of November 6, 2025.

Any person or organization wishing to delegate to Regional Council should email their written submission or delegation request to the Office of the Regional Clerk at *regional.clerk@peelregion.ca* or call 905–791–7800, ext. 4545 at least 72 hours prior to the budget meeting (i.e. by 9:30 a.m. on the Monday prior to the meeting). For more information, please visit the delegation guide at *peelregion.ca/council/guide-for-delegations.asp*.

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

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
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Caledon residents welcome religious leaders during visit to Canada



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BY MARK PAVILONS

Several Caledon residents, and alumni of St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, held a mini reunion of sorts.

Former staff and students rolled out the welcome mat for a Dominican-based "hero," a powerhouse who continues to fight for human rights.

Teacher Mike Gallo and his family's Campbell's Cross Farms, hosted Sister Maude Rhenau and Father Miguel Angel Gullon Perez on October 20, who were visiting from the Dominican Republic.

Residents, including Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, stopped by to meet them and offer support.

Referred to as "pilgrims of hope," the duo's work was summarized for those in attendance.

Both fight for the rights of migrant Haitian workers, who live in poor conditions and face deportation.

Several years ago, students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton participated in annual mission trips to El Seibo, Dominican Republic. The group assisted native Dominicans as well as the Haitian community there, staying at a missionary centre run by Sister Maude and the Daughters of Mary (les Filles de Marie).

Also joining them were students and staff from Father Michael Goetz secondary school in Mississauga.

They primarily assisted the impoverished Haitian sugar cane workers and their families.

Those trips struck a chord with the local volunteers and several have rekindled the mission on their own, heading back every January to continue their support.

For Gallo, and many others who got to know Sister Maude personally, the connection runs deep.

"You knew the minute you met her she had a special light that all of us have but just lost at times," Gallo said.

Urszula Cybulko, the former chaplain at St. Mike's, continues to organize the return mission trips and welcomed Sister Maude's visit.

"Sister Maude's visit is a beautiful reminder of the strong bond between our communities – a bond built on compassion, mutual support, and a shared commitment to serve others in Christ's name," she said. "We have travelled many times to the DR and enjoyed the amazing hospitality of Sr. Maude and her people. We are honored and privileged to offer her our hospitality and share a little bit of our Canadian culture. This is another opportunity to strengthen our friendship and continue to grow and learn from each other."

High school visits waned through the pandemic and have largely ended, but some keep coming and supporting Sister Maude's efforts.

The steadfast aid comes from Mission Esperanza, a non-profit Canadian foundation that supports efforts to alleviate the suffering of sugar cane workers of Haitian descent working in the Dominican Republic within the areas of La Higuera, El Seibo.

"We work to provide necessities such as food and health care to those in need. We also strive to empower their children by providing education and training programs to break the cycle of modern slavery," their website states.

It was founded by Linda Proulx, Serge Gagné and Angelo Paquette, who began the annual mission trips in 2003, and continue to support Maude's work.

Paquette not only hosted Sister Maude during her Canadian stay, but acted as translator during her trip, and visit to Caledon.

He noted that Caledon residents and supporters who attended the meet and greet made him feel like he was "home."

During the gathering, local volunteers vowed to arrange further visits to the Dominican, in conjunction with Mission Esperanza.

"We don't put our signatures on walls but in the hearts of the people," Paquette said.

Cybulko added that those who go on the mission trips "don't build structures, we build relationships."

And they've been doing it since 2012.

The efforts, support and donations are paying off.

Sister Maude, through her lobbying efforts with local government, has been able to secure paid teachers for the school within her compound, a facility that has grown three-fold in the past decade. The facility includes a school and seniors' home.

During the evening, the cover of an illustrated children's book was revealed.

The book – "A Pair of Shoes" – will be published in 2026 and proceeds will go towards Sister Maude's cause.

The situation in the Dominican Republic for Haitians is grave. They are being deported en masse, but some, like Sister Maude and Father Miguel are helping them get papers to work in DR.

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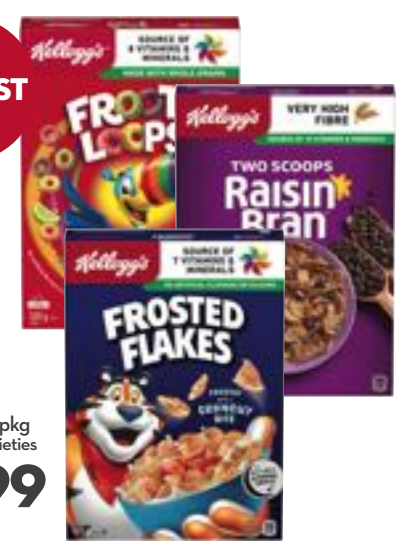
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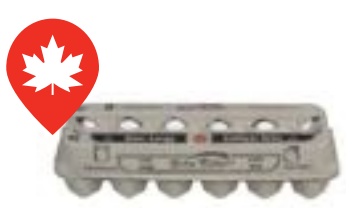
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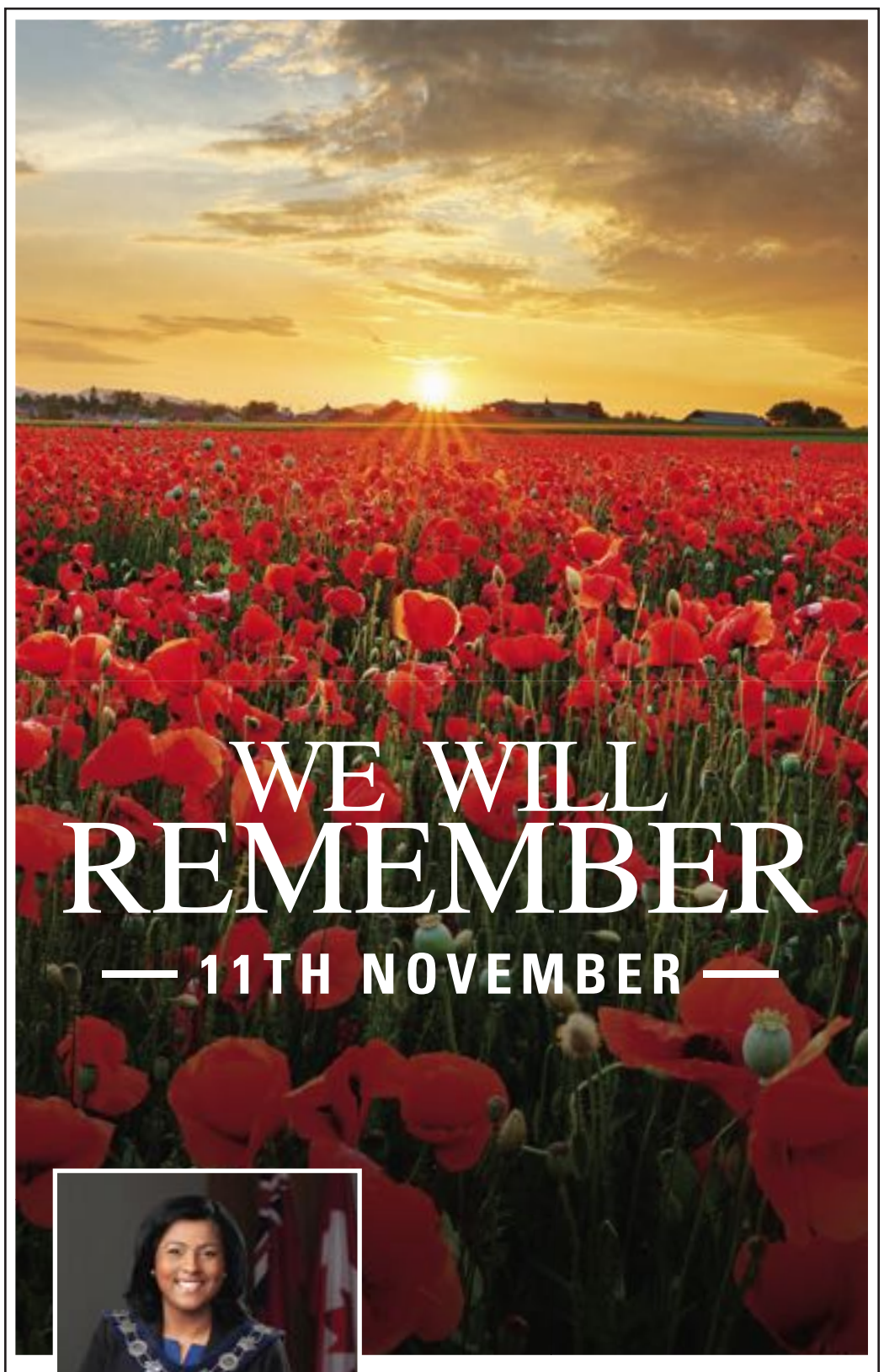


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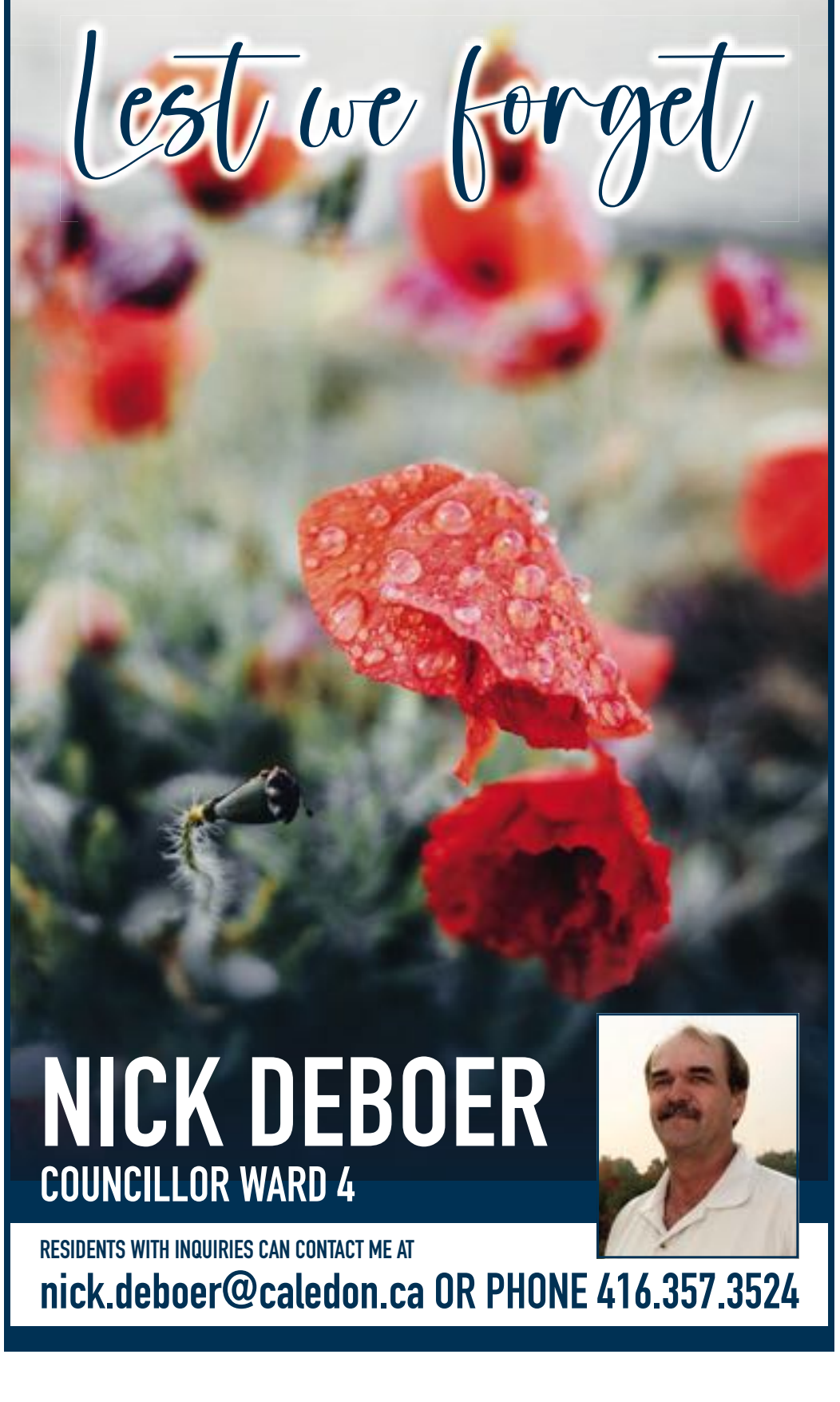
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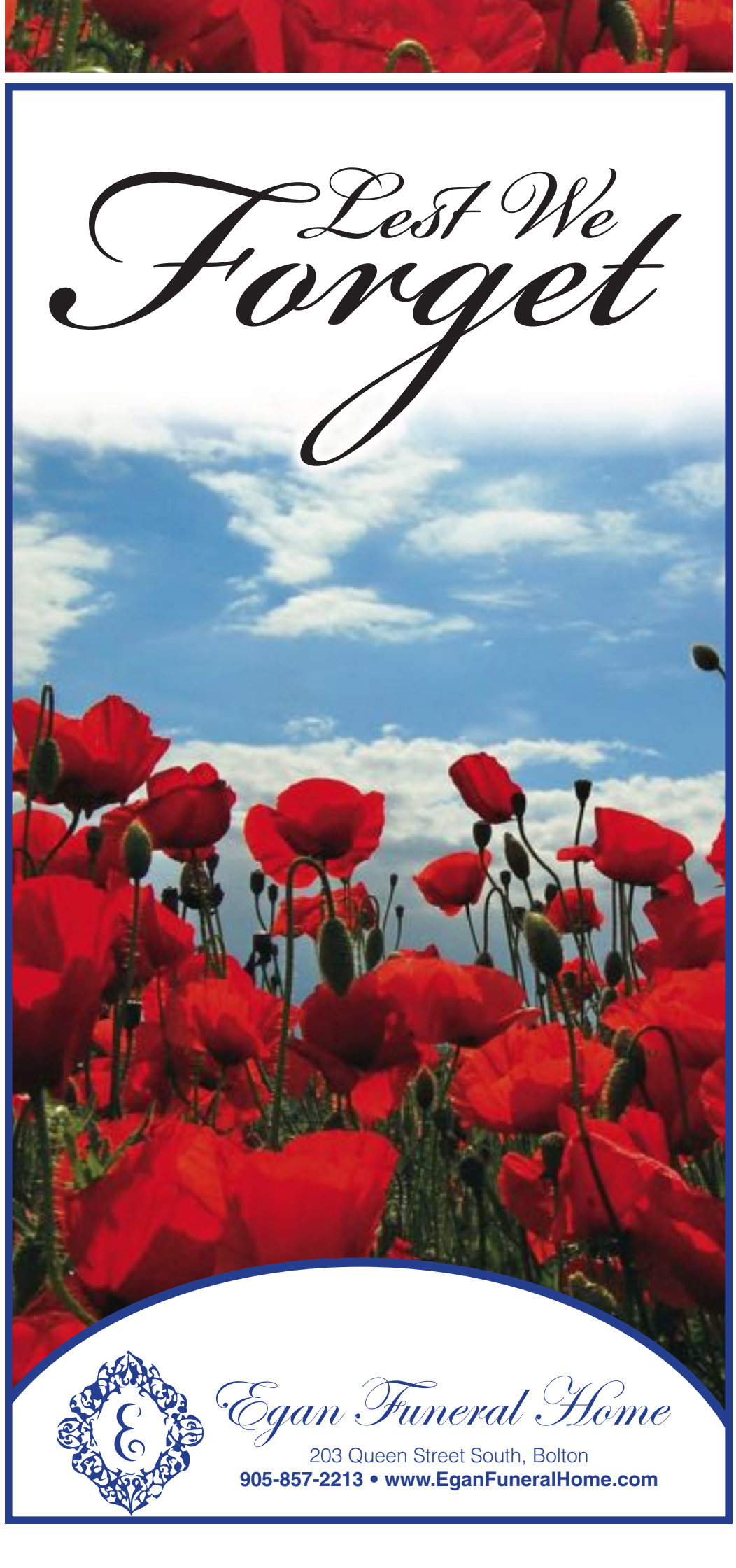


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In Flanders Fields

Written By JOHN MCCRAE



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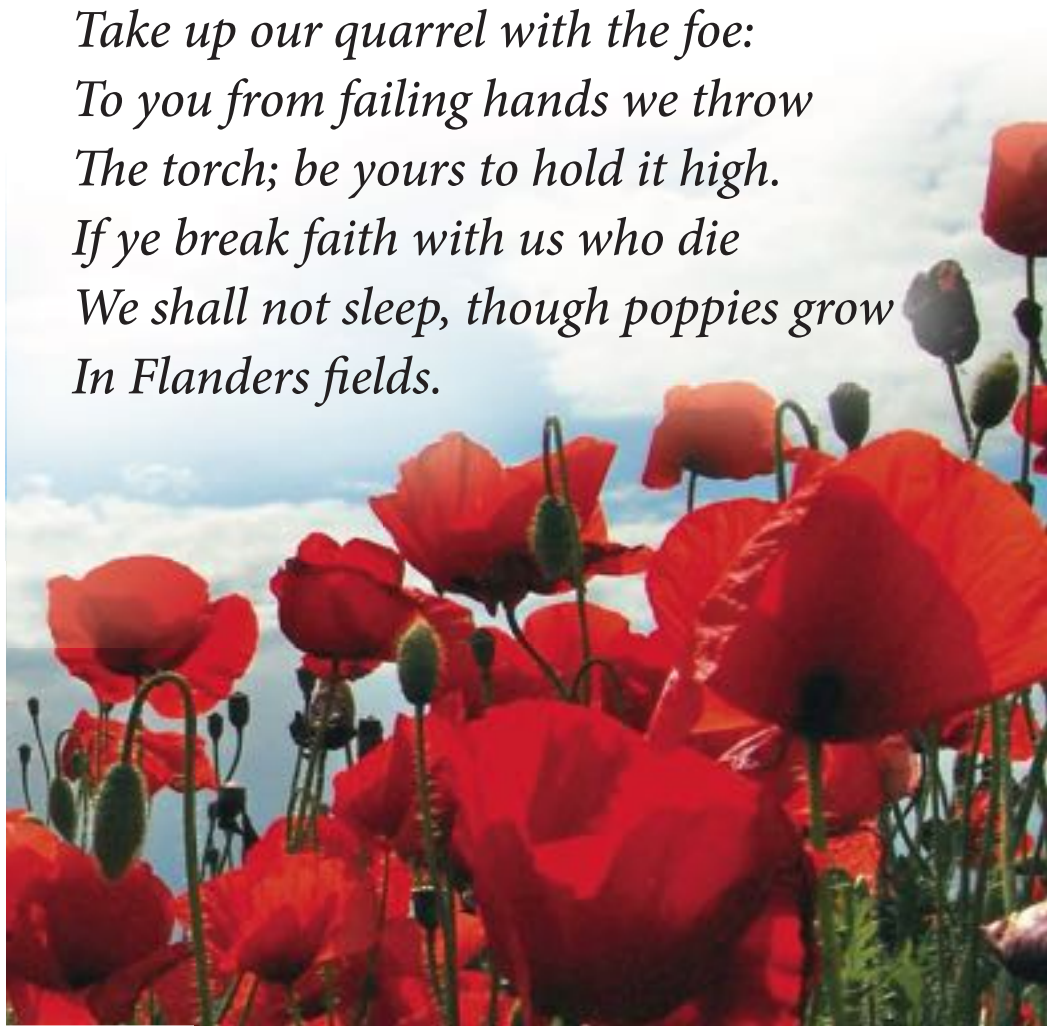
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We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
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In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.













Lest we FORGET



Royal Canadian Legion names Canada's 2025 National Silver Cross Mother

The Royal Canadian Legion is proud to introduce Mrs. Nancy Payne of Lansdowne, ON, as this year's National Silver Cross Mother.

On November 11, Nancy will place a wreath at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

"Nancy's deep loss reflects the pain of many," says Berkley Lawrence, Dominion President. "Her bravery in sharing her story shines a warm light on her son, who gave his life in the name of this country. We will always remember him."

Mrs. Payne's son, Corporal Randy Joseph Payne, served with the Canadian Army, as part of 1 Garrison Military Police Company based in Wainwright, Alberta. He had begun his career initially assigned to the Royal Canadian Air Force Military Police.

Randy was killed in action in Afghanistan on April 22, 2006, while serving as a member of the "Close Protection" team assigned to that mission. He died alongside three other soldiers, when a roadside bomb struck the military G-Wagon they were driving while returning to Kandahar Airfield from an operating base.

The National Silver Cross Mother acts on behalf of all Canadian mothers and families who have lost a son or daughter in the line of service. From November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026, Mrs. Payne will be part of several events honouring Canada's Fallen.

The Memorial Cross – more commonly referred to as the Silver Cross – was introduced on December 1, 1919. It is a symbol of personal loss and sacrifice on behalf of widows and mothers who lose a child on active duty, or whose death is later attributed to such duty.

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Second World War veteran

Cliff Chadderton empowered a generation of amputees

As The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program marks its 50th anniversary this year, this remembrance season brings to mind the inspiring story of Second World War veteran Cliff Chadderton (1919-2013), the late War Amps CEO who was integral to the program's founding.



At 20 years old, Chadderton enlisted with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles one month after the war began. He rose through the ranks from a Non Commissioned Officer to Company Commander serving in Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

In October 1944, while leading his unit near the Leopold Canal in northern Belgium, a German grenade exploded nearby, causing him to lose part of his right leg. The injury would change the course of his life and inspire his lifelong commitment to helping other amputees.

After returning to Canada, Chadderton joined The War Amps, an organization established by First World War amputee veterans, and in 1965, he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Association. Under his leadership, The War Amps made the transition from a solely veteran-oriented institution to a charitable organization that represents all amputees in Canada.

One of Chadderton's greatest achievements was establishing the CHAMP Program in September 1975.

In the 50 years since its inception, CHAMP has provided child amputees and their families with financial assistance for artificial limbs, peer connections, advocacy support and information about living with an amputation. The program is the only one of its kind and a lasting symbol of Chadderton's belief in "amputees helping amputees."

"Cliff was an inspirational leader of the veterans' community in Canada, and once he took on a crusade, his tenacity and determination were legendary," said the late Brian Forbes, who worked closely with Chadderton over the years, eventually becoming Chairman of The War Amps Executive Committee when Chadderton retired in 2009.

Known to many as "Mr. Veteran," Chadderton led The War Amps for 44 years and championed programs that continue to change lives today.

For his remarkable efforts, Chadderton was recognized with several awards, including Companion in the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, induction into the Canada Veterans Hall of Valour and the Terry Fox Hall of Fame, the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Chadderton died in 2013 at 94 years old. His legacy carries forward in the ongoing work of The War Amps, through the many charitable programs he established to support Canada's amputee community.

In a statement released following Chadderton's passing, former prime minister Stephen Harper said, "Canada has lost a great man, but his legacy will live on in the many people whose lives he has touched."

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Governor General accepts first poppy, reflects on meaning

Speech Delivered by Governor General Mary Simon

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This past spring, I walked through the Holten Canadian War Cemetery in the Netherlands.

The Dutch people were honouring Canadian veterans on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of their country.

I stood in silence among the graves of over a thousand Canadian soldiers.

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As Governor General and Commander-in-Chief, I invite you to draw your thoughts to these brave souls.

Quite simply, war is loss.

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With the poppy, we remember our connection to those people Canadians served alongside in Europe.

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And in the former Yugoslavia.

Always fighting for human dignity, democracy and equality.

Since the First World War, the poppy has reminded us that we are not alone in our desire to protect these values.

I wear it with great pride.

Thank you to The Royal Canadian Legion for its ongoing efforts to give Canadians a chance to wear a poppy in November.

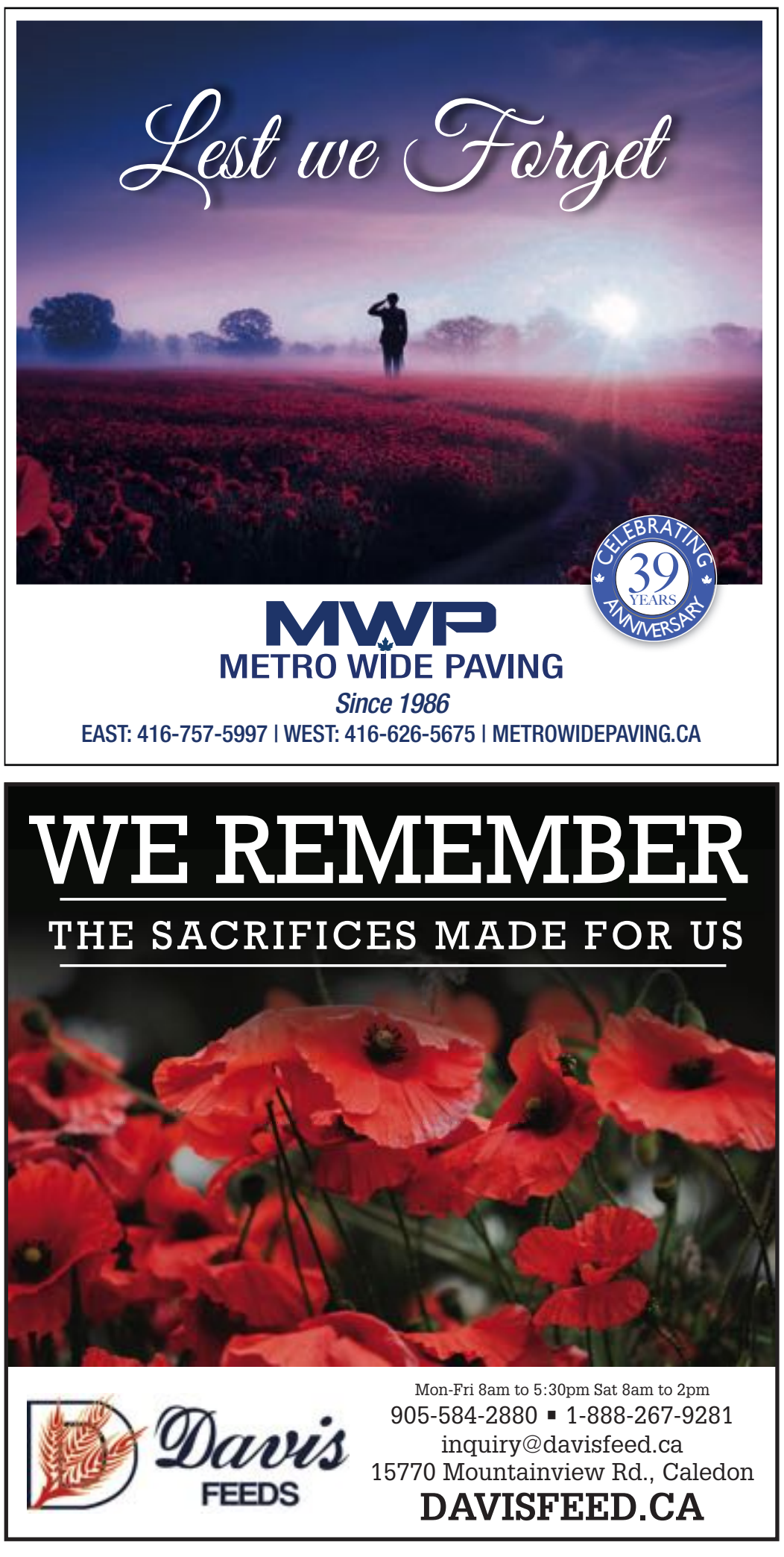
To all veterans, to all members of Canada and the United Nations' peacekeeping forces, to all serving members of Canada's military forces: we thank you.

It is with reverence and gratitude that I accept this First Poppy.



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Concerns about Choices Shelter's impact on neighbouring residents shared at community meeting

BY JOSHUA DRAKES
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A community meeting with local residents, Choices Shelter staff, and local leaders was held on October 28 to discuss the impact of the shelter, located off of Townline in Orangeville.

There has been significant public concern about the shelter, including alleged thefts, unsafe conditions, and litter around the facility. In an effort to bridge the growing gap between the shelter's management and the community's neighbors, a public forum was held at the train station on Townline.

The forum was moderated by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Deputy Mayor Todd Taylor, and Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) members were present.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Choices' executive director Jamie Edge, who expressed her hope for transparency and constructive dialogue.

"We want to come up with a solution that everyone's happy and satisfied with, we want to open the door to communication," she said. "We're really hopeful to have an honest and open conversation. We're here today to share information about the work that Choices does in the community, the people we serve, and the impact we're making together in Dufferin County."

Edge continued by describing the situation from the perspective of Choices Shelter, which she said struggles to keep the doors open due to funding constraints.

"We want to help people understand the truth versus rumours, and we want to work collaboratively with the neighborhood. We believe we're part of the solution," she said. "The work that we do every day is very hard. It's very challenging. A lot of our days are filled with worry and stress and anxiety, and we struggle in terms of time and funding."

Despite the financial challenges, Choices works to provide more than just a bed to those in need. They are actively helping people get back on their feet, even with an extremely busy season of clients at the shelter.

"We offer employment support and job readiness training, daily living and life skills support," Edge said. "A lot of people don't realize that when we are bringing somebody out of an encampment, sometimes daily living skills need to be relearned. So, cleaning and cooking, hygiene, things like that,"

"We're averaging 375 to 425 bed stays in one month, and that equates to 14 to 18 men in our shelter per month," she added.

There was understanding among the residents present that running the shelter was not an easy task. They acknowledged that demand, influx of clients, and inadequate funding make it difficult to operate effectively.

Choices said it upholds its rules as strictly as it can, and does not tolerate drug or alcohol use on its grounds. They also said theft is immediately reported or resolved as soon as they become aware of it.

After the presentation concluded, some community residents in attendance asked questions of the shelter staff. They asked about the success rates of those who stayed or were housed in the shelter, while others questioned the finances, wanting to make sure money was going to where it was needed.

As the meeting continued, the focus shifted from the shelter's operations to the impact residents say it is having on their neighbourhood. Several stood to read victim impact statements from themselves or from residents who couldn't attend or were uncomfortable attending.

One statement highlighted what's allegedly being observed around the shelter building.

"I have personally witnessed open drinking, open drug use, including injections, drug purchasing, drug stashing, knife fighting, and destruction of private property," the statement read. "I'm unable to feel safe when I go outside in my own yard, I'm always looking over my shoulder. I feel unsafe leaving a window open at night. I have to worry about what drug paraphernalia I might find in my garden or grass."

"I'm now afraid for my own safety," the statement concluded.

This was echoed by several residents in the audience, who all agreed they had witnessed similar acts described in the statement.

The statement continued by saying that they are not, and have never been, opposed to the presence of the shelter. They said they recognize the role shelters have in helping the needy, and only want to see conditions in and around the shelter improved.

They provided a copy of the Toronto Shelter Standards (TSS) to Mayor Post and said they would like to see some of these standards applied in Orangeville.

"Currently, there is no set provincial standard for shelters; however, that does not mean we cannot instill those requirements here to allow for the accountability of those clients who are there to seek help… I believe the Choices organization has a lot of responsibility."

They closed their statement by saying they hope the Choices Shelter will take advantage of the assistance the TSS booklet provides and that other neighboring shelters should be more than willing to offer advice if asked. A cleanup of policies would be something they said they'd like to see as well.

While the shelter disputed some of the claims raised in the victim impact statement, it also acknowledged the concerns and testimony shared by concerned residents and agreed on the need for open dialogue and to make the necessary improvements going forward. The floor was then opened for community-led suggestions to help improve the situation.

Suggestions shared include an updated and public-facing Code of Conduct policy that clearly outlines expectations for how clients interact with the neighborhood, a secure outdoor disposal space for drug paraphernalia, and, most importantly, a new community working group.

This proposal would form a group composed of residents and staff from the shelter, who would meet regularly to maintain open lines of communication and prevent further buildup of tension between the shelter and neighbouring residents.

There was an understanding that while no one wants to see the shelter shut down and everyone wants to see it succeed, that won't come without a significant and focused effort.

A commitment to work together to iron out differences and concerns is hoped to bring about a positive solution to the current dispute between the shelter and local residents.

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Cam Lang scores the game-winner in Admirals' 4-1 upset of the red-hot King Rebellion

Caledon Captain Braeden Van Gelder promoted to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles of the QMJHL

BY JIM STEWART

November opened with a pair of good news items for the Caledon Admirals.

General Manager Ken Jeysman confirmed on Sunday afternoon in King that Caledon's Captain Braeden Van Gelder had been promoted to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles of the Quebec Maritimes Junior Hockey League.

Van Gelder, a steady veteran defenseman with 1 goal and 9 assists in 16 games with the Admirals, had been rostered with Caledon for parts of three seasons.

The 6'1", 212-pound defender, whose blue line fierceness was evident in the OJHL, was moved hours after the Admirals' 4-1 loss to the Aurora Tigers on Thursday night.

Van Gelder's departure is a feather in the cap of Caledon's OJHL franchise and veteran Admiral Cam Lang complimented the team's departing Captain: "He's been a great player and great leader. We'll miss his presence on and off the ice, but our defensemen will have to step up to cover the loss."

The ninth-place Admirals responded to the departure of their Captain by sailing to a 4-1 upset win over the second-place King Rebellion at the Zancor Centre on Sunday afternoon.

The Admirals' victory in King Township ended the Rebellion's seven-game winning streak during which they climbed as high as 15th in the CJHL Power Rankings. The Rebellion swept the 2024-25 season series with the Admirals 4-0.

The Rebellion were going through their own kind of personnel re-set on Sunday after King General Manager Jay DeGennaro dealt the OJHL's top-ranked goaltender Owen Edwards to the Haliburton County Huskies in exchange for BCHL goaltender Logan Kennedy, whose rights were held by the Huskies.

Kennedy played for Haliburton during the 2023-24 season.

The highly-touted BCHL goaltender made his first start for the Rebellion during Sunday's matinee and dueled with Caledon netminder James Meredith through a scoreless first period.

Two minutes into the second period, King's leading scorer Lachlan Larmand was assessed a boarding major and game misconduct, depriving the Rebellion of much offensive firepower and playmaking.

After King killed off the Larmand major, Caledon's Masulka became entangled with Kennedy behind the Rebellion net and was assessed a Goalie Interference penalty at 10:07.

Eighteen seconds into Masulka's penalty, Rebellion power forward Kyle Baston banged in a rebound from the slot after some nice puck movement by Jake Mallory and Antonio Cerqua between the circles to give the home side a 1-0 lead.

Masulka's penalty turned out to be costly as King—winners of 12 of their last 14 games—appeared on the brink of breaking out their offence as they did last Sunday in a 9-2 home ice drubbing of the Niagara Falls Canucks.

Instead, Meredith held the fort against a Rebellion onslaught and the plucky Admirals responded with two goals in rapid succession.

Caledon tied the game at 13:09 when newly-acquired Cole Kirton lofted the puck high glove side past Kennedy – converting a slick passing play by Michael Marrelli and Clarence Allain.

On a brilliantly-quick maneuver 39 seconds later, Lang took Kirton's pass off the end boards, wheeled to his forehand in one motion to the edge of the right crease, and slid the puck between the pads of a surprised Kennedy and into the cage.



Cam Lang scored the game-winning goal in Caledon's 4 – 1 victory over King.
PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Even though it appeared that the net was knocked off its moorings, Lang's go-ahead marker was deemed a good goal by game officials and the visitors held their first lead of the game.

Lang described his opportunistic marker and why he was so free to shock Kennedy: "My linemate Keeler went digging in the corner and three King guys went to him. I knew I had space and I wrapped it under his pads."

Trailing 2-1, the home side opened the third period on a 5-on-3 power play for 22 seconds after Caledon's coaching staff was assessed a bench minor for their role in an end-of-period kerfuffle over the frozen overhead scoreclock at the Zancor Centre.

The infraction was inconsequential as King failed to take advantage of the bench penalty for the staff's vociferous berating of the Rebellion's brilliant PA man, scorekeeper, clock operator, and penalty box warden Doug Ireland who informed officials of the technical glitch, maintained the official game clock had counted down to zero, and the score clock – frozen at 4.9 seconds — finally re-set to the correct time.

Meredith was the difference during the period-opening power play by King as he kept the Rebellion's explosive offence off the scoreboard.

Lang credited his keeper's 42-save performance for the Admirals' road win.

"He's really good. He's a leader and we knew when he came to camp that he was a real goalie. He's been really steady and he had good rebound control today."

With Meredith frustrating the high-flying King squad at every turn in the third period, the Caledon offence proceeded to produce the prettiest goal of the afternoon. On a tic-tac-toe play that picked apart the King zone defense, combative Clarence Allain, who was expelled from Thursday's game for fighting, finished a fine passing play on the doorstep from Curtis Freeman and Kirton to give the Admirals a 3-1 lead with 3:43 left in the game.

It was Kirton's third point of the game. In three games with the Admirals, the productive Kirton has tallied four points.

After Meredith surrounded high-scoring Ryan Fairbairn's wrist shot from between the circles at 3:31,

King Head Coach Geoff Schomogyi called a timeout to draw up a play for the crucial offensive zone faceoff and pulled Kennedy for an extra attacker.

Meredith's pad save at 3:17 repelled King's best 6-on-5 scoring opportunity.

As King pressed to reduce its deficit, Caledon defenseman Marcello Santiago corralled an entry shot by the Rebellion and, with a surprising amount of open space, fired a low rink-long shot from below the dot that slid into the empty cage to give his club a 4-1 cushion with 2:36 left to play.

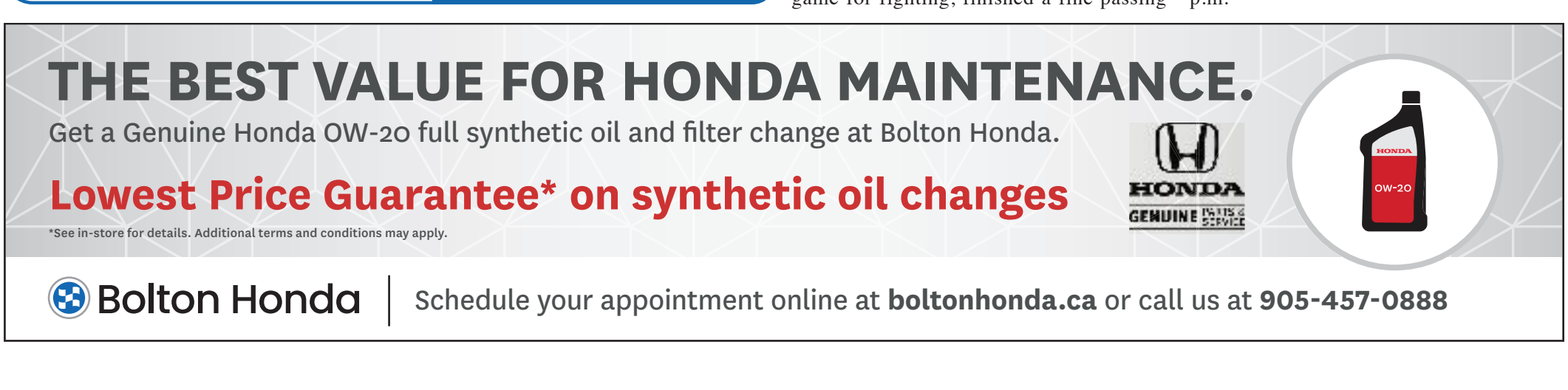
Santiago's accurate 180-footer, which eluded the six King skaters, was another cause for celebration for the visitors.

According to Lang, "It was his first OJHL goal, so the guys were all excited for Santiago."

After describing the feel-good moment for his teammate, Lang offered reasons for his club's big road win in King and compared the Admirals' comparatively-tepid effort versus the Aurora Tigers on Thursday night: "Thursday, we didn't have it. Today, everybody brought it. Everything was clicking today. We played our systems today that [Head Coach] Joe [Washkurak] has set up. We have a lot of skill out there so if we can put hard work and skill together, we're going to win a lot of games."

The eighth-place Admirals (8-7-1-2) host the twelfth-place Georgetown Raiders (1-14-0-2) on Thursday, November 6. Puck drop at the Mayfield Icebox is 7:30 p.m.







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Wolfpack captures first ROPSSAA Tier 1 Senior Boys Football title with emphatic 17-0 win over Grizzly Bears

BY JIM STEWART

History was made by the Robert F. Hall CSS Wolfpack on Thursday afternoon on its home turf in East Caledon.

With an impressive 17-0 win over Brampton's Suzuki SS Grizzly Bears, Hall hoisted its first ROPSSAA Tier 1 Senior Football championship trophy in an all-day rain and under metallic skies.

The emphatic home field victory was particularly sweet for the Wolfpack after falling short in the last two Peel Region championship games.

The Wolfpack lost 22-12 in the 2024 title game to the St. Roch CSS Ravens. In 2023, Hall was edged 12-7 by St. Roch.

The powerhouse Ravens from Brampton had won the ROPSSAA Tier 1 Senior Football title four years in a row before Hall ended the four-peat on their saturated home turf on Thursday versus Suzuki.

The pennant-winning Wolfpack led the second-place Grizzly Bears 3-0 at half-time on a 25-yard field goal by placekicker Eric Rizzardo in miserable rainy and cold late-October conditions.

Wolfpack Head Coach Jonathan Beresford complimented Rizzardo's calmness under pressure.

"Eric is very level-headed. He's a soccer player, and we were able to convince his mom that Eric would be a valuable player on our football team."

Rizzardo's field goal in the mucky conditions and his two converts in the second half provided all the points needed as the Wolfpack defence shut down Suzuki's offence.

Hall took control of the game in the third quarter. On the first drive of the second half, wide receiver Lucas Maklim's 50-yard-reception-and-run play bumped the Wolfpack's lead to 9-0. The dependable Rizzardo kicked the convert to give the home side a ten-point margin heading into the final quarter of play.

After establishing the inside run game in the second half on the strength of Lucas Carson-Petry's skillful and powerful rushing, the Wolfpack set up a perfect jet sweep with speedy Kymani Stanley carrying the ball 15 yards into the end zone to seal the deal at the start of the fourth quarter.

A Rizzardo convert provided the 17-point margin of victory and wrapped up Hall's historical football championship.

In the muck and mire of an all-day rain, Coach Beresford delineated the keys to victory: "Much of it was learning from last year—we played in sideways rain in our loss to Roch. This year, we embraced the rain. We practiced in the rain instead of taking those afternoons off and we developed fortitude in the rain. Our defense was really tough, too, and we stayed away from undisciplined penalties that hurt is our season-opening loss to Roch."

HALL'S PATHWAY TO GLORY: ENDING ST. ROCH RAVENS' STRANGLEHOLD ON THE ROPSSAA FOOTBALL TITLE

After losing their season opener 20-16 to the four-time defending champion Ravens on September 19 in Brampton, the Wolfpack recalibrated, bounced back from the disappointing Game 1 result, and ran the table with four consecutive wins. Coach Beresford felt that the final score of the Wolfpack's first game was not indicative of his team's play.

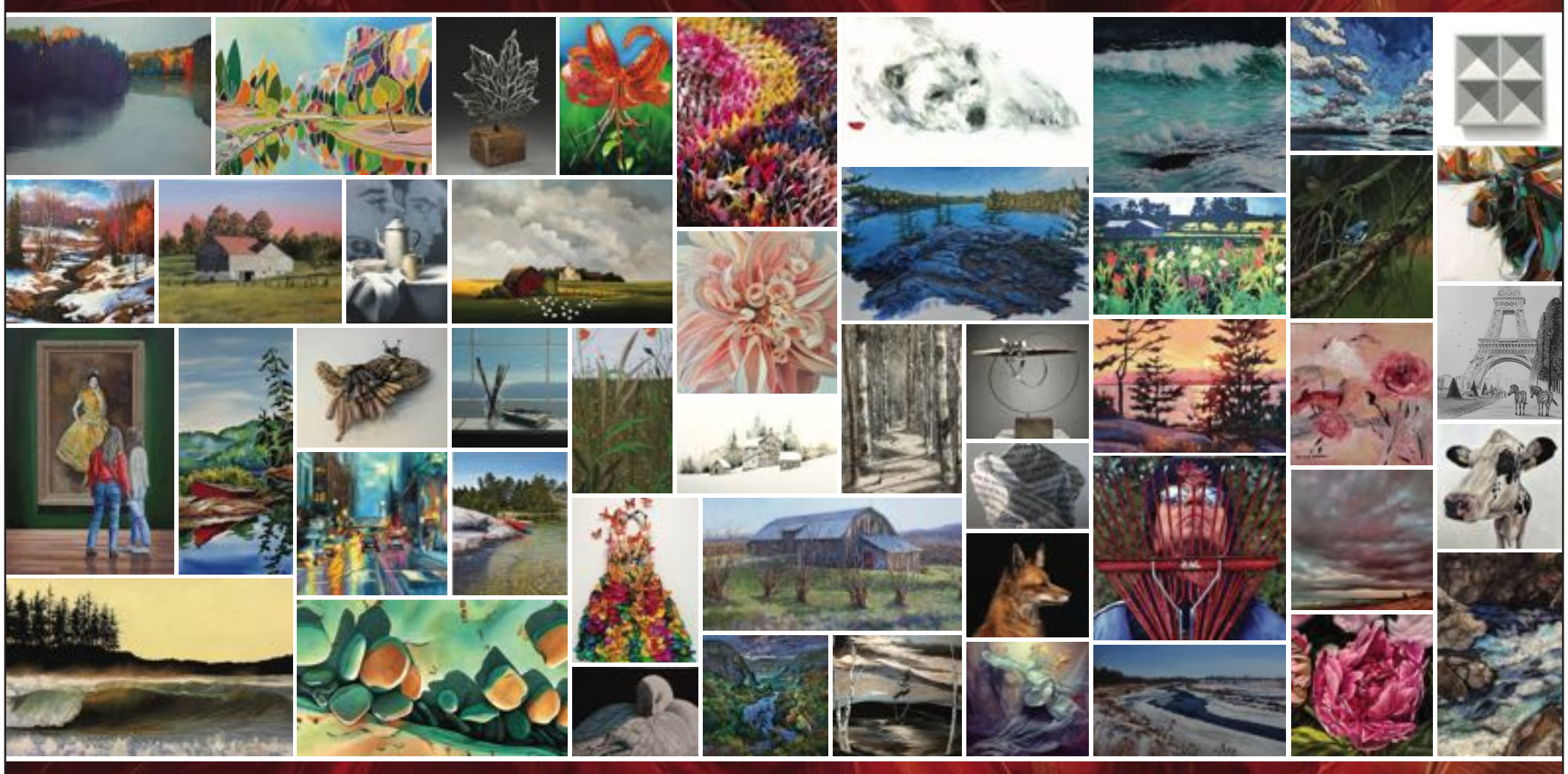
"We were the better team, but we took some 'bad discipline penalties' in Game 1, including roughing the passer and penalities after the whistle—the kind of penalties that really hurt the team."

Hall evened its record at 1-1 by defeating Suzuki 31-26 on September 26, and then played a much more disciplined game by shutting out the Ravens 10-0 on October 9.

The victory over Roch marked a turning point in the Wolfpack season, as Coach Beresford explained.

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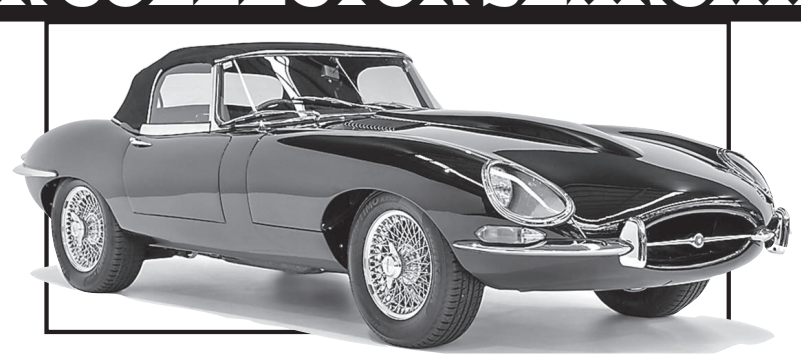
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HEATHER MACDONALD MACPHERSON SHEEHAN



With deep love and gratitude for a life well lived, we share the passing of Heather MacDonald Macpherson Sheehan, who left us peacefully on October 28, 2025, in her hometown of Orangeville, Ontario, at the age of 84.

Born on November 19, 1940, to Arthur and Sara Macpherson, Heather trained as a nurse and began her career in Northern Ontario, where she met the love of her life, Dennis Sheehan. They were married in May 1968 and built a beautiful life together, raising their children Dan and Sara.

Heather and Dennis made their home in Port Credit before settling on their beloved farm in Caledon East. After Dennis's passing, Heather moved to Windy Ridge, her cherished sanctuary where she planted trees, tended her gardens and dogs ran free.

Heather was predeceased by her parents, her husband Dennis, her brother Hugh, and brothers-in-law Joe and Hunter. She is lovingly remembered by her children Dan (Kristy) and Sara, her sisters Janet and Margaret. Adoring Grandma to Charlotte and a rock of support and friendship to Huguette.

The family would like to extend a debt of heartfelt thanks to all the staff at The Lord Dufferin Centre, Ontario Home Health and to wonderful Ida for the compassionate care and companionship Heather received in her final days.

Heather embodied kindness, generosity, and acceptance in everything she did. She will be profoundly missed by her large and loving community of friends and family.

A natural burial at Holstein Cemetery will be attended by the immediate family at a date prior to a Celebration of Life.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday November 15, 2025 at 2:30pm. Visitation will begin at 1:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health www.camh.ca or an organization of your choice.

A tree will be planted in memory of Heather in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

MICHAEL ROY LONGWORTH



Michael Roy Longworth, aged 78, of Creemore, Ontario, passed away peacefully at Campbell House in Collingwood on October 29, 2025, with family by his side.

Born on October 11, 1947, in Toronto, Michael was an incredible husband, father, and grandfather to his wife, Kathleen; his son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Jennifer; and his two grandsons, Nate and Brady, and not to be forgotten, his dog Wiley.

Michael grew up in Woodbridge, Ontario, where he excelled in both school and athletics. From his time on the hockey rink, golf course, basketball court, or football field to family adventures at Lake Nipissing, he lived an active and eventful childhood.

He went on to study accounting at the University of Western Ontario, followed by several years as an accountant with Clarkson Gordon and later in private practice in Orangeville. Eventually, he found his true calling in teaching. Michael was a professor at Seneca College for nearly 30 years, where he made a lasting impact on the lives of countless students. Known for being tough but fair, he had a gift for bringing out the best in people and helping them find success.

Those who knew Michael knew that his love of teaching went far beyond the classroom. He was always one to offer advice or a helping hand, putting the needs of others ahead of his own. Through his wisdom, support, and quiet generosity, he touched the lives of so many. He could always be counted on to show up when times were tough.

He also lived his life with passion. Passion for his work, his boats and cars, but most of all for his friends and family. So many wonderful memories were made over the years on the lakes of Muskoka or sitting by the river in his backyard. He was the life of the party, while always ensuring all around him were having a good time.

We will all miss Michael (Mike, Mikey, Dad, Grampa, Uncle Mike), but the memories he gave us and the impact he had on so many lives will live on. For that, we will always be grateful.

Friends may visit Michael's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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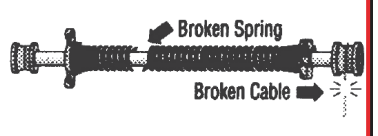
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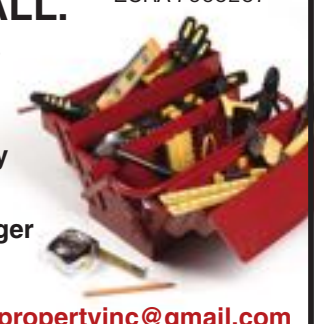
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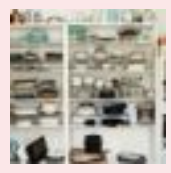
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Wolfpack captures first ROPSSAA Tier 1 Senior Boys Football title with emphatic 17-0 win over Grizzly Bears

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"We played a clean game. No free first downs. No extra yardage due to penalties. Our defense really turned it up, too. The defense only gave up six points for the rest of the season."

With a disciplined and talented defense in place, the Wolfpack subdued the Grizzly Bears 14-6 to wrap up the regular season with a 3-1 first-place record.

Hall completed its four-game heater by shutting out Suzuki SS 17-0 on home turf and captured the East Caledon high school's first Tier 1 Senior Football title in convincing fashion.

WOLFPACK PROWLS FOR MORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Coach Beresford's championship squad continues its quest for greater glory at the Metro Bowl playdowns.

On November 5, the 905 Bowl will feature the Winner of Durham Region versus the winner of Dufferin-Peel (Hall). The winner of the Durham versus Peel game will play the winner of the Toronto Public/Toronto Catholic game for the Metro Bowl championship.

The winner of the Metro Bowl advances to OFSAA at the University of Guelph on November 25, 26, and 27.

Coach Beresford discussed the value of the OFSAA Football championship: "Every school is there to watch our players – giving athletic scholarships for US and Canadian schools to the players competing in the provincial championships."

"All the best players in Ontario are there to be seen by university representatives. It's a great opportunity for our players to be showcased and recruited by scouts and coaches."

It's evident that Coach Beresford saw the potential of his 2025 squad in training camp because he arranged his first exhibition game to be played in Toronto to give his Wolfpack players a sneak preview of the Metro Bowl.

"Our first preseason game was against Toronto Northern at Varsity Stadium and we beat them. Our team got a chance to play a Toronto team where the Metro Bowl is going to be played. They got used to the long bus ride down to Varsity and are familiar with the field and the competition. We'll be ready to compete at Varsity Stadium. We'll be trying to sustain our success and this Grade 12 team is the product of the hard work Coach Jason Sweeney has put into our Junior Football program.

"This senior group is the fruits of our collective labour. Our players have played junior football games in Grades 9 and 10. It's been so much better for them to have more actual playing time rather than being Grade 9 and 10 players riding the bench on a Varsity team. We'll see how our program is matching up against the best programs in the GTA and across Ontario during the next few weeks."

Credit Valley Conservation Board of Directors announces new CAO

The not-for-profit organization responsible for the care and protection of Island Lake Conservation Area and the Credit River Watershed, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), has a new chief administrative officer (CAO).

CVC announced on Monday, November 3, that Terri LeRoux was appointed to the role, in addition to serving as secretary and treasurer.

"Terri is an accomplished leader with expertise in governance support, organizational strategy and multi-stakeholder relationship building," reads the announcement by CVC. "[She has] more than 20 years of experience working within the Credit River Watershed, first serving as executive director of the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation and then joining CVC in 2019 in the Parks, Lands and Community Engagement department."

The announcement noted that during her tenure with CVC, LeRoux oversaw conservation area services and critical initiatives that connect people with nature while protecting and enhancing natural spaces.

LeRoux has been the CVC's interim CAO since May 30 of this year, and is looking forward to officially moving into the role.

"We are excited to welcome Terri LeRoux to her new role as chief administrative officer," said CVC board chair Michael Palleschi. "Terri brings a deep knowledge of CVC, strategic insight and a proven ability to foster collaboration across a wide range of partners. Her leadership will be instrumental in guiding CVC's current initiatives and shaping the organization's future success."

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