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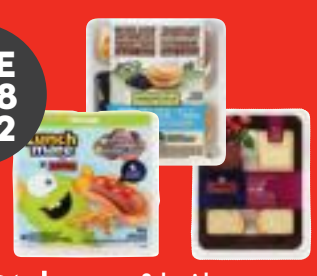
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Mayor Annette Groves and former Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson of Shelburne have pitched an ambitious plan for the future of rural transit. Incorporating cutting-edge technology and consulting local business leaders, Caledon is headed towards a makeover. PHOTO BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Mayor talks transit over breakfast with community business leaders

BY JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Mayor Annette Groves is thinking big for the future in terms of transit – and wants to get businesses on board to invest in that future.

On Monday, November 17, prominent business leaders from across Caledon were invited to a breakfast event hosted by the Office of the Mayor at the Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts.

Guests were treated to a buffet breakfast, including everything from scrambled eggs to pastry desserts. The morning was an opportunity to gather the most influential people to pitch a bold new vision for the future of Caledon.

That vision is an overhauled transit system to accommodate a rapidly expanding and dispersed community.

"Caledon is a very unique place," Groves said. "We're bigger than the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga combined, we're bigger than the City of Toronto, geographically speaking. But we're 90,000 people. In 25 years or so, we're looking at becoming 300,000 people, and this is why public transportation is so important."

She continued by saying that with such a large influx of residents moving into the region, jobs will be following, which also means new businesses and new industry connections. The focus then shifts to making sure all those businesses are staffed and said staff have an easy commute to get to them.

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Cordoba Coffee celebrates one year at Campbell's Cross Farm

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's been a little over a year since Cordoba Coffee moved into its new home of Campbell's Cross Farm, and they can't wait to celebrate for years to come.

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Brothers Frank and Claudio Cordi with their 1950s roaster. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

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Peel Committee Against Women Abuse shares third-annual snapshot

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA) has shared the 2024 release of their third Peel Regional Snapshot.

This Snapshot is a resource PCAWA uses annually to share data and trends related to gender-based violence in the Region of Peel.

Founded in 1984, PCAWA is a cross-sectoral community collaborative of community members and organizations in Peel that have a shared goal of ending gender-based violence.

PCAWA shares that the snapshot serves as a key resource for them as they continue their advocacy efforts to raise awareness of the issue of gender-based violence in Peel.

In their media release, they stated the Peel Regional Snapshot is based on the model developed by Building A Bigger Wave, the coordinating body for the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committees (VAW-CC) in the province of Ontario.

These snapshots are developed as an advocacy and education tool for both government officials and the wider community.

In 2024, they noted 14,432 survivors who accessed community support services through a PCAWA partner agency, up from 13,933 in their 2023 snapshot.

There were 26,506 crisis calls and self-referrals for support from survivors, compared to 3,132 in 2023.

When it comes to policing and justice in their Snapshot, there were 445 incidents reported of sexual violence and 10,155 incidents reported of intimate-partner violence.

Region of Peel 2024 Point in Time (PiT) Count Results showed 2,799 individuals experiencing homelessness, a 223 per cent increase in overall homelessness in Peel compared to 2021 PiT

Count when asylum claimants are included.

27 per cent of women experiencing housing loss report it being due to conflict or abuse with a partner/spouse or parent/guardian, according to the Snapshot.

Additionally, 7,274 children were referred to Peel CAS who were exposed to intimate partner violence.

32,329 households in Peel are on the Centralized Wait List for Subsidized Housing, a 12 per cent increase since 2022 and a 32 per cent increase since 2020.

The snapshot, they said, demonstrates the "broad range of systems that survivors encounter and are impacted by, and why community coordination is essential in meaningfully supporting survivors and ending gender-based violence."

Fence dividing two Bolton plazas comes down

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER



The site of the now-removed fence.
PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

For more than a decade, a fence in Bolton has stood between two plazas, blocking access to either side and limiting exposure to stores.

Now, after ten years, portions of the fence have come down.

The issue began in 2015, when the fence first went up between the two plazas located at 301 Queen Street S and 15 Allen Dr in Bolton.

After years of inspections and resident and business owner complaints, the Town of Caledon has found a way to bring a partial piece of the fence down.

Councillor Tony Rosa says he has been working on this file for the pasts seven years, and it has remained one of his top priorities.

Rosa explains that when he brought the issue to CAO Nathan Hyde and his team, they reviewed the file and found "the fence was not on the site plan."

"Therefore, an order was issued to remove the fence," says Rosa. "A fresh set of eyes was needed."

Rosa says that when there is a will, there is a way.

"We never stopped advocating for this. Finally, a win for my community," he says. "For my community it's about beautification, it's about ensuring businesses can be successful, and making the area accessible. The fence never put the people first!"

Councillor Mario Russo says that it has been years in the making in one way, and came very suddenly in another.

He explains that both Mayor Annette Groves and Councillor Rosa pushed the matter last term of Council, and that Councillor Cosimo Napoli and he came on board at the beginning of this term to push for it as well, but it was the site visit by Hyde and Rosa that reignited the conversation.

Senior municipal staff, both in the Planning department and Legal reviewed the original site plan obligations and determined the fence did not comply with the original requirements, and thus issued an order to remove the fencing, explains Russo.

Russo noted that they are currently still in discussion with the plaza owners of both 301 Queen St. S. and 15 Allan Dr.

"What makes this process challenging is that for the most part, this matter is a civil matter, between two abutting property owners," says Russo.

He shares that they are currently trying to "resolve some old outstanding issues with fresh eyes and with both open dialogue and with open minds," adding that he feels their unwavering tenacity to try and get the fence removed and find a solution has "paid dividends" and led to the fence coming down.

"I'm very happy that the owners of 301 Queen St. S. showed extreme good will by removing three quarters of the fencing," says Russo.

"We still have conversations pending and I am very optimistic we can resolve all matters, but it's a big win for the community and business owners that the portion of fence that was the primary concern has been removed," he says.

Russo says that the fence limited interaction between plazas and, in his opinion, was also a safety hazard.

"I feel that the fence was indirectly responsible for many businesses having to close down over the years and many barely hanging on," he adds.

Baskar Kandi, owner of Mytech Electronics, located in the plaza directly across from where the portion of the fence once stood, has owned the store since 2015 and remembers when the fence first went up.

He shares it hurt his business "big time," both by blocking him in and limiting his parking options, causing customers to have to park at the front of the plaza and walk down.

This, he noted, was impossible for both seniors and persons with a disability.

Within six months, Kandi lost employees and said that the fence "hurt everyone."

He shares that over the years, he's seen over four businesses close down.

Kandi says he'll have to wait and see what changes occur.

Randy Lynch works in the adjacent plaza at Music 21, and shares he "almost crashed his car," coming in to work at the plaza that day in response to not seeing the fence.

He shares that the fence has been hard for many of the businesses he knows.

"It really boxed them in over there. They can't advertise over on Allen Drive, and you can't see their signs from [Highway] 50, and you can't get to them from this side. I think it's been a really bad situation for them," says Lynch.

Councillor Cosimo Napoli shared that the fence had been a long-standing concern for both residents and businesses.

"It created unnecessary barriers and frustrations in the community. Removing it not only resolves those practical issues but also symbolizes progress and responsiveness from the Town. It demonstrates that we are listening to our community and are willing to take action when something impacts the quality of life and local economy," he says.

Napoli notes that this represents the kind of outcome that's possible when listening to residents, working together, and staying focused on the community's best interests.

"This issue affected many residents and business owners for quite some time, so seeing it resolved is incredibly meaningful. It sends a strong message that when we collaborate and stay committed, we can make positive changes that improve everyday life in Caledon," he says.

Even with a quarter of the fence still standing and conversations yet to be had, business owners and residents are happy to pass back and forth between the two plazas once again.

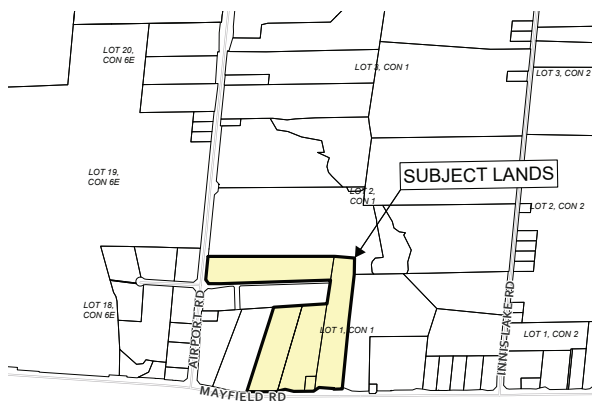
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Notice of Application Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

FILE NUMBER: 21T-25006C

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for Draft Plan of Subdivision. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.



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APPLICANT:
Riepma Consultants Inc. on behalf of Airport 12151 Inc, 6086 Mayfield Inc, 2652876 Ontario Ltd, 6206 Mayfield Inc, and 6230 Mayfield Inc.

LOCATION:
12151 Airport Road, 6086 Mayfield Road, 6186 Mayfield Road, 6206 Mayfield Road and 6230 Mayfield Road.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to create industrial lots, a collector road from Mayfield Road to Airport Road through the subject lands, and a stormwater management pond to service the future development of the industrial lots.

The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

LEAD PLANNER:

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Senior Planner, Development
Planning and Development Department
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

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

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Butterfly Bereavement Project art installation opens at local hospital, Orangeville Library



BY JOSHUA DRAKES
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As National Grief and Bereavement Day passes, the Bethell Hospice wants to open up hearts and minds to processing grief and loss through a series of art displays in Dufferin County.

The displays in town will be located at the Headwaters Health Care Center ambulatory wing, with a general viewing event today, November 20, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Another display will be at the Orangeville Public Library on Mill Street, with a viewing event on November 21, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Titled the Butterfly Bereavement Project, the idea is simple: helping those struggling with loss express their feelings through art.

Bethell Hospice executive director Margaret Pann said it grew out of a desire to find a way to offer a more visible support mechanism to those in need.

"It really comes out of National Grief and Bereavement Day," she said. "The real crux of it is that we all experience grief and loss; it's a shared thing. We were thinking, really, about how we could make that more visible to people in a way that also can offer support to each other."

Paan continued by saying that the butterfly is already a symbol used in the grieving process and also represents the cycle of life. They are the sum of someone's grieving feelings towards another.

"It's the way I think people see it, the light, the shape of the butterfly, it means a lot to people," she said. "When you see one of our displays, you know that each and every one of those butterflies was made by somebody that who was likely thinking about someone important to them."

"Those butterflies are like many hearts and memories and a lot of love put together," Paan added.

The project now numbers 3,500 butterflies and counting, potentially 4,000. While initially starting out with only a handful of participants four years ago, the initiative has expanded rapidly across the county, with thousands participating. Bethell Hospice has also had to expand its chosen venues in order to accommodate the size of its displays.

Even still, Paan said that everyone is encouraged to take up a butterfly and express themselves.

"I would encourage people to reach out, because you aren't alone, and there are supports here to help you," she said.

"We have kits that anyone can use. You do this as an exercise at home and in comfort, even with your family, because that's what this is all about. None of us are alone in grief. I want people to be able to reflect, whether that's through the butterflies or another means."

Paan also wanted to extend her thanks to the Ontario government for continuing to invest in counseling and support services across the province. Because of recent investments, more opportunities and programs have become available, including a new grief and bereavement services provider for youth and children.

"The Ministry of Health has invested heavily into grief and bereavement services in the last two years," she said. "Sylvia Jones has been very supportive, and we've gotten more money now to run our programs and even expand them. We are extremely grateful to them."

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HOMICIDE CHARGES

Two individuals have been arrested and one is wanted in connection with a 2020 attempted murder in Vaughan and a 2021 homicide in Bolton.

"On Thursday, November 12, 2020, at approximately 6:30 p.m., York Regional Police (YRP) responded to a shooting on Steeles Avenue West in Vaughan," say Police. "One victim was identified and transported to hospital for treatment.

"On Monday, January 18, 2021, at approximately 12:30 p.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a shooting on Harvest Moon Drive, Bolton, in the Town of Caledon. It was reported that two individuals entered a residence and shot two occupants inside the home, one of whom was the victim of the November 2020 incident in Vaughan. Officers located the other occupant, 65-year-old Giovanni Costa of Bolton, deceased at the scene."

On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, Christopher Brown, 28, of Barrie, was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code (CC) offences:

- Attempt murder, s. 239(1)(a);
- Conspiracy to commit murder, s. 465(1)(a);
- Discharge firearm with intent, s. 244;
- Possession of firearms contrary to prohibition order, s. 117.01(1).

The charges have not been proven.

On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Nehemiah Tirfe, 25, of Toronto, was arrested and charged with the following CC offences:

- First degree murder, s. 235(1);
- Attempt murder, s. 239(1)(a).

The charges have not been proven.

Both of the accused remain in custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

As part of the ongoing investigation, on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, a province-wide warrant was issued for Waheed Barakziye, 48, of London, ON, who has been charged with the following CC offences:

- First degree murder, s. 235(1);
- Attempt murder, s. 239(1)(a) - two counts;
- Conspiracy to commit murder, s. 465(1)(a).

The charges have not been proven.

"Members of the public are urged not to approach this individual. If seen, please contact police immediately. While the first incident was initially investigated by YRP, both incidents are now being investigated by the Caledon OPP Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB).

"The Government of the Province of Ontario is offering a $50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Giovanni Costa.

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

"While these arrests and charges mark a significant step forward, the investigation remains ongoing and we continue to pursue additional suspects," said OPP Detective Inspector Steven Martell. "We urge anyone with information, especially if you recognize the wanted individual, to contact police immediately."

SCHOOL THREAT INVESTIGATION

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a threats incident at Mayfield Secondary School.

"On November 18, 2025, at approximately 7:00 a.m., officers received a report of a threat directed toward Mayfield Secondary School," say Police. "Out of caution, Mayfield Secondary School and James Grieve Public School was placed into a hold and secure, which has since been lifted.

"Investigators determined the source of the threat and have placed one youth in custody. The identity of the youth remains protected under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA)."

The OPP takes all public threats seriously and provides resources necessary to assess and respond to such threats. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Caledon OPP by phone at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

CARJACKING INVESTIGATION

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a carjacking on Tuesday evening.

"On November 11, 2025, just before 6:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a carjacking in the area of Highway 50 and Ellwood Drive, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The investigation revealed that while the victim was returning to their parked vehicle, they were approached by three suspects, one of whom was brandishing a handgun. The suspects proceeded to forcibly remove the victim from their vehicle and flee the area in the victim's vehicle. The victim suffered minor injuries as a result of the incident. Shortly after, investigators located the stolen vehicle abandoned near to the incident location.

"Investigators discovered the three suspects arrived at the scene in a black Honda CR-V, which was last seen traveling in a reckless manner southbound on Highway 50. The suspects were described as Black males, mid-20's, wearing black clothing and black face coverings."

This investigation is ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit (MCU). Anyone with information or surveillance/dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP by phone at 1-888-310-1122, referencing investigation number E251528711. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

The Central Region Headquarters of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding all motorists of the critical importance of stopping for school buses when their overhead red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

Under the Highway Traffic Act, drivers must stop at least 20 metres away from a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop arm activated. Failing to do so is not only illegal but puts children's lives at risk. This applies to drivers approaching from both directions unless the roadway is divided by a median.

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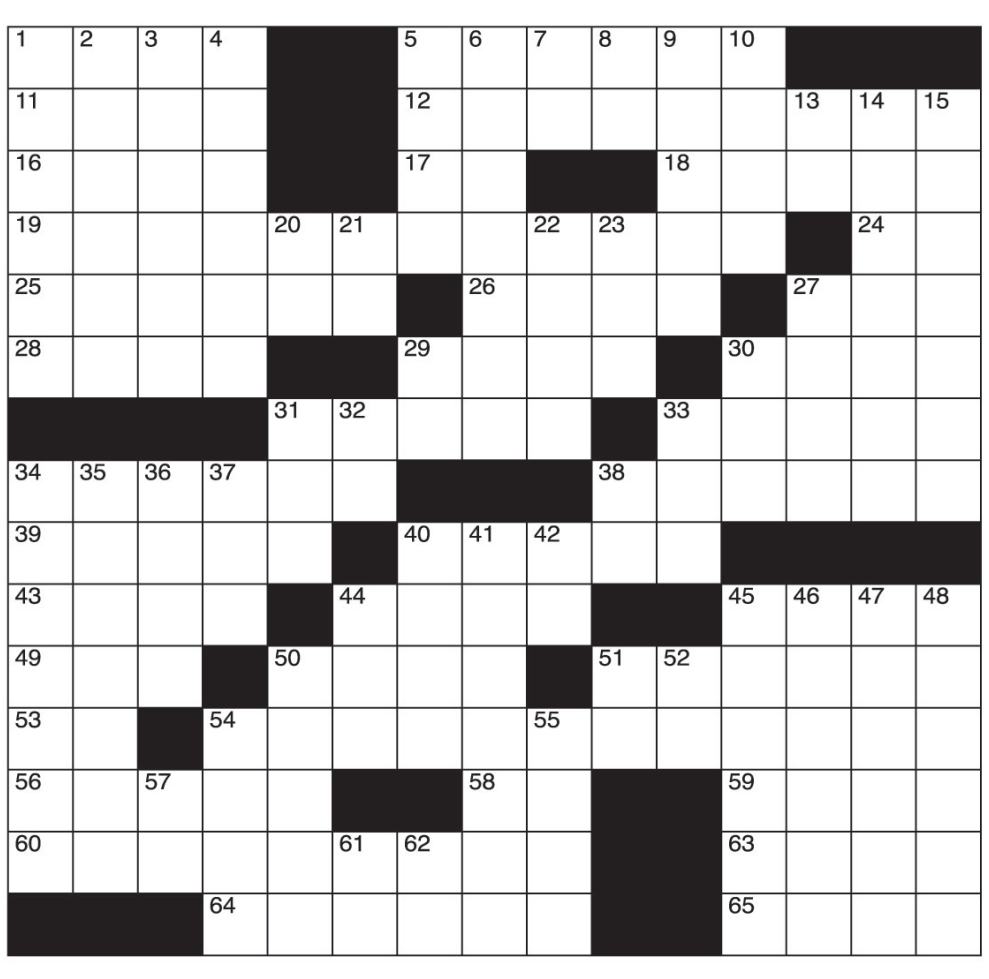
- Stop when school bus lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended. It's the law;
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28. NFL great Randy
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33. -frutti
34. Polish city
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39. Khoikhoin peoples
40. Bears QB Williams
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49. When you hope to get somewhere
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58. Partner to Pa
59. Notable river
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Reale is pictured standing outside his now home. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Transforming historic ski lodge into handmade home "a labour of love"

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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In 2013, local industrial designer David Reale was driving north on Highway 10 through Caledon when he noticed a For Sale sign on the side of the road.

What he discovered he phrases as a very vacant log home.

"It appeared to be abandoned by everyone. Yet, what I saw was an unpolished gem stone, an unfinished antique," says Reale.

What Reale soon found out was that he would be putting in an offer for a cabin that was part of the original Caledon Ski Club.

According to its heritage report, this ski cabin was built in the early to mid-1930s, after the Toronto Ski Club was founded in 1924.

Although it had been moved from its original site and turned into a home, the consultant shared in the report that, "this log cabin has a direct association with the development and early years of recreational skiing activity in the Town of Caledon by area residents and ski enthusiasts from Toronto and more distant locations."

The cabin was likely to have sat beside the Credit River, near Thunder Bridge on Forks of the Credit Road, east of the hamlet of Belfountain, it was shared.

It was primarily a lodge for early skiing activities in Caledon Township, seeing thousands of skiers over time.

In 1963, it was estimated to have been dismantled, sold, and moved to its current location for housing.

Now, going back to 2013, Reale and his wife, Tina, decided to purchase the home and immediately applied for, and received, heritage status.

"With such a unique history I wanted to save the home and preserve its heritage," says Reale. "This also was a prerequisite to my final goal of designing and building a second home on the property."

As the property is within the jurisdiction of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, its protection under municipal designation and easements under the Ontario Heritage Act are necessary if the dwelling is to be retained and a second dwelling permitted on the property, as shared in the report.

Reale originally had big plans to design a second heritage home on the property that he and Tina would eventually call home, but now, almost 13 years later and thousands of hours put into the log cabin, the two are saying goodbye.

Over those 13 years, Reale has started, finished, and started again hundreds of projects that now fill their home, including but not limited to his crafting of handmade doors, he's designed and built much of the furniture, and even salvaged a yoke he found in the field and transformed it into a mantle for a stone fireplace.

More than half of the custom light fixtures that hang from their ceilings are handmade by Reale, including a massive chandelier made from more than 500 pieces of silver-plated flatware, salt and pepper shakers, jewelry, trays, and pie lifters, all collected by Reale – everything from reclaimed old barn beams to curtain rod finials featuring Reale's vintage salt-and-pepper shaker collection.

Walking through the now-renovated log cabin, the two can explain the meanings and hidden aspects of the various items around the house; every piece has its own story.

One of the seemingly patterned wooden walls is actually more than 650 pieces of 100-year-old barn board that Reale spent days cutting and gluing together.

"I love everything," adds Tina. "Each piece is unique and it's different."

When they first moved in, the cabin required a lot of work; there were holes in the floors, storage closets and walls that took up most of the room, and they shared a lot that had to be done to make it comfortable.

And Reale was more than ready to take it all on.

Over the years, Reale's added rooms, ripped out old bathrooms and replaced them, replaced the original red tin roof for another heritage roof, fixed numerous holes and crevices, and much, much more.

Now, the cabin has twice as many bedrooms and bathrooms.

They reflected on a time when Reale's drill was more often than not sitting on their coffee table, or when the table saw was in the middle of their living room.

But little by little, project by project, it became the space it is now.

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Correction Notice

In the Oct. 16th edition of *Caledon Citizen*, an incorrect clinic address appeared on Page B10 in a Celebrating Seniors article regarding hearing health sponsored by HearingLife Canada. The address printed at the bottom of the article was incorrect.

The correct address is:

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Cordoba Coffee celebrates one year at Campbell's Cross Farm

Continued from FRONT

Cordoba Coffee is a Canadian, family-owned coffee manufacturer that not only roasts, grinds, and packages a diverse range of premium coffees for retailers, specialty bakeries, restaurants, and home brewers, but also operates its own cafe to serve its customers better.

Walking into their facility on the farm, customers are greeted with the warm familiar smell of freshly roasted coffee, coming right from their store itself as employees roast, package, and prepare various roasts and beans just behind their cafe.

In the back resides a 1950s German coffee roaster where Cordoba Coffee roasts every type of their coffee.

Their cafe up front even features a roaster right there, making freshly roasted beans available to customers in six minutes.

Claudio Cordi, President of Cordoba Coffee Limited, shared that the idea to get into the coffee business first began with him and his father in 1987.

Cordi had been working as a plant manager for a coffee company for years, and he and his father decided they wanted to do something themselves. They later opened Cordoba Coffee in 1989 with his brothers later joining in.

For most of the 37 years in business, they ran out of Rexdale in Toronto in a more factory-type facility, not selling coffee directly to people, but to suppliers.

It wasn't until the property's owners changed that Cordoba Coffee was forced to find somewhere else to reside.

"We were looking at commercial spaces and they were all the same. It didn't interest me at all," says Cordi. "I was saying to the real estate agent, I've done this already. I'm looking for something different."

His real estate agent then brought him to Campbell's Cross Farm in Caledon to view an empty barn, with only the wooden beams and a concrete floor.

Cordi notes that he's a Bolton Resident, and has lived in Caledon for his whole adult life. He remembers thinking the property was great, but there was no way he could put in a factory with gas, water, and power.

"You can't put a facility that produces coffee without these three factors being addressed in the first place. As I was finding a way to say goodbye and extricate myself from the conversation, this peacock just waddles between us," says Cordi.

Michael Gallo, one of the owners of Campbell's Cross Farm, then told Cordi that the peacock was named Pablo, and had been there since Gallo first bought the farm.

"I was thinking to myself, I did say I wanted something different," says Cordi.

He went home and told his wife, Sabrina Cordi, Controller for Cordoba Coffee Limited, that they were "going to put the coffee factory on a farm."

He says her response was, "What?"

"The decision to come here is one that I look back on with fondness and say 'I'm glad we did this'."

He adds that if there's going to be one main character in this story, it would be Pablo.

"He's the reason that we're here," he says, adding that they most likely would have never considered the option.

He says every challenge that arose during the factory's setup was nothing in the long run.

"I never felt an easier approach to solving problems," he says, adding how easily he and Gallo were able to solve issues that arose.

One of the best parts, Cordi says, is the fact that he now gets to interact and get to know the people who are actually drinking the coffee.

He says he loves listening to how each person makes their coffee, and he even tries out a few of their recipes himself.

"Being able to talk to them just changed the whole game for us because now we're dealing with people that love coffee, and not the people that are in the business of it," says Cordi.

Cordi says it's not just the cafe aspect that changed their business, but the overall atmosphere.

He says everyone enjoys their new location and is happy coming to work every day. He adds that their new location brings a new aspect of creativity.

"We were in a factory," says Cordi. "Now, it's completely opposite. I think that freedom is what gives you that creativity."

Their business is also now 100% Canadian. Cordi notes that everything they buy is Canadian, and they try to support local lines as much as they can.

"We're buying our supplies from as many local suppliers as we possibly can in Caledon," he says, also noting that many of their employees are now local.

Looking back on just over a year of building, setting up, and running their business at Campbell's Cross Farm, Cordi says he's impressed that, after almost 40 years in business, it has been able to remake itself completely.



Pablo the Peacock presides over the operations, and is available to view from the cafe's windows.

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

"This is not even close to what we were doing before," says Cordi. "To come and switch that around and be focused on the customer, and the actual consumer's experience, everybody rose to that challenge."

"In the year that we've been here, we feel renewed."

Cordi says that, even though he had once been considering retirement, he now thinks the best times are ahead.

"It was an invigorating little pulse that changed the direction of how we feel. I believe that the best is in front of us, not behind us. Even though we have a lot of industry firsts in our history, I think that the best is still sitting in front of us, and it all happens because of the people that we're serving. That connection changed everything for us," says Cordi. "And that bird."

In the future, Cordi hopes to run coffee-tasting experiences and factory tours, and most importantly, fundraising and collaboration opportunities with the community.

He also shares that since opening, they have been able to run various collaborations with local groups, artists, and organizations who want to run workshops in their space alongside their coffee.

"We didn't envision that, but I'm here for it. I think that's kind of where it's going, collaborations with this community."

They have held coffee events with cigars, makeup, cars, and more.

"Those are the things that I think we love the most. Those opportunities to collaborate with these artists that are in our community."

Cordi says he looks forward to using their coffee as a tool to fundraise for the community, "because there's a need."

They currently have donation bins for Caledon Community Service's Exchange sitting at the front of their facility.

"I think that's another reason why I'm so excited about this space, because it has potential to do things we weren't able to do before," he says. "This place could generate whatever it is that groups need in order to fundraise or raise awareness."

"Since coming to this place, being on Campbell's Cross Farms and putting our factory here. I feel like that's the message," says Cordi, referencing helping the community and those who need it. "We can take a lot of good from that, and we can learn a lot."

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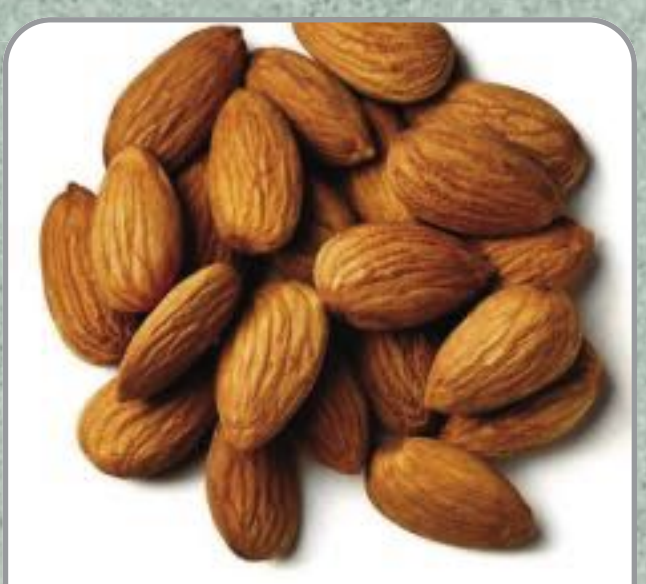
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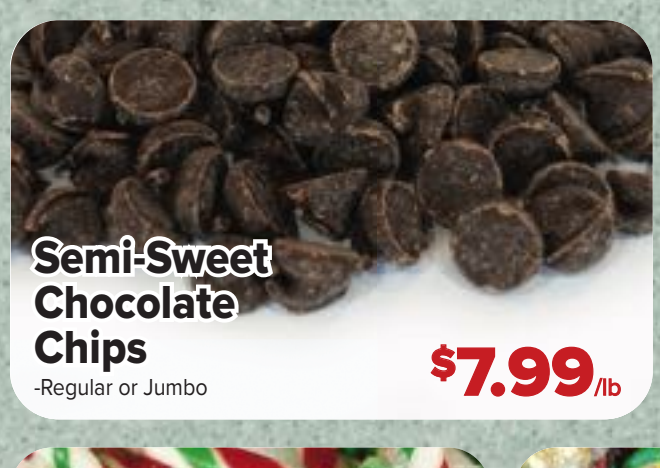
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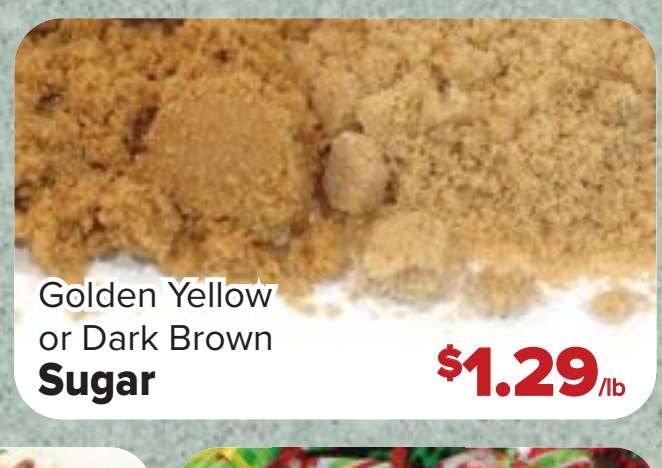
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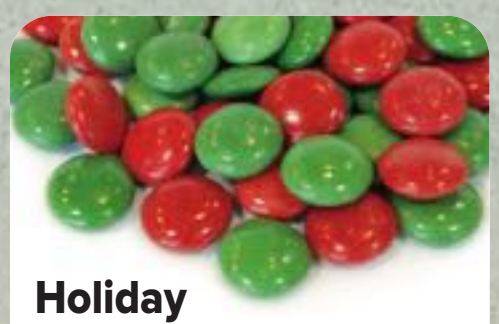
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Steve Anderson was a keynote speaker at Monday's Business Breakfast. PHOTO BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Transit in focus at Business Breakfast

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"We will have to create 125,000 new jobs over the next 25 years," she said. "That means a lot of employers here, and that also means a lot of taxes to the Town of Caledon. That means we need to be able to get those people to those jobs."

Mayor Groves framed investing in public transit as an investment for future prosperity.

By making transit accessible to Caledon, it allows greater freedom of movement for incoming residents, which will, in turn, attract more growth as the region can support a greater movement of people. She described transit as a lifeline for residents who don't have many options.

"When we talk about transit, it's not just a bus," she said. "We have a long-term care home here, the Davis Centre, and many years ago, their bus broke down. I went out to the community saying, 'We need to help them afford a new bus,' and I said to the folks who donated to attend the Davis Centre to see how your money is going to help so many people,"

"One lady at the centre spoke up, and she said the bus was their arms and legs, because many people there are in wheelchairs. They're not able to move around. They have mobility issues. I see public transit as our arms and legs. It keeps us moving. It keeps our economy moving."

Mayor Groves hopes that by connecting with business leaders and innovators in the community, Caledon can plan a modern, clean and cost-efficient transit program alongside businesses, hearing directly from them in terms of ideas and feedback.

This goal is supported by the morning's keynote speaker, former Deputy Mayor of Shelburne Steve Anderson.

He spoke at length about the possibilities of public transportation, and challenged guests to think outside the box about affordability, one of several key points to factor into introducing and popularizing transit, starting with collaboration.

"Collaboration is key, there is a role for businesses in public transportation," he said. "That's why we're here, right? Innovative transport solutions are driven by partnership with the private sector. We are no longer looking at businesses as a check, say thank you and call back next year. Business leaders are being consulted to leverage their knowledge and expertise across society."

He pointed to different examples across the world to draw inspiration from. He said that buses aren't the only form of mass transit available. In Asia, small, self-driving shuttle cars are becoming more and more common, offering direct, small transport throughout their host cities, while leaving a small footprint and being affordable.

In Seoul, South Korea, autonomous buses are running nighttime shifts, so buses can remain operational without the need for employees or drivers.

Anderson also said that the integration of advanced technology will also change the face of public transport, especially in rural areas.

"AI can apply to public transportation as well," he said. "AI optimizes traffic flow, predictive maintenance enhances safety and reduces downtimes. Flexible transit, micro transit and dynamic routing serves diverse populations in suburban and rural areas."

He said that the integration of technology will bring about a more inclusive Caledon, one that uses new technology to keep people moving without having large carbon footprints.

He encouraged business leaders to work with the local government collaboratively to invest in future transit programs that remain affordable and safe.

While Caledon has big plans for the future of the region, this meeting was only the start of that dream.

The pitch has been made to community business partners, time will now tell if it hooks. Plenty of work remains ahead of Mayor Groves, her team and their business partners.

Broccolini begins construction on Automann's new Flagship Facility in Caledon

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Automann, a family-owned heavy-duty truck and trailer replacement parts supplier founded in 1994 recently began construction with Broccolini for its flagship facility in Caledon.

Broccolini, another family-owned company, is a fully integrated real estate provider in investment, development, construction, and property management.

The flagship facility is set to be 333,363 square feet and will be located across 14 acres.

It will feature 40-foot clear height, 27 dock doors, three drive-in doors, EV charging for eight vehicles, and future rooftop solar installation.

"This 330,000 plus square feet new facility of Automann Heavy Duty Canada represents a major step forward in our growth and commitment to serving customers across Canada," said Dennis Singh Khanduja, President of Automann Canada in Broccolini's media release. "It strengthens our supply chain, supports our sustainability goals, and reinforces our dedication to investing in the communities where we operate."

Mayor Annette Groves extended congratulations to Automann and Broccolini on the groundbreaking of Automann's Caledon warehouse.

"Thank you for investing in our Town and demonstrating Caledon is a strong choice for business with excellent transportation access to road, rail, and air networks," said Mayor Groves in a statement. "It offers a large, skilled labor pool and dedicated land for future employment, attracting major companies."

Toni Wodzicki, Vice-President of Acquisitions and Investments at Broccolini, said Caledon was chosen for the flagship facility due to its prime logistics advantages, direct access to major road, rail, and air networks, and its strong labour pool.

"Its location perfectly supports Automann's national distribution strategy and Broccolini's commitment to delivering high-performance, future-ready industrial spaces," says Wodzicki.

He added the Caledon facility has been designed to "optimize operational flow, maximize efficiency, and support future growth."

"Its strategic location near major transportation routes enables seamless connectivity across Canada, allowing the new hub to streamline distribution, increase capacity, and enhance service reliability for customers nationwide."

Wodzicki said when considering the project's design and development, sustainability was a "foundational" consideration.

The facility, he noted, incorporates high-efficiency mechanical systems, low-flow plumbing fixtures designed to achieve at least a 25 per cent reduction in potable water use, and drought-tolerant landscaping supported by weather-sensor irrigation systems that aim to reduce irrigation water consumption by approximately 40 per cent.

These features, shared Wodzicki, enhance operational performance and longevity while underscoring Automann's commitment to environmental stewardship and Broccolini's dedication to building sustainable, future-ready facilities that deliver enduring value to clients and communities alike.

This project will involve approximately 500 workers from local subtrades during construction and close to 200 permanent positions once operational.

Wodzicki said beyond direct employment, it will also "generate economic spin-offs through local suppliers and service providers."

The construction of this facility, he added, will have a "positive impact" on surrounding areas by not only creating local employment opportunities, but also by supporting regional businesses throughout the build.

"Broccolini works closely with municipalities and trade partners to ensure projects are executed safely, efficiently, and with minimal disruption. Beyond the construction phase, the new facility will contribute to the local economy and reinforce Caledon's position as a key logistics hub in the Greater Toronto Area," said Wodzicki.

Wodzicki said there was strong demand for modern, efficient, and well-located distribution space, and this project allows Automann to serve its customers better nationwide.

"For Broccolini, it's an opportunity to deliver another best-in-class facility that reflects evolving industry standards and reinforces our leadership in large-scale industrial development," said Wodzicki.

Construction is underway, and completion is scheduled for late 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of Application Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

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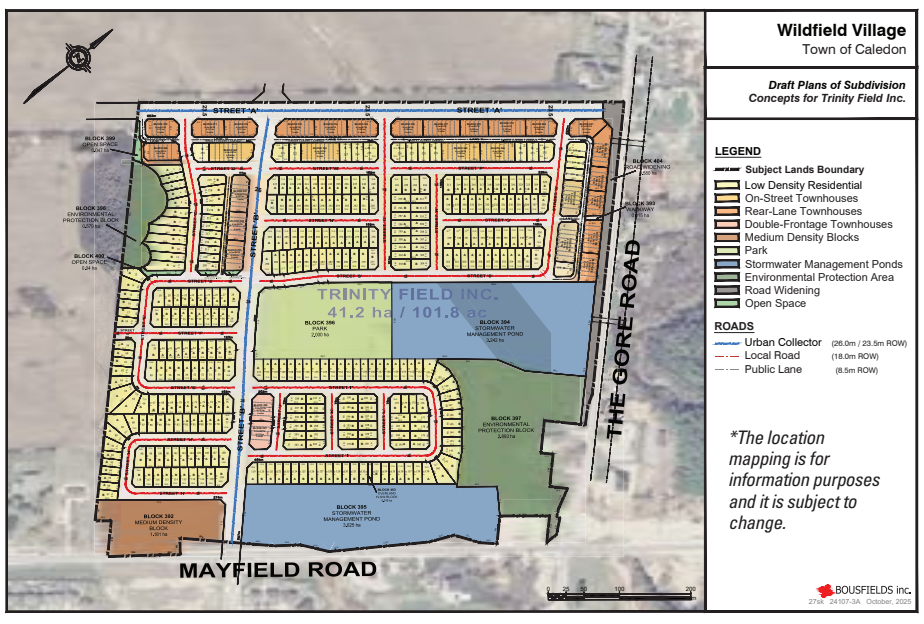
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for Draft Plan of Subdivision. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT:
Bousfields Inc. (c/o Ashley Paton) on behalf of Trinity Field Inc. (Trinison)

LOCATION:
0 The Gore Road, Part Lot 1, Concession 3, Albion; Parts 1 & 2 on RPlan 43R-0763, except parts 1 to 4 on RPlan 43R-38521; Town of Caledon

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential development consisting of approximately 566 dwelling units, a medium density block, parks, stormwater management ponds, and natural features and area blocks.



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

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

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Get a hobby, already!

Did you ever hear the phrase, "Get a hobby!" directed at you when you were young?

Heck, have you ever had the phrase, "Get a hobby!" directed at you at any age?

In my experience, whether I've been on the receiving end of it, or simply within earshot of someone else getting summarily dismissed, it almost invariably comes with a side of derision.

The joke's on them, however, because it's a pretty damn sound piece of advice – particularly if you truly don't have one already. But who, when you get down to it, is truly hobby-free?

I grew up in an environment where hobbies abounded. But it was also, in some instances, an environment that had very strict definitions of what constituted a hobby.

Judging by what he left behind, my maternal grandfather had a passion for coin collecting. Being a numismatist might not have been how he defined himself, and it may have been a more passive hobby when you really got down to it, but it was there. He and his wife also shared a passion for golf, one which, along with bridge, stuck with her until the final few chapters of her life.

On the other side of the family tree, my paternal grandmother had a passion for pottery-making, curling and speed skating and, perhaps incongruously due to her diminutive size, muscle cars! Go figure. Her husband took somewhat more traditional rides on his hobby horse – photography, stamp collecting, and model railroading. Photography was something he passed down to my father, along with, to a lesser degree, model railroading. Philately was also one that was passed down, reaching my father and, intermittently, me as well, but I feel I may have been a familial outlier.

My hobbies were, and, in some cases, more passive – inclined more towards books, history, and classic film and television, and deep-dive research into many topics that fall under those umbrellas.

"Get a hobby!" I heard more than once.

Again, joke's on them – hobbies are in the eye of the beholder and, as far as I was (and am) concerned, my proverbial cup runneth over.

I've had a few hobbies come and go over the years, but the three listed above are at my core and aren't likely to go anywhere soon – and I'm fine with that.

The point is, they're there and, whatever your hobbies might be, we're all reaping the benefits.

This past spring, UCLA Health looked at the impact hobbies have on our minds, bodies, and souls. I was heartened that they too defined "hobby" as "any activity you do for pleasure during your leisure time" whether they "spark your imagination or creativity, get you moving or help you relax."

"The more hobbies you have, the greater the health benefit can be," they found. "Researchers have identified more than 600 ways that leisure activities might affect human health. However, health responses vary by person, hobby, and whether the activity is completed individually or in a group. Some benefits are immediate, and others may be seen over time. More research is needed to understand the full power of hobbies, but most experts agree that most hobbies can be good for your health."

The health benefits? Mental wellbeing, improved cognitive function, and even a reduction in one's risk of chronic disease.

"Some hobbies seem to offer greater benefits for mental health than others," the report continued. "A 2023 poll conducted by the American Psychiatric Association found that 71 per cent of the participants reporting 'very good' or 'excellent' mental health engage in creative activities more frequently than those reporting 'good', 'fair', or 'poor' mental health. If that creative hobby involves art, research suggests that doing it for two or more hours weekly yields the most benefit for well-being.

"Researchers suggest that taking up a hobby in your leisure time can support the biological processes of your endocrine, immune, and central nervous systems. When your body's systems are functioning well, it may lower your risk for health issues such as heart disease, stroke, dementia, and some types of cancer. Having hobbies – especially those that reduce stress or get one moving – may also affect your cardiometabolic health, which involves your heart, blood, and blood vessels. In particular, making art helps reduce cortisol (stress hormone), which is linked to lower blood pressure levels and heart rate."

Get a hobby, indeed.

The report also found that hobbies that are mentally stimulating or involve physical activity are associated with a decreased risk of dementia in the 65+ population, a statistic that struck a particular chord with me on Sunday evening when I attending a screening of GTA filmmaker Sean Cisterna's new documentary Silver Screamers.

The doc charts Cisterna as he recruited area seniors, many of whom hail from York Region, including The Auroran's own Diane Buchanan, to get out of their comfort zones and take on behind-the-scenes production roles as Cisterna simultaneously filmed his short horror film, The Rug, starring Canadian entertainment icon Jayne Eastwood, a senior herself.

I had the pleasure of taking in one of The Rug's production days at Hillary House National Historic Site last year and it was amazing to see so many seniors not only learn filmmaking skills, a path many of them probably couldn't even imagine a couple of years ago. Not only did they execute their behind-the-scenes tasks capably but with an interest and passion that has clearly stuck with them since the production wrapped in 2024.

Will these newly-minted filmmakers, whose ages span from their mid-70s to just shy of 98, be the next senior directing sensation like 95-year-old Clint Eastwood or a critical acting darling like 96-year-old June Squibb, who, after decades in the business, scored her first leading film role just last year in Thelma, is currently starring in Scarlett Johannson's directorial debut, and now preparing to take over Broadway?

Maybe, maybe not, but it was clear at Sunday night's post-film Question-and-Answer session that their minds are open to the idea – and, probably, just about any idea Cisterna might send their way.

And that, in the end, is the most important thing: keeping your mind open to the possibilities.

My contribution to the film, a brief on-camera interview with Cisterna, did not awaken any further desire in me to appear larger than life on the silver screen – my apologies to the filmmaker – but Sunday's screening satisfied my love of consuming film, and I left the theatre both engaged and energized.

Another win on the hobby front.

The passion the seniors had for their newfound hobbies, not to mention the pride in their newfound skills, was nothing short of inspiring and now I feel compelled to add to my aforementioned list of hobbies.

Time to try something new – maybe it's time to try out snowshoeing, a hobby I intended to take up during the first winter of COVID before life got in the way.

Thankfully those days are behind us, but the snow certainly isn't – let's see what we can make of it!



Trimming my material possessions just seems right

by Mark Pavilons



I ventured out on a limb, and reached a crossroads of sorts.

It may not be the biggest revelation I've had, but it's a grand existential enigma.

I've decided to sell some of my prized possessions and trim things down a bit. As I mentioned this at home, my son said that all I would get in return is money and once it's gone, that's it.

Well, yes, that's the nature of commerce, I suppose.

It's more out of necessity than desire, but he's right. These unique objects will be (hopefully) exchanged for currency. This money will go to pay bills, go towards our new fridge, and be set aside for Christmas gifts.

And, yes, once the money is spent, there's no tangible evidence left behind. The items, and the cash, will be gone in a flash – poof!

I once enjoyed these items very much, but the excitement was more in the search and purchase, than in the actual ownership and use. Ok, I've shown off some of my collectibles, but few people seemed interested or intrigued.

I've rambled on about history and how nomadic tribes of the past carried such items and were buried with them.

Since my family won't likely bury these with me, there's little sense keeping them around.

I've owned many pieces of jewellery in my life, being quite fond of gold and diamonds in my middle years.

Now, I seldom wear such fancy statement pieces. Sure, I still admire the craftsmanship, design and durability of earth's natural resources – precious metals and gems.

My mom often called collectibles and cherished pieces that sat on shelves "dust catchers."

The only thing she ever amassed were collector plates from all of her travels. They lined the walls of her kitchen for many years and served as a reminder of some of the fond memories she made.

And where are they now? I'm really not sure. We may have kept a few in a box somewhere in the basement.

I had the horrible task of clearing out rooms and possessions of loved ones after they passed.

Cleaning up my uncle's apartment was particularly distressing. I couldn't help but think that all that's left after a decent life is a bunch of junk, boxes, old clothes and the aforementioned "dust catchers." Sad, but true.

Okay, there may be some people who leave behind huge properties, mansions, libraries and historical items that find their way to museums, but that's rare.

Some wealthy types leave sizeable donations to charity or hospitals. Bravo.

For us average Joes and Jills, we leave this world as we entered it – cold, naked and afraid.

The few trinkets that remain may remind our families of our hobbies and interests, but they won't capture our true essence, or spirit. They are objects that once passed through, on their journeys.

Anything of value that I leave behind will be shared among my immediate family members. What they do with them, or how they value them, is totally up to them. It won't matter to me – sentimental value isn't transferable.

"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith," Billy Graham once said.

We all know this to be true in our hearts.

Sure, a cottage on Lake Rosseau would be a great piece of family legacy, but only in so far as it's enjoyed by future generations.

Once it's sold off, it becomes just a memory; images captured on our smart phones.

Most holy types warned us of the evils of money and its power to corrupt. All of the saints and martyrs through history lived simple, humble lives.

Today, many espouse the virtues of living off the grid, or making life simpler, less cluttered, less burdensome. If that means letting go of material possessions, so be it.

I have often thought about living in a tree house in the jungle on some tropical island. I'd live off bananas and fish and sleep in a hammock under the stars. That's when everything would come into focus.

Of course, that's not practical, since my commitments are here, to my family, loved ones, and my work in the community.

Unless we all moved, en masse, my decision would change little.

Most of us have a love-hate relationship with money, in whatever form we choose. Cash is becoming less popular, since we can pay for our purchases with little plastic cards, or even with our phones. There's little need for cash, coins or even cheques.

Transactions zip across unseen electrical currents, creating decimals, zeroes and digits. They move throughout the internet, until they find an invisible destination.

My friends, money doesn't really exist anymore, at least not in any concrete form. I can't remember the last time I had a crisp, $100 bill in my wallet.

And, with our new-found method of transferring wealth, has gain become a little less tangible?

Joseph Joubert observed that without the spiritual world, the material world is a "disheartening enigma."

And other deep thinkers have espoused that the "essence of money is in its absolute worthlessness."

Talk about turning modern society on its head! And yet, I can't help but feel that this sentiment makes sense.

Money seemingly comes from nowhere and goes nowhere.

Our goods are used, displayed, and eventually put out at the curb on garbage day.

Our things – items that once brought us joy – are relegated to boxes, display cases or table tops, where they continue to catch dust.

"Get rid of it all away," said he who knows time is short. "Stop consuming, do more giving," I say.

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." – Khalil Gibran

Our Readers Write

MP Seeback: Restoring an Affordable Canada

Canadians were hoping for a budget that would deliver a positive and affordable future for all Canadians. The Liberals had promised that it would be a generational budget. I had also hoped they would put forward a budget that would fix the cost of living crisis, fix the housing crisis, and get spending under control. Unfortunately, Mark Carney's budget does none of these things.

Before the Budget was introduced in the House of Commons, Conservatives asked for affordability measures to help struggling Canadians, such as:

- scrapping hidden taxes on food, including the industrial carbon tax on farmers, the food packaging tax that adds billions in costs, and the fuel standard tax that adds 17 cents per litre to diesel and gasoline for farmers;
- ending the inflation tax by bringing down the cost of government to lower the burden on Canadians; and
- bringing down the deficit to the level Liberals promised in their last fiscal update.

It's really disappointing the Liberals had a chance to do something in this budget to help Canadians with affordability and the cost of living, but didn't.

Our asks were reasonable. We know how tough life is becoming for Canadians. The highest number of Canadians in history visited food banks, with 2,165,766 million visits in March of this year. Nearly one in five of these visitors are employed, but still unable to afford food. This shows just how unaffordable life has become for average, hardworking Canadians and the need for relief.

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Budgets & Bueller

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



It's budget time. If you didn't quite get enough "money talk" at the federal level back on November 4, the Caledon budget was released just a day later on November 5.

It's set to come before Council for discussion on November 18 at 2:30 pm. From there, it's just a short seven days before it goes to a final vote on November 25 at 7 pm. That means the budget will have gone from proposed, to approved, in just 20 days! With the budget document itself being 375 pages long that doesn't leave a lot of time for a thorough reading. I'm not even sure I could get through a good book that fast! As Ferris Bueller once said many years ago, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." The budget is moving pretty fast, my friends. If you don't stop and take a look at how and where your tax dollars are being spent, you're gonna miss it.

Just like the movies love to show a preview, here's a bit of a budget highlight reel: the CAO's office has a hefty budget of $4.5 million dollars, and there's a proposal for a 200+ seat multi-purpose theatre coming in at an estimated $18-22 million bucks. Money has been allocated to a new fire station, and bylaw is looking to add at least one new staff member to deal with illegal trucking and another to handle residential rental licensing enforcement. Given the recent push to allow up to three ARUs on a property, that person's probably going to be as busy as the illegal trucking officer. In total, $88 million will go toward capital expenditures and Caledon will have a $167 million operating budget.

Likely of most concern to residents is this: "What does the budget mean for me personally?"

Financially, whether you call it a tax increase, a levy, or as Caledon has; a budget that "strategically supports growth by prioritizing investments to strengthen services and position Caledon for long-term success," the bottom line is Caledon residents are looking at a 4% increase on their property taxes. That's defined as a 3% tax increase and a 1% levy (still a tax) to support critical infrastructure projects. How many of us, already hit hard by tariffs, will be able to absorb a tax increase? Worse still, while we absorb yet more hits, developers continue to be largely excused by Premier Ford from paying development charges that are meant to fund those "critical infrastructure projects."

We certainly can't parse an entire budget here, but I would urge concerned Caledon residents to at least take a few minutes to at least read the eight-page "budget highlights" document. Perhaps it might resonate with you, resulting in a deeper dive into the actual budget document to see how your money is being spent and encouraging you to delegate at Council.

It may prompt questions such as: Do we really need a 200+ seat theatre to be built next to the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton? I ask that question respectfully as a diehard fan of the arts, and someone who spent a good chunk of their life singing, playing a musical instrument, and performing. But with two local theatres; The Caledon Village Townhall Players (seating approx. 140) located in Caledon Village and the Blackhorse Village Players on Mt. Wolfe, seating approx. 160 guests, (not to mention Orangeville Theatre at 270+ seats just north of us) is a theatre really our main priority right now? Investing in the arts IS necessary, just maybe not here, and not right now. Rather, we should be encouraging the Minister of Education to recognize the value of the arts and provide enhanced funding at the elementary and secondary school levels. We should be advocating hard for children and youth to be exposed to, and offered opportunities to participate in, a variety of arts and music programming while they are young. Let's get kids interested in the arts first, then think about building the future. By the way, Caledon's population is 72,000 give or take and even if we meet our current growth targets of 300,000 by 2051, we're still nowhere close to Brampton (current population 791,000) where the lovely Rose Theatre struggles to stay afloat.

There should be no argument about funding, and staffing fire stations. Safety and fast response times are in everyone's best interests. Increasing bylaw staff at a time when we are facing down innumerable threats to zoning and agricultural lands by illegal trucking repair and/or parking facilities also makes good sense. Perhaps we need even more than the two proposed bylaw officers? As well, could those positions be dispersed differently in terms of their hours of work? I left Town Hall at around 5 p.m. after a meeting recently and counted at least five or six parked bylaw patrol cars. Bylaw infractions happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Maybe the budget should take that into consideration?

Let's also talk about the library. Our library system has to serve a rapidly expanding community across a 700 sq km geographic area. It demands creative thinking like providing in-branch service even when no Librarian is present. The Inglewood location is a prime example of this innovative thinking, enabling access for area residents in smaller communities, thereby keeping service levels on par with those of larger branches. This kind of access is important because it means a local teenager has access to wifi to complete a homework assignment, a job-seeker can use the computers to refine their employment search, or a stay-at-home parent/caregiver has access to books at a time when their little ones most need entertaining. I'm concerned about the fact that so little is said about the library within the budget.

Mayfield West, with thousands of new homes being built, is completely underserved and while a new branch is proposed, where is the money allocated for a permanent branch in that community? Let's not forget that libraries are also much more than a repository for books. They provide access: teaching seniors tech skills, or children and youth with opportunities to try cutting edge 3D printer equipment. They are about art, using passes to take out musical instruments, and about the outdoors, loaning out entry passes to local conservation areas and oh yeah, they offer books too, in a variety of languages, not to mention book clubs for adults, the LGBTQ community and teens.

Back to what Ferris said. If we don't stop and look around once in a while, life is going to pass us by. In this case, the life of a vibrant and growing community with strong rural roots, will change rapidly - and not necessarily for the better. It's up to each and every one of us, residents and taxpayers, to slow down, take a look at what's proposed in Caledon's 2026 budget, and then ensure your voice, and your concerns, are heard by Council. Advocate for what concerns you most because once "it's" gone (whatever your personal "it" is) as Ferris Bueller wisely said, "you're going to miss it."

COMMUNITY events

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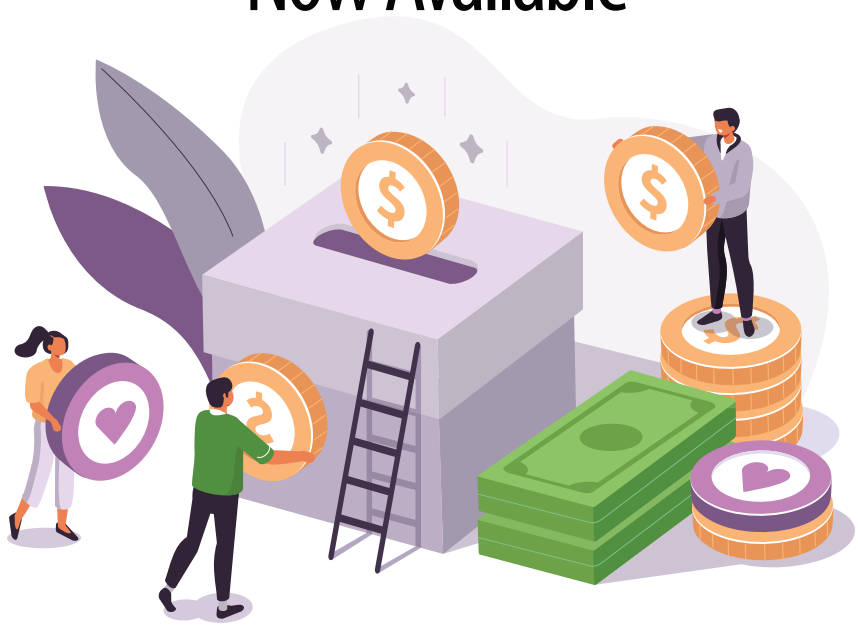
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Groupe Morneau inaugurates new 80,000-square-foot terminal in Bolton

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At the end of October, Groupe Morneau officially inaugurated its new Bolton terminal, complete with a ribbon-cutting.

This new terminal will be located at 20 Holland Drive in Bolton.

Groupe Morneau is a family-owned transport company that was founded in 1942.

They currently have 23 terminals located across Eastern Canada, which operate through three divisions: Morneau GEO general, Less-Than-Truckload (LTL) and Truckload (TL) transport; Morneau BOREA, which provides refrigerated transport and storage services; and Morneau GLOBAL.



David and Catherine Morneau are pictured during the certificate presentation with Mayor Annette Groves and members of Council. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This strategic site, shared to bring together the Group's three divisions under one roof, will employ more than 200 people.

In a statement, Groupe Morneau shared their journey in Bolton began in April 2024, when the company first occupied the site as a tenant.

Now, one year later, the organization has officially become the owner of its facilities.

"This inauguration is much more than the opening of a building. It is a symbol of trust, ambition, and shared commitment," said Catherine and David Morneau, Co-Presidents of Groupe Morneau, during the ceremony. "Our arrival in Ontario was a significant chapter in our story, and today, we are here to build the future together with our collaborators, clients, partners, and the local community."

This new facility will feature 80,000 square feet of space, 51 dock doors to enable smooth, efficient freight movement, and infrastructure designed to host all three divisions.

Groupe Morneau shared that this new location at the heart of a central Ontario highway corridor will enable them to strengthen their logistics network, reduce transit times, and enhance their presence in one of the country's economic markets.

Mayor Annette Groves shared in a statement that "this new terminal represents more than an investment in logistics, it reflects a shared commitment to innovation, collaboration, and sustainable growth."

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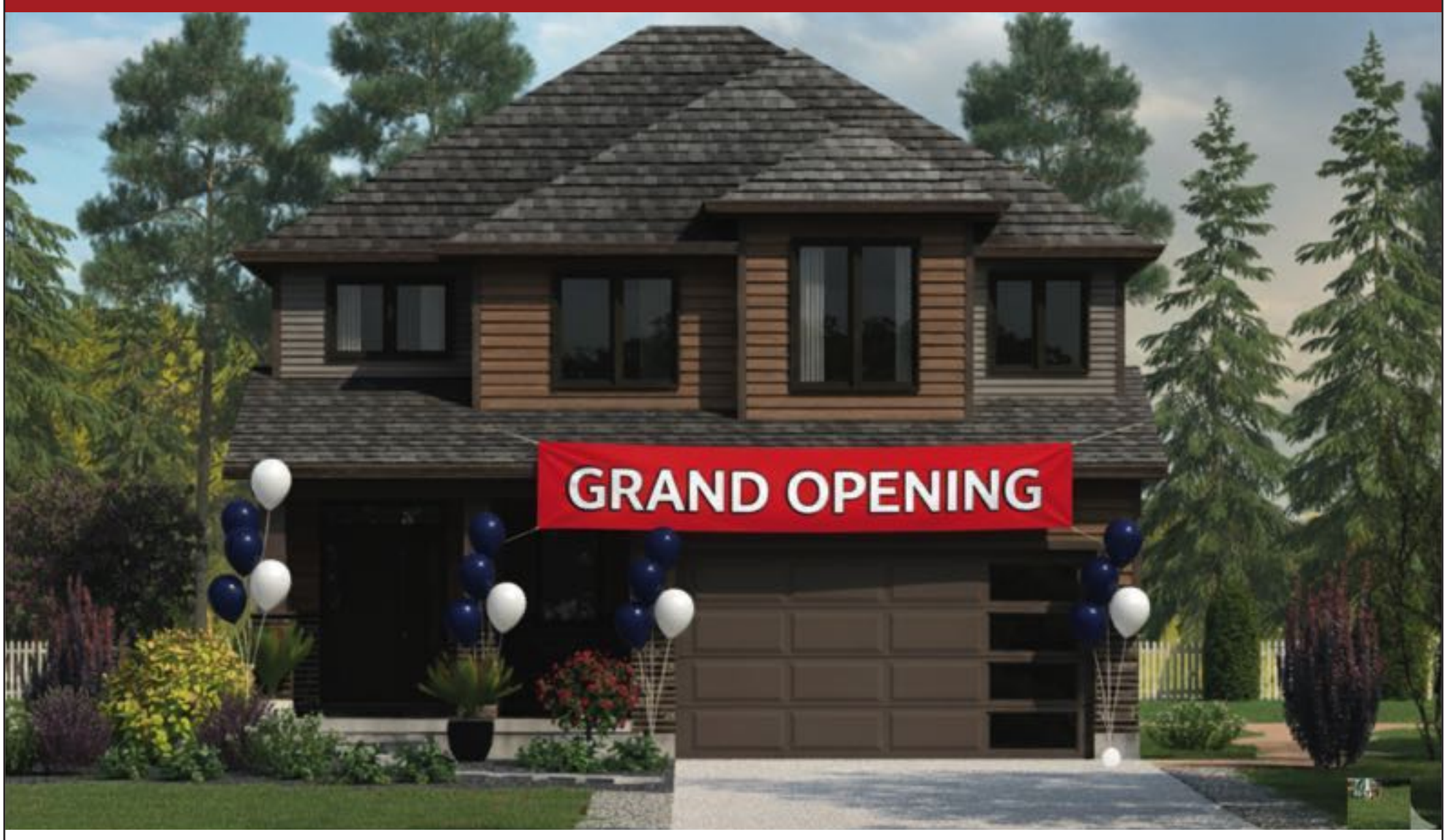
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ARTS & CULTURE

Theatre Orangeville holds annual 'Twas the Night gala at Hockley Valley Resort



Theatre Orangeville's Young Company stole the spotlight with their performances of select tracks from Hadestown: Teen Edition, put on by Theatre Orangeville.

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Orangeville's most anticipated day of the year arrived on Saturday, November 15, as actors, staff, board members and supporters, both new and old, gathered for a night of entertainment and food.

'Twas the Night is the theatre's most important fundraising event, and is responsible for a significant chunk of funding for the local theatre each year. The fundraiser, which took place at Hockley Valley Resort, raised thousands to invest in bringing higher-quality entertainment to the town.

Guests were initially greeted with drinks and snacks upon arrival, then brought into the large ballroom to be seated and served a three-course dinner, with, of course, live entertainment.

Theatre Orangeville Artistic Director Jennifer Stewart said that the night was a roaring success.

"We had so much fun, we were in a glorious resort, and everyone was dressed to the nines," she said. "Everyone here was excited to be able to support Theatre Orangeville, and of course, they're excited to be able to dress up and go out to have a nice meal and be entertained, too."

Entertainment wasn't pulling any punches Saturday night.

Theatre Orangeville's Young Company made their mark as they took the stage to perform parts of the production of Hadestown: Teen Edition. Showcasing their superb skills on stage, their performance, led by a youthful cast, was a reminder to guests of who their donations would support.

Evidently, the theatre's focus on high quality is paying off. Stewart said this year is even more successful than last, as the performing arts continue to recover from the COVID pandemic.

"We're actually up from last year, which is so exciting for us," she said. "All we want to do is keep building our sponsors and donors. We just want people to have a good time, have a good meal and spend time with friends."

The sentiment was shared by Board Director Laura Austin, who praised the Young Company cast for delivering a performance that amazed the crowd.

"The night went excellently, it was full of enthusiasm and support," she said. "Young Company did a stellar job as the entertainment, which is what this is all about. Supporting our youth programs."

Austin said that this year they were seeing a reassuring mix of both old and new supporters of the theatre, including generational supporters, such as parents whose kids are now grown adults, who continue to donate to the theatre.

Following Young Company's performance, the cast for the upcoming production of Rapunzel: A Braid New World took the stage to sing for guests, showing off the upcoming pantomime's all-star cast.

To complement the food and entertainment, Theatre Orangeville added some extra incentives for people to donate. A live and silent auction was held throughout the night, offering guests the chance to win exclusive prizes they couldn't get anywhere else. Offers included exclusive tickets to the most prestigious theatrical performances in the region, as well as a very special lamp made from a mannequin's leg.

The silent auction at the back of the room, with dozens of items ranging from gift baskets to sports tickets, offered guests a chance to walk about and mingle.

'Twas the Night 2025 offered something for everybody to enjoy. From good food and live entertainment to fundraising incentives, the community came out in force to support the local arts.

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Henry Crossley, Gary Hall, and John Crossley. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Community rallies with Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club to remove invasive species from Badlands

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Over two days, between the efforts of two teams, more than 77 volunteers and members Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club (CHBTC) came together in the past week to help remove the invasive species Common Buckthorn from the Cheltenham Badlands.

CHBTC volunteer Richard Smythe organized the event in partnership with the Ontario Heritage Trust, which owns the Badlands property.

CHBTC was able to put a dent in the Common Buckthorn that appears in the area.

Their team of volunteers featured both high school students working towards their volunteer hours, youth volunteers from Progress Peel, and CHBTC volunteers.

And some might have been looking to get some family time in.

Gary Hall, Land Steward Director of the CHBTC, attended the second day of the work party with his son-in-law and grandson, Henry.

Despite the snowy conditions, he said it was a great success.

Hall explains that the Badlands are a very sensitive area, and that their trail has passed through it for many years.

"Common buckthorn is one of the most prevalent trees or shrubs on the property. And it's highly invasive," he explains, noting the buckthorn doesn't have any predators, and is easy to spread.

"Once it's there, it crowds out all of the other native species that are in the area, and not only crowds them out, but it has a chemical in its roots that discourages other plants from growing," says Hall. "The Badlands for years and years have had an awful lot of common buckthorn."

The teams used a tool called an extractigator, and, using the jaws at the bottom, volunteers were able to pull out the invasive species by its roots.

All summer long across various properties, Hall explained, they run these events.

"There's hardly a week that goes by that we don't have one or two work parties working on removing invasive species."

Once they're able to remove some of the invasive species, they replace them with native species.

"It's rehabilitating a property and getting rid of the bad stuff and planting good stuff," says Hall. "This will be a forever process just to keep on top of things."

Hall says that students often join them at these work parties to get involved and complete their volunteer hours, including his grandson.

"It was just a really wonderful experience working with my grandson, and he didn't even want to go home. He wanted to just keep going," he says. "He wants to come back and keep volunteering, even beyond his 40 hours."

Hall notes that it wasn't just his family; everyone at the event was having a great time.

"We believe in what we're doing, and it's a good team-building exercise."

He shares that, through their club, there are various land stewards, all responsible for their own properties and marking invasive species, as well as various professional staff at the conservancy, different clubs, and volunteers who all work together throughout the season to make this possible.

Hall says the season will soon come to an end in November, and then they'll start plans to do it all again next year.

Our Readers Write

MP Seeback: Restoring an Affordable Canada

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Young Canadians are frustrated that they'll never own a home and are now spending more money on taxes than on food, clothing, and shelter combined. The Liberals' budget doesn't help address the housing crisis and increases government spending. When the government spends more, it takes more money out of the pockets of Canadians, making it that much harder to get ahead and being able to afford a home. We need to turn this hurt into hope for this generation.

Conservatives continue to call on the Liberals to help make life affordable again for all Canadians. We want to help restore the promise that working hard will bring a pay cheque that puts a roof over every Canadian's head, food on the table, and a comfortable retirement. We'll continuing pushing Mark Carney for this positive vision of a brighter future and opportunity for all Canadians.

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single Mom of two,

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SPORTS

Hall Wolfpack wallops Dwyer Saints 30-7 in Metro Bowl semifinal to advance to 40th GTA Football Championship



Wolfpack Wide Receiver and Free Safety Nick Pagani was named Metro Bowl Semifinal MVP in the Hall's 30 – 7 romp over the Paul Dwyer Saints. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY JIM STEWART

Robert F. Hall Wolfpack Offensive Coordinator Michael Chondronikolas liked what he saw during the Metro Bowl semifinal versus Oshawa's Paul Dwyer Saints last week.

His East Caledon squad dismantled Dwyer 30-7 last Thursday to earn a berth in the 40th Metro Bowl at Varsity Stadium versus the Chaminade College School Gryphons.

Coach Chondronikolas assessed the Wolfpack's level of play in the GTA regional semifinal: "It was the best football game we played all season."

"We established the run, then we started finding all five of our receivers. Our quarterback, Joseph Ferlito, had 350 yards in passing and one rushing touchdown. Lucas Carson-Pedri piled up 150 yards rushing and ran for two TDs. We created 600 yards of total offense and had great balance. We imposed our will over them."

Coach Chondronikolas attributed his team's strong showing to a string of close football games the Wolfpack had to play in Peel, but he also appreciated the novelty of playing a team from Durham Region.

"We've faced tough competition at ROPSSAA. Some close football games versus Suzuki and St. Roch [reigning four-time Region of Peel champions]. It was a change for us to prep for a new team."

In the 23-point drubbing of the Dwyer Saints, veteran Wolfpack two-way player Nick Pagani earned Game MVP honors.

The wide receiver and safety thanked his mom charmingly in his interview with CITY-TV, and was praised by Coach Chondronikolas in our post-game chat.

"He's become a true two-way player. Nick's a game breaker as a wide receiver. He knows the playbook throughout. He's a team-first player who's selfless, especially when it comes to blocking. On defense, as a Free Safety, Nick's grown into the position and has become one of the best defensive backs in the region. He led the league in interceptions. All five of our defensive backs have embraced the game."

Coach Chondronikolas complimented the quality of the Wolfpack defense—a formidable unit that has been shutting down opposing offences with remarkable efficiency, including a 17-0 shutout in the ROPSSAA final: "They've given up twelve points in three games. This is the best D I've seen at Robert F. Hall. We're peaking at the right time. I'm extremely happy with their performance, led by Co-Captain Mason Burke."

With both the offense and defense clicking against the Saints in the Metro Bowl semifinal, Coach Chondronikolas reflected on how Hall got to this point with the Wolfpack one win away from a GTA Football championship: "Since 2019, we've had all the pieces. Tough losses in the ROPSSAA Finals have made the guys get tougher and have motivated them to execute and win championships. We've made this our goal with the boys since Day 1. Chaminade will pose different challenges for our players. They have a big front seven on D and we'll have to utilize our strengths on offense. They run power football—an I-Formation—so it's a heavy-set football offense. They will run the ball hard."

Coach Chondronikolas's Wolfpack will try to add the Bill Davis Trophy to its 2025 collection of keepsakes by winning the GTA championship at the Metro Bowl on November 19 at Varsity Stadium.

The Caledon Citizen will be there to provide extensive coverage of this historic high school football game.

Curtis Freeman's three-assist performance impels Admirals to 4-2 win over Raiders

BY JIM STEWART

Caledon leading scorer Curtis Freeman earned assists on three of his team's four goals to lead the Admirals to a 4-2 win over the Georgetown Raiders at the Mayfield Recreation Centre on Thursday night.

Freeman—with 10 goals and 20 assists in 21 games—is ranked 13th in the OJHL scoring race.

The margin of victory for The Fleet would have been far greater if not for another visiting goalie's stellar play between the pipes for a second Thursday in a row.

It was rookie tender Jake Quinn's turn last week to stymie the Admirals in a 3-1 Georgetown loss, and Ivan Kastelan stepped up this week to keep the lowly Raiders (1-17-0-2) in the game.

Indicative of Caledon's dominance and Kastelan's brilliance was the Admirals' 62-shot attack and the Raider goaltender's 58-save performance.

Admirals forward Deacon King opened the scoring at 4:38 with his twelfth of the season and Nolan Keeler banged in his ninth at 7:45 to stake the home side to a 2-0 lead.

Keeler's power play marker—assisted by Freeman and Clarence Allain—held up until Georgetown reduced the deficit to 2-1 when James Wong fired his team-leading 11th midway through the second period.

Forty-one seconds into the final frame, Freeman set up Cam Lang and the Admirals veteran beat Kastelan to restore Caledon's two-goal lead.

Beating Kastalen was a tall order for the home side as the Georgetown netminder surrendered only two goals on 44 shots after two periods of play.

Alexander Rak rallied the Raiders to within one at 3:14 of the third.

Not to be outdone in the goaltending duel, Admirals' netminder James Meredith repelled Raider James Wong's penalty shot at 8:17 to preserve Caledon's precarious 3-2 lead.



Curtis Freeman earned three assists in Caledon's 4 – 2 win over Georgetown on Thursday night. Freeman is the Admirals' leading scorer with 30 points in 21 games and is ranked 12th in the OJHL scoring race. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

A power play goal by Xavvier Rowe at 11:39—assisted by Allain's 18th helper of the season and Freeman's 20th—sealed the deal for the Admirals (10-8-1-2).

Allain and Freeman have been conspicuous playmakers all season and their contributions were critical to Caledon's insurance goal.

The Admirals' home ice win consolidated their hold on eighth place—pushing Caledon three points ahead of Mississauga and trailing 7th-place King by just five points in the OJHL West.

Caledon's .548 winning percentage ranks them 12th in the 24-team OJHL.





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Transforming historic ski lodge into handmade home "a labour of love"



A photograph from the heritage report that shows the log cabin in its original location near Thunder Bridge on Forks of the Credit Road.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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"I have to understand how to contain my ideas and make them so that I can build something in 20 hours and not a hundred or 200 hours," he says.

For him, the saying "God is in the details," means everything.

"If I can create details that make something that to me is everything. It's the smallest little thing that other people wouldn't notice that I spent so much time on. That's everything. God really is in the details."

To Reale, preserving the home's heritage and getting it designated were vital.

"I can't preserve the things that I did inside it," he says. "All the unique little pieces of lighting, the furniture, the details, the doors. I can't guarantee that's going to be preserved, but they can never tear this log house down again. It's here. I'm proud to think that it's saved because I saved it."

He shares everything he's done; he wanted it to "feel good" in the home, "there's something special about preserving the history of a home," he adds.

Over the years, he's worked to help preserve it, and when walls had to be torn down, he made sure to save the wood.

"For two years, people came in and out of this home and no one wanted it. Everybody saw how much work it was," he explains. "There were holes in the floor and they saw that, and I'm sure they thought, way too much work. I saw it and I said, what an opportunity for me to do something so cool to this place," says Reale.

As one of 12 kids, he says his skill and ability to do things himself in unique and creative ways come from his upbringing and being "different" than his siblings.

"If you asked me when I was in kindergarten what I wanted to be when I grew up, I wanted to be a designer, I wanted to build stuff."

For 45 years, he worked in industrial design, 40 of those spent working for himself. Even if he spent eight hours at work, he was sure to come home and spend another eight hours working on their cabin home.

"All the houses I bought required a lot of work. But this one, it was everything. Everything needed to be done on it, and it was something I've never enjoyed doing anything more. Thankfully, Tina allowed me to do it," says Reale.

He jokingly adds that without Tina's ability to anchor him, he'd likely be up on "the moon."

This designated heritage property will stand tall for decades to come, thanks to Reale and Tina, and hopefully will always contain some of the Reale home-made charm.

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Festive Giving Program at HollyFest supports the fight against local food insecurity

BY SAM ODROWSKI

As the holidays draw closer, many people struggle to find the perfect gift for everyone on their Christmas shopping list. They may ask themselves, "What should I buy for someone who has everything?"

Well, the Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share have the perfect answer to that question – the gift of charity.

This holiday season, they've launched the Festive Giving Campaign in partnership with the Orangeville Citizen, running now until Dec. 31. The initiative offers Festive Giving Cards in denominations of $25, $50, or $100, which can be purchased as a donation to the food bank and gifted to friends, family or coworkers, in their honour.

These cards can be found at the Orangeville Food Bank (3 Commerce Rd.), Orangeville Citizen (10 First St.), and the inaugural HollyFest, hosted indoors at the Orangeville Fairgrounds (247090 Sideroad 5, Mono). Organized by the Orangeville Citizen, HollyFest is a curated market featuring over 100 amazing vendors, and runs this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. While the event is free to attend, cash, non-perishable food donations and purchases of the Festive Giving Cards are encouraged.

"If you live in this community and want to give back, this is a really great way of doing it," said Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, donor engagement and outreach manager at the Orangeville Food Bank. "Even if you're not going to stop by and purchase one of the cards, stop by our booth, check them out, and have a conversation with us. We just love talking to people about what's happening at the food bank. It's a beautiful place to be."

With a holiday-themed design, these cards fit easily into envelopes and are an excellent way to find the perfect gift while helping combat food insecurity locally.

As the Orangeville Food Bank continues to see a rise in demand, this campaign helps ensure locals who are struggling to afford food remain fed.

"Right now, we're at about a 26,000-pound-per-month food deficit, so 54,000 pounds are going out the front door while 26,000 pounds of food are coming in the back door," DeCaprio explained.

"What we're finding is we're actually having to purchase more non-perishable and perishable food. We have always had great success with financial donations, so that's where these cards come into play. We're able to use those financial donations to purchase the product we need. However, year to date, we are down about $200,000 in financial donations."

With the Orangeville Food Bank not receiving regular government funding and experiencing a consistent increase in demand, the organization requires further community support to meet its needs.

Last month, the Orangeville Food Bank served 1,566 individuals, compared to 1,424 over the same month in 2024 and 1,146 during the same month in 2023.

"We're seeing an additional 400 people per month over the last two years," said DeCaprio. "Donations are needed now more than ever."

She said it's also important to note that the food bank is an emergency food service, so it can only provide clients with an average of five to six days' worth of perishable and non-perishable items.

To help fill the gap many local families and individuals are facing, the Orangeville Food Bank directs its users to other food services. These include Westminster United Church's Milk and Formula Program, the Lighthouse's daily free lunch program, and St. Mark's Anglican Church's Food Cupboard.

DeCaprio said it's important for the community to know that the Orangeville Food Bank solely supports people living locally.

And stopping by HollyFest to purchase a Festive Giving Card or to drop off a non-perishable donation is a great way to help while exploring unique products from a variety of vendors.

"I think the cards are a really nice way to give a gift. It gives both the person giving the gift and the person receiving it, a warm and fuzzy feeling on the inside," said DeCaprio.

"Not only is it a gift for the person that you're giving it to, but it is a gift to those in need in our community."

HollyFest vendors include jewellery, crocheting, woodworking, stationery items, candles, skincare products, baked goods, floral arrangements, potted plants, and home décor. There will be businesses and not-for-profits from Dufferin County set up as well.

The two-day event also features food and beverage vendors, along with a food and coffee truck.

And what would a Christmas Market be without Santa Claus? Kris Kringle will be visiting on Saturday, and the Grinch will stop in on Sunday for meet-and-greets, and attendees can take free cellphone photos.

"Stop by and get into the spirit of giving," said Orangeville Citizen General Manager Doug Rowe. "We're happy to work with the local food bank while putting on a Christmas-themed market at the fairgrounds for the community to enjoy. We encourage everyone to check it out and enjoy two days of Christmas cheer."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE – Master Plan
2025 Water and Wastewater Master Plan for the Lake-Based System

Background:
Peel Region is completing the 2025 Water and Wastewater Master Plan for Lake-Based Systems (where Lake Ontario is the source of drinking water and the discharge point for treated wastewater). The 2025 Lake-Based Master Plan will provide an update to the previous 2020 Water and Wastewater Master Plan. The study area includes the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton and parts of the Town of Caledon, as shown in Fig.1.

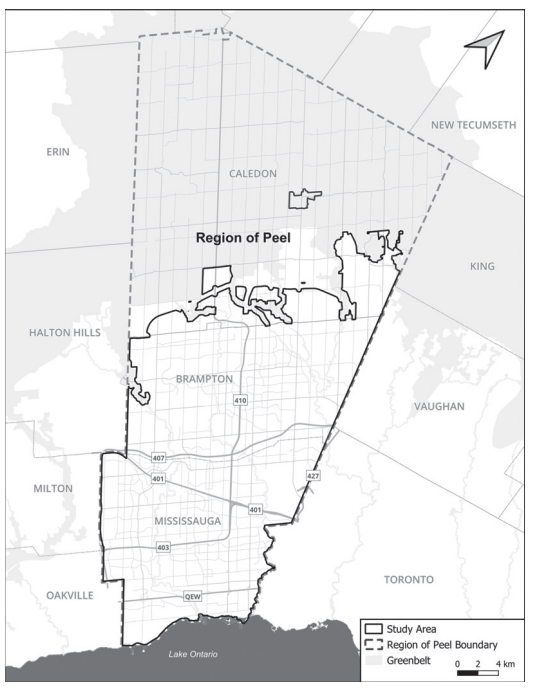


Figure 1: Peel Region Study Area

Process:
The study will be carried out in accordance with the Municipal Class Environment Assessment (MCEA) master planning process and will involve Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the MCEA process.

The objectives of the Master Plan study are to:
- Determine a preferred lake-based water and wastewater servicing strategy to address current servicing needs and accelerated growth driven by the Province's Bill 23.
- Align with the latest Council-approved population and employment forecasts to 2051.
- Assess potential growth post-2051 to inform long-term infrastructure planning.
- Provide the business case for the need, timing and costs associated with servicing and infrastructure.

Your Input is Important:
Consultation and engagement with interested stakeholders, indigenous communities, and rights holders is a key component of this Master Plan Study. One Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to share the study process, its findings, outline the water and wastewater servicing strategies and present the preferred solution. The PIC will also provide an opportunity for participants to offer feedback to the project team.

The PIC will take place in person within each municipality, with information presented on display boards and staff available to answer questions and discuss next steps. Details for the PIC are provided below. Information will also be available on the project website starting December 2, 2025.

PIC No. 1 Locations:
Peel Region will be hosting three separate sessions for the PIC, scheduled as follows:

Municipality	Date	Time	Location
City of Mississauga	Tuesday, Dec 2, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Paramount Fine Foods Centre, Meeting Room 5500 Rose Cherry Place, Mississauga
City of Brampton	Wednesday, Dec 3, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Region of Peel, Brampton and Caledon Room 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton
Town of Caledon	Thursday, Dec 4, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Caledon East Community Complex, Lion's Den 6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East

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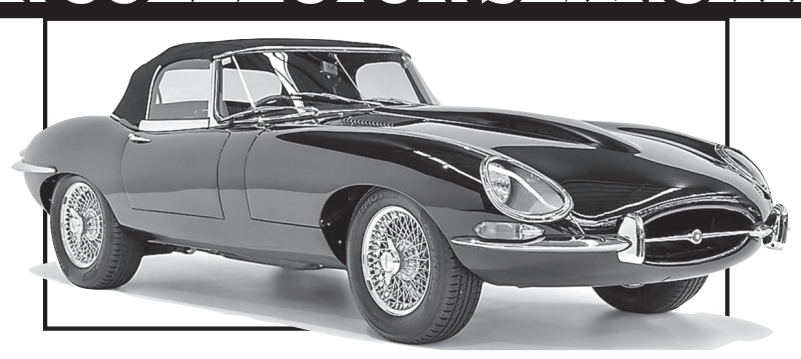
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- This is a full-time position, based on 88 hours of work per 2-week cycle, with occasional overtime. At this time, we are only looking for individuals who can work a 12-hour rotating continental shift, including nights and weekends.
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OBITUARIES

MARY ANNE SIELER (NEE MIDDELTON)



Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Friday, November 7th, 2025 at the age of 71. Beloved wife of Walter. Mother of Heather (Jamie) and Sherry. Grandmother of Raymond, Jade and Haley. Mary will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

Celebration of life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Alton Branch 449, 1267 Queen St W, Alton on Saturday, November 29th, 2025 from 2pm to 6pm.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family

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

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OBITUARIES

SARAH MARGARET "MARG" INA TODOROFF



Peacefully, with family by her side, at the Grey Bruce Hospice on Saturday November 8th, 2025, at the age of 76. Predeceased by Jerry, her beloved and devoted husband of 44 years. The proud and loving mother of Jason (Miranda) and Paul. Loving grandmother of Allison, Clarissa and Everett. Treasured sister of George (Juliane) Neil of Bridge North, Elizabeth (the late Edwin) Fry of Toronto and Mary (John) Mann of Blind River. She will be greatly missed by her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Sarah was raised in Iron Bridge and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario where she finished out her high school years before attending the University of Toronto for her undergrad and teacher's college, followed by obtaining her Masters of Education at Brock University. She had a lengthy career as a teacher and principal in Dufferin. Her love for children ran deep in the way she loved her sons and in later years her grandchildren, always putting family first. When she wasn't teaching in a formal setting, you could find her teaching at the keys of a piano and lending a listening ear and a gentle word to anyone who needed her gift of counselling. Marg was selfless and humble, dedicated and faithful, she was strong in her faith and had a pull for adventure and a keen love for gardening. Her wise words and kind heart will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held at Markdale Baptist Church (144 Lorne Street) on Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00am followed by the funeral service at 11:00am. All are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations to Markdale Baptist Church or the Grey Bruce Hospice- Chapman House. Online donations and condolences at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca

EILEEN HANNA (NEE WALKER)



Passed away at the age of 102! Beloved wife of Norman (1994). Cherished mother of Norma, Michael, Pat and Patrick. Adored grandmother of Matthew, Lindsay, Luke, Katie and Iain and GG of Henry and Oliver. Dear sister of Betty, and, Jean, Gwen, Eric, Willy, Verner and George (all deceased). Beloved Auntie of many nephews and a few nieces.

Born and raised in Northern Ireland, the eldest daughter of 8 children, Mom immigrated to Canada in 1950 to marry Norman, and, despite overwhelming home-sickness, she made Canada her home, and proudly raised her two girls.

Life was full; Mom sewed, baked, was a Brownie leader, neighbourhood care-giver, attended Downsview United Church and enjoyed many parties and a part-time job.

When Norman became ill in 1977, Mom lovingly cared for him for many years. After Norman died, in1994, she moved to Orangeville.

Many happy years followed in her sunny Bythia Street apartment. Her second home was 4 Wellington, where she was warmly welcomed by the Wellington Street gang. She became the Executive Director of the Boys Club, and managed the Bands-in-the-Basement.

She began to take annual trips to Ireland, and California to be with her beloved grandson, Matthew, and Norma and Michael. She attended Westminster United Church, and, met her "gang" at the Seniors Centre where she enjoyed years of fitness, fun, and celebrations.

Her last home was at Shelburne Residence, where once again, she brought her endless wit and charm to all around her. We are thankful to the wonderful staff who made her part of the "family" and took such loving care of her (although she insisted on making her own bed every morning).

Mom's humour and generosity were boundless. She was never short of pithy sayings and stories. Her courage and strength in the face of hardship was inspiring. Her enthusiasm for life, for knowledge, and for love, is a lesson that will continue to motivate those that were touched by her spirit.

She will be deeply missed by many, many friends. Donations to Westminster United Church or Choices Youth Shelter will be graciously accepted.

Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 10am. Funeral Service will be held at 11am. Funeral Service will be livestreamed, link will be under photos/ videos on the day of the service.

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

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Peter

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In loving memory of a dear brother who passed away November 23rd, 2009.

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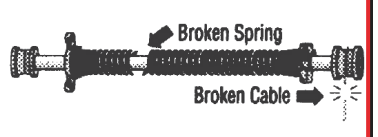
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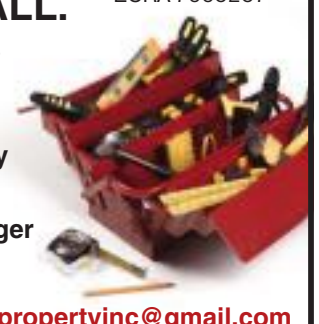
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