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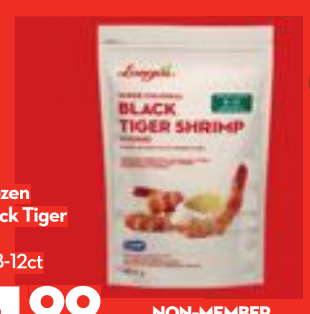
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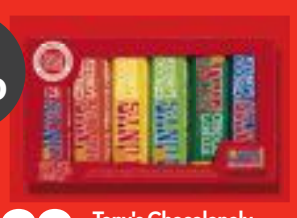
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Fundraising gala held for future Bolton High Performance Athletics raises over $1 million

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

With all eyes currently fixed on the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics, just last week, attention turned to both past and present Olympians as they celebrated the Future Bolton High Performance Athletics Centre (BHPAC) at its very first fundraiser.

Into the night of the fundraising gala for the future centre on Feb. 12, Olympic pole vaulter Alysha Newman announced that the night pushed them over $1 million towards their fundraising goal for the next generation of athletes.

The BHPAC is set for completion in 2027 and will be Canada's first privately funded, non-profit, high-performance track and field facility.

The centre will feature an Olympic-quality sprint track, field areas, physio and recovery zones, and a full athlete performance hub.

Bringing this vision to life are co-leaders and Olympians, Alysha Newman and Doug Wood. Wood is the founder of Bolton Pole Vault and a former Olympic athlete.

Bolton Pole Vault has been using the existing track and field facility at Humberview for the past 12 years, and, in partnership with the Peel District School Board (PDSB), was gifted the land adjacent to the school to build its future centre.

Wood has been Newman's coach for years, celebrating her Olympic medal victory with her in 2024, and now, collaborating to bring a very much-needed space to Canada's athletes.

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SUPPORTING CHAMPIONS – On February 5th, Canadian Olympic Athletes, both past and present, gather for a photo at Hazelton Manor for the Bolton High Performance Athletics Centre Fundraising Gala. (Left to Right) Ben Johnson, Pierce LePage, Sarah Mitton, Bruce Simpson, Alysha Newman, Doug Wood, Molly Killingbeck, Mark Mckoy, and Peter Dajia)
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Council debates 'Slippery Slope' as illegal truck parking seeks temporary approval

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Planning and Development Committee Public Meeting held at Caledon council this Tuesday raised larger themes surrounding trucking issues in Bolton and the "slippery slope" of approving bylaw amendments for businesses currently operating illegally.

Triple Trans Mill Services Limited, a "family-owned business," has been parking its trucks illegally on the property since the time it was purchased two years ago.

They have come to council to request a zoning bylaw amendment to allow temporary truck parking on their Bolton property for no longer than three years.

The lands are currently prestige industrial, and the request is to rezone to a site-specific prestige industrial zone to permit temporary truck parking.

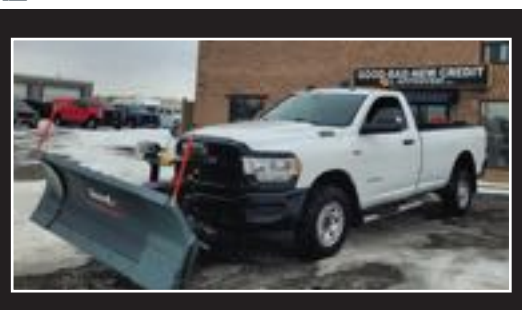
Permitted uses within prestige employment areas include manufacturing, processing, assembly, warehousing, and associated offices, usually restricted to enclosed buildings with no outside storage.

During the meeting, the applicant revealed that when they initially purchased their Bolton property, 55 Simpson Road, they were not aware that it was illegal to park their trucks.

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Caledon Public Library receives Ontario Public Library Service Award

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Public Library (CPL) has been awarded the 2025 Ontario Public Library Service Award for its project Caledon Connections: Leveraging Partnerships to Support Community.

The Ontario Public Library Service Awards recognize Ontario's public libraries for their creative service ideas. Within them are two awards, the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence and the Minister's Award for Innovation, each with categories for large, medium, and small libraries.

CPL was awarded the Minister's Award for Innovation, which recognizes successful new approaches that demonstrate a positive impact in a community and are of continued value to public libraries.

In 2024, CPL and Caledon Community Services (CCS) partnered to bring Caledon Connections to the community by embedding CCS employment and community support staff within CPL's Albion Bolton, Caledon East, and Southfields Village Branches.

Jill Jambor, manager of communications and cultural development with CPL, says that the Caledon Connections project began to address a pressing local challenge.

"CCS faced the challenge of delivering easily accessible services to all Caledon residents while having physical space only in Bolton," says Jambor. "CPL branches, already recognized as safe, welcoming hubs across Caledon's diverse and geographically vast community, provided a natural solution."

Jambor explains that by delivering services in library branches and leveraging CPL's existing infrastructure, CCS can better support community members, including those facing geographic, financial, and social barriers.

CCS began delivering weekly employment, training, and community resources in the library's accessible spaces, ensuring residents can access services close to home.

"Benefits are twofold," she says. "Residents also benefit from all of the library's resources, including online skill-building tools, public computers and Wi-Fi, and friendly staff offering help in finding resources and using technology."

"This partnership not only responds to today's needs but also creates a sustainable, long-term model for collaboration, ensuring continued value for public libraries and the communities they serve," says Jambor.

"This award affirms the library's role as a trusted community hub," said Colleen Lipp, CEO and chief librarian of CPL. "Winning at the provincial level recognizes the real difference this partnership is making for residents and reinforces the power of libraries to connect people with the support they need, close to home."

Through the initiative, they can offer services such as job search support, training, and settlement assistance directly in library spaces.

"Libraries are far more than places to borrow books; they are vital community connectors," said Geraldine Aguiar, CCS's executive director. "Working alongside Caledon Public Library has allowed us to expand our reach and better support residents across Caledon."

Since the program's launch, CPL states that hundreds of residents have accessed CCS services through the library, with many securing employment or being connected to additional community supports.

CPL also shared testimonies from those who have benefited from the partnership with CCS.

"I would like to share that the presence of Caledon Community Services in the library has been very beneficial to me. Its convenient location near my home made it easier to access, and I was able to obtain the materials I needed without difficulty," says one resident.

"I wanted to take a moment to share my appreciation for the support and services provided through Caledon Community Services. With the collaboration at Southfields Library [Branch], everything has become much more approachable and accessible. It is now easier to book appointments and gain clear guidance regarding both study and career opportunities. Because of this, I feel more confident in planning my goals and moving forward," says another.

For those who would like to connect with Caledon Community Services about its services, email info@ccs4u.org.

And, if you would like to connect with the library about the services they offer, visit a branch, call (905) 857 1400, or email reference@caledon.library.on.ca.

Resident raises concerns over recent planning meeting regarding Caledon Mega Quarry

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon resident Tony Sevelka's past few years look a little different from what he had ever imagined when he moved to Cataract in 1999; never did he expect that his home would be subjected to a potential blasting quarry.

"We don't want to move, we came up here to retire, enjoy our life [in] a tranquil environment," says Sevelka.

On Jan. 29, a second Public Meeting was held regarding a proposed mega-quarry in Caledon, attended by over 100 people.

The Mega Blasting Quarry is proposed by Votorantim Cimentos/CBM (CBM Aggregates, the building materials division of St. Mary's Cement Inc.) and raises issues for residents, including flyrock, dust, truck traffic, impacts on public health, damage to private wells, and more.

Among these concerned residents is Sevelka.

"When they showed up in October of 2019, all of a sudden I had to go learn about these things, and then I ended up being kind of an expert on fly rock," says Sevelka, referring to when he first heard of the mega-quarry application.

Over the years, he has published numerous articles and papers on issues surrounding the proposed mega quarry.

He has written hundreds of pages of documents detailing concerns and highlighting issues with the planning application.

Before the public meeting, Sevelka sent out a "Community Briefing Notice" to alert those in his email chain, filled with residents, planners, and Council members, about issues he felt were not addressed in the Application and Planning Justification Report.

His notice included points such as "no land-use compatibility assessment, no reference to the preservation of property values, no definition or assessment of 'adverse effects', no acknowledgment that the quarry is a noxious use, tourism and economic impacts not assessed," and more.

Then, after sitting in on the second public meeting, Sevelka says many of his concerns were "absolutely not" addressed.

Among his numerous papers are several regarding property value and the impact this proposal would have on property.

"It didn't ever show that there was going to be a quarry where we would go, we would never [have] bought the place even with our limited knowledge," says Sevelka.

Following the public meeting, he sent a new email to his mailing list, titled "Response to January 29, 2026 Public Meeting and the Planner's Presentation," in which he also presented "Structural Shortcomings in the [Ontario Professional Planners Institute] OPPI Professional Framework: A Critical Analysis."

In the 20 pages of objections, Sevelka details numerous issues, including limited accountability mechanisms and the absence of independence or conflict-of-interest safeguards.

Many residents during the public meeting also raised concerns that the oversight corporation will be run by Votorantim Cimentos, one resident saying it is essentially "putting the fox in charge of the henhouse."

Sevelka says that OPPI's Professional Code of Practice contains "no independence requirements and no conflict-of-interest safeguards."

Adding that there is no obligation to provide objective or unbiased evidence, no requirement to disclose conflicts of interest, no requirement for independent peer review, and more.

"This allows planning reports to function as advocacy documents, rather than independent professional assessments," says Sevelka in his report.

Summarizing his piece, Sevelka says that the OPPI framework has "significant structural shortcomings".

In his report, he also lists issues arising from the public meeting held at the Alton Legion that night.

He says statements made at the meeting on Jan. 29 "raise significant concerns regarding accuracy, evidentiary support, and the treatment of land-use compatibility issues."

Sevelka notes numerous issues, including limited mitigation for flyrock, limitations of the 500-metre blast notification protocol, repeated blasting, low-frequency vibration damage, and more.

During the meeting that night, planners presented the blasting procedure, which included "that those within 500m of the blast will be notified," and that there will be a "prevention of flyrock from leaving [the] site."

Many residents, along with Sevelka, noted the limited flyrock control and that the 500m range is not wide enough.

Ending his response, Sevelka states "that the proposed quarry and processing plant are not compatible with surrounding land uses under Caledon's Official Plan, the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) or with real-world evidence."

"This is one of the worst places in the world you could possibly pick to put that kind of operation, I'm blown away. I never thought they could possibly think that this was a good place for that," Sevelka told the Citizen.

Following the public meeting, the Town of Caledon is now awaiting a staff recommendation based on feedback received and the technical and peer reviews.

The recommendation will then be brought to the planning and development committee, and Council will make a final decision on the application.



VOICING CONCERNS – Residents gathered at the Jan. 29 Public Meeting regarding a proposed mega-quarry, held at the Alton Legion. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

COMMUNITY events

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FUTURE LOOK – A new rendering provided by Standard Practice for the proposed Bolton High Performance Athletics Centre displays Olympic rings and a maple leaf.

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Community, children and athletes will win with Bolton High Performance Athletics Centre

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Wood and Newman know the struggles of not having anywhere to train all too well; for decades, they've bounced between different abandoned warehouses, York University, and even grow ops, they both joke.

Now their vision is even closer to reality following their fundraising gala last Thursday.

Donors, businesses, and Olympians came from all over to support the new BHPAC at Hazelton Manor in Vaughan, supporting Bolton Athletics and their dream.

Various young athletes from Bolton Athletics were also in attendance, showcasing the future generations who will one day benefit from this labour of love.

"It's been surprising how much support we've had," Wood told the Citizen at the gala, "It's not an easy ask, but people have been incredibly supportive, and it's been a great event."

Wood emphasizes that every single person he has asked for support has said yes, showing the strong community they have around them.

"It's incredibly meaningful for us, and we're super thankful," he adds.

"It's easy to sell something that everybody believes in, and it is easy for us to get behind this because it's pretty awesome. I know everybody's behind it."

Newman laughs that to see everyone show up that night in -30°C weather was amazing.

"You have a goal, and you have a dream," says Newman. "It was just like my Olympic medal when I was a little girl. I believed I could do it. When we talk about it all the time, we know we can do it, and we need the community to hear and support."

"I think that it's way closer than we think."

"We're just so honoured that people want to come together and see this. We want to keep building Canadian greatness, and I think it starts with everyone who's here," she adds.

Newman says that if she had had a facility like BHPAC growing up, it would have solidified for her that greatness can be achieved here in Canada.

For them, it's all about creating a home for the future generation of athletes to achieve their own greatness.

Stan Cameron, PDSB trustee for Caledon, has been involved with the partnership between Bolton Pole Vault and PDSB since the beginning.

"It's so exciting and to hear that number – a million dollars – already. We know they have a long way to go, but this is an amazing start. It's really a win-win-win-win," says Cameron. "The community will win, our children will win, our students will win, our parents and families will win, and the world-class athletes will win."

During school hours, PDSB will have access to the facility, and students will be able to use all amenities as part of their physical education classes and extracurricular programs.

Outside of school hours, Bolton Pole Vault will use the facility to train track and field athletes.

"When you can watch an athlete prepare to compete, when they can show you how they dedicate themselves to being able to prepare for the world championships, for Olympic championships, it's got to be inspiring for those younger athletes to think that this is how you do it. This is the modelled way of success if that's what you want to be," says Cameron.

Fundraising will continue for the centre, as Wood says their site plan application is underway, and there are many more great things to come.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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20836 Kennedy Road

Notice of Application and Public Meeting Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2025-0027

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment. A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model with options for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

Meeting Date: **March 10, 2026**

Public Meeting Start Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: **Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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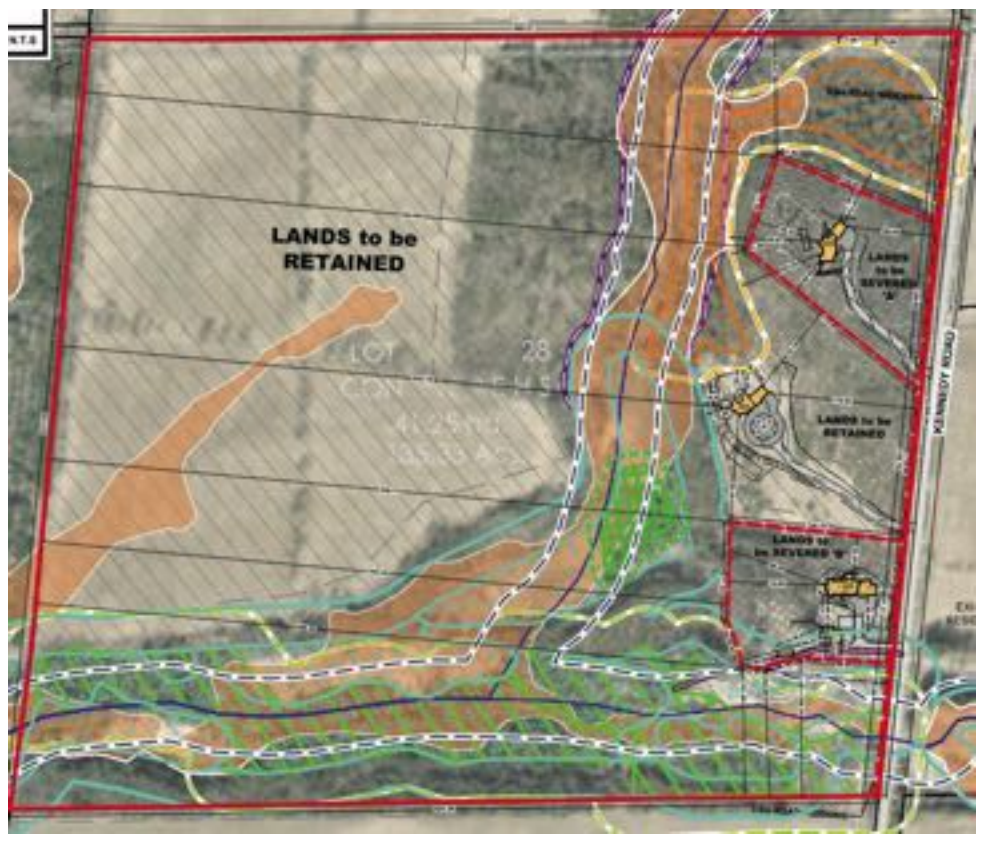
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APPLICANT:
Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd. (GWD) on behalf of John and Kimberley Attrell

LOCATION:
20836 Kennedy Road, Part of Lot 28, Concession 1, E.H.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit two (2) additional residential dwellings. The lands are currently zoned Agricultural (A2), and Environment Policy Area 2 (EPA2) and are proposed to be rezoned to Rural (A2), Rural (A2-XXX) with site specific standards, and Environmental Protection Area One (EPA1) Zone, under By-law 2006-50, as amended.



The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change.
The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and for 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.

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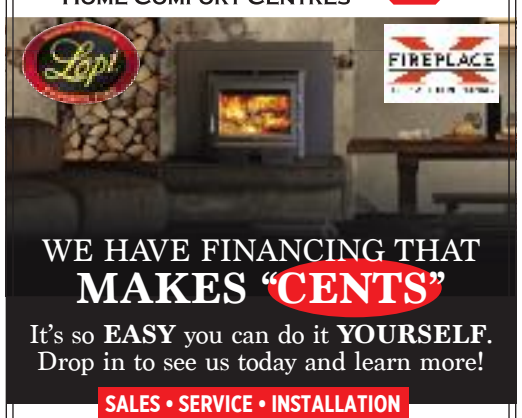
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CALEDON OPP LAY NUMEROUS CHARGES UPON DRIVER AFTER FLEEING FROM POLICE

Members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid numerous charges against an individual following an investigation into a disturbance.

"On February 7, 2026, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Caledon OPP officers on patrol observed an altercation in the area of Mayfield Road and Ace Drive, in the Town of Caledon. One individual fled the area in a vehicle," says Caledon OPP.

Shortly after, officers located the vehicle and the driver, who attempted to flee.

Minor damage occurred to a police cruiser.

No injuries were reported.

As a result of the investigation, Jessica Cooper, 23, of Walden, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle - two counts
- Theft of a motor vehicle
- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000
- Assault
- Resist peace officer
- Failure to comply with release order
- Mischief
- Driving while under suspension
- Breach of probation order

The accused party was held for a bail hearing to answer to their charges.

RISING TREND IN POLICE IMPERSONATION SCAMS

The Ontario Provincial Police is alerting residents across the region about an emerging scam in which suspects pose as police officers to defraud victims of substantial sums of money.

In recent reports, fraudsters have contacted victims by phone, claiming to be members of the OPP.

In each case, the suspect used fabricated names, titles, and badge information to gain credibility.

Victims were instructed to withdraw large sums of money and either send the funds through cryptocurrency platforms or hand over cash directly.

These tactics have resulted in significant financial losses, including incidents where victims paid between $6,000 and $13,000 to individuals falsely claiming to be police officers.

Police confirm that the names and ranks provided by the scammers do not correspond with any OPP members.

Fraudsters used urgency, intimidation, and fear to pressure victims into complying with their demands.

To protect yourself against police impersonation scams, the OPP is reminding the public of the following fraud prevention strategies:

- Police will never request money, cryptocurrency, gift cards or financial transfers over the phone.
- Police will never demand immediate payment, threaten arrest, or pressure you to act urgently.
- Do not provide personal information, banking details, PINs, or identification numbers to unsolicited callers.
- Pause and talk to a trusted family member or friend before making any financial decision under pressure.

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be an OPP officer and you are unsure of its legitimacy, you can contact the OPP non-emergency line at 1-888-310-1122.

This number can be used to:

- Confirm whether an officer has attempted to contact you.
- Report suspicious calls or attempted fraud.
- Speak directly with the police about fraud-related concerns.

Residents who have been targeted or victimized by fraud are encouraged to contact police and report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501, or online at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

Police continue to monitor fraud trends and remind community members that awareness is one of the strongest tools against financial victimization.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK ENCOURAGES RESPONSIBLE RIDING

The Ontario Provincial Police is alerting residSnowmobiling provides a fun recreational activity to Ontarians through the winter, but it's important to be aware of the risks involved in riding before hitting the trails.

Seven people have died in snowmobile incidents in OPP jurisdictions since the start of the 2025-26 riding season, and there was a total of 15 fatalities last season.

To encourage safe riding and help snowmobilers avoid preventable danger, the Ontario Snowmobile Safety Week is underway, running from Feb. 9 to 16. During this time, Ontario Provincial Police officers will be active on trails to speak with snowmobilers about safety and responsibility.

"Snowmobiling is meant to be enjoyable outdoor fun and should never result in the loss of life or injuries. OPP-investigated snowmobile fatalities reveal the same unnecessary risks being taken year after year. Preventable behaviours like excessive speeding or alcohol and drug impairment put your safety – and your return to your loved ones – at risk. Please make every ride a safe one for you and your family," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Karen Meyer.

The safety week is organized through a partnership between the OPP and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), and both organizations are looking to start conversations about safe and responsible riding across the province.

"An abundance of snow in many parts of the province has the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) urging snowmobilers to not let their enthusiasm about ideal conditions get in the way of safe riding this season," reads a press release from the OPP.

Riding on available OFSC trails is encouraged by the OPP and OFSC, as these trails are groomed, maintained and provide the safest riding terrain.

Snowmobilers can visit ofsc.evtrails.com/#west/menu to check trail status and plan your next outdoor adventure.

It's important to note, riding on frozen waterways comes with no guarantee that the ice is completely safe, according to the OPP. They added that the safest bet is to avoid frozen waterways altogether.

"The safest ride is one you properly plan and prepare for, and where you stick to all the do's and don'ts of snowmobiling that are meant to keep you and fellow riders safe on the trails. Making smart choices throughout the season, while taking advantage of a vast snowmobile trail network made possible through our outstanding community of volunteers and landowners is your ticket to a safe, enjoyable snowmobile season," said Ryan Eickmeier, OFSC CEO.



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5. Consumer protection agency
8. Criminal syndicate
11. Moves back from
13. Satisfaction
14. Feel concern or interest
15. Monetary units
16. Congressman (abbr.)
17. Israeli city
18. Restaurants
20. 2,000 lbs.
21. Grandmother
22. North, South and Central
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Social networking platform
32. Early term for basketball player
33. Another name for sesame plant
38. Disallow
41. Provide greater detail
43. Inaccessible
45. Evoke emotions
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Celtic punk rockers
50. A fencing sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Social media hand gesture
62. Hong Kong food stall __ pai dong
63. Opposite of beginning
64. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. Fashionable
3. Borough in Helsinki
4. Inability to hear
5. More quickly
6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
7. Shrewdly
8. Rooney and Kate are two
9. Mediterranean port
10. Benedictine monk
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Town in Galilee
19. Satisfy
23. Mice genus
24. Brass instrument
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Transmits genetic information from DNA
27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
28. Woman (French)
29. Short route aircraft
34. Pitching statistic
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Popular sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Seduced
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Olive genus
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Keep under control
58. Father

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ARTS & CULTURE

Fall in love with "Echoes of the Heart" at Headwaters Arts this Valentine's Day

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Spread the love this Valentine's weekend at Headwaters Arts newest member art show, Echoes of the Heart.

Echoes of the Heart is Headwaters Arts' second themed member art show of 2026, with an opening reception set for Valentine's Day and is all about celebrating love.

At the art show, over 25 works will be on display, and Headwaters Arts says that each piece expresses the artist's interpretation that "love comes in all forms, and art comes in all forms."

Deb Menken, Headwaters Arts Gallery Committee Chair, explains that the gallery committee meets in the late fall to establish themes for the following year. Since the second show started just before Valentine's Day, with the opening reception on Feb. 14, the committee thought it would fit the theme without being too specific.

"We generally try to have themes that allow for a broad application to our members, and rather than have a complete description to go with the title, we find quotations that the artists can use for inspiration/interpretation," says Menken. "We settled on Echoes of the Heart as a title and then looked for quotes that would fit."



LOCAL ART – "Fleeting Landmarks" by Kevin Ellis is among the over 25 pieces on display at Headwaters Arts' Echoes of the Heart, themed member show. The show's reception is on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) and runs from 1 to 3 p.m.. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

For this show, they chose artist Marc Chagall's quote, "Art must be an expression of love, or it is nothing."

Member artists were invited to submit artworks that show Headwaters Arts their interpretation of the quote.

"Chagall's work is filled with loving links to childhood memories and family roots in Vitebsk, Belarus, which was sadly mostly destroyed during WWII. In my painting 'Fleeting Landmarks,' a memory-filled barn stands cradled in a warm acreage likely slotted for subdivision development," says Kevin Ellis, a painter featured in the show.

Other participating members for the show include Bhavna Bhatnagar, Bill Carroll, Emilia Perri, Lori Konger, Lucy Kristan, Lynn Gilbank, Mina Zare, Marjorie Gegear, Nahid Azari, Natalie Rose, Stuart Curtis, Pat Hertzberg, and Suzanne Walsh.

For Perri's piece, About a Garden, in part of her submission, she wrote, "The organic shapes in the painting express the feeling of growth, of love that is blooming through the Echoes of the Heart!"

At the opening reception on love day, attendees can meet the artists to discuss their works.

The reception will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the Headwaters Gallery in the Alton Mill Arts Centre in Alton.

Caledon East father-daughter woodworking duo still creating sawdust into retirement

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

"I picked up a hammer while I was still in diapers, and I never looked back from being in the wood working business," said Lucy Kristan with a laugh, during a recent interview with the Citizen.

Over the years, from baby woodworker to being "retired" but still in the shop every day by 10 a.m., Lucy and her father, Lawrence Kristan, continue to work in Caledon East, where they also live.

At one time, their company owned a 10,000-square-foot shop in Weston, which is a neighbourhood in Toronto. There, the business engaged multiple employees, and they were well known for making trophy display shelving in highly polished wood. Not only did they build the shelves, but they also restored and refurbished the trophies and their bases.

"We did the display for the trophies in the Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame," Lucy remarked. "We were so well known in the industry that we never had to advertise – companies came to us; the work came by word of mouth."

The hard work and the large, prestigious jobs they did over the years assured them financial security in the present, and although the father-daughter duo still come to their workshop every day, it is no longer all business.

Now it is all fun, all pleasure. Lucy loves to develop new designs and ideas. Once her father retired, so did she; yet their love of creative work calls them to keep making new things.

For Lawrence, retirement was freedom from being tied to business; yet it was still a time when he had to continue doing something. So, he introduced new machinery into the shop, specifically a lathe about which he had to learn and certainly to enjoy. It was not long until many neighbours had new wooden salad bowls, for Lawrence insisted on finding good homes for them rather than selling them.

"Dad and I get to make sawdust together," was Lucy's quip, like a favourite family joke.

"We do this for ourselves. I've no idea 'what I want to be when I grow up,' I have to keep occupied making stuff that is keeping it fresh and new."

One might almost call it a hobby, although the two are happy to specialize in one-off creations for people who approach them, of decorative, practical, beautiful and always interesting items. Things to hang on a wall; novel pieces of furniture built and painted in colourful designs. They make turned bowls and other practical household pieces, but it is frequently the unusual items, rejoicing in inventiveness and letting the wood talk to them, that keep them busy now.

While they used to sell their products in many shops and participate in a number of shows, they now confine their out-of-house sales primarily to Dragonfly Arts in Orangeville.

Lucy has been "puttering around" with what she calls her Branch Buddies. These are a collection of sweetly made little birds poised on branches just to fit their space.

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LEGACY CONTINUES – Lucy Kristan is pictured with her newly created Branch Buddies, which she is taking to Headwaters Arts' new show Echoes of the Heart, opening Feb 14. Kristan and her father, Lawrence, have worked together in the woodworking business for many years. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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Property with illegal truck parking seeks temporary approval in Bolton

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"When we purchased this property, we weren't aware that this is an illegal place. The previous owners had mentioned that you can park your trucks here, that they've submitted a zoning bylaw amendment, but we weren't aware that they had actually retracted that application at that time," says Pavanbir Deol, CAO of Triple Trans Mill Services Limited.

In the long run, the company hopes to construct a building on their property for 2028/29 for offices and crossdocking, explaining that they will not need the truck parking for longer than that: "In the interim, we want to make sure that our trucks are parking legally."

Deol voices that she knows there are numerous resident and council concerns regarding safety when it comes to truck parking, and emphasizes the numerous steps her company takes, such as owning modern equipment, ensuring trucks are equipped with dual-facing cameras, mandatory training and training reviews for their drivers, and more.

"We're trying to change that narrative around having a trucking company," says Deol.

"What sets us apart is we live in this community, my parents live across the street," she says. "When anybody is concerned about safety, I think of my parents; those are the first people that I think of because they're driving on Highway 50."

She adds that with the temporary parking, they hope to get to the building aspect, and "create jobs for the community."

Numerous residents voiced their concerns during the planning meeting, including issues such as the existing intense truck traffic in the area, setting a precedent, and more.

"I think anybody that lives here or drives in and around Bolton is fully aware of the amount of truck traffic that we have to deal with, and to take prestige industrial lands and temporarily zone them to be essentially general industrial, you're taking away opportunities for prestige," says Amanda Corbett during her public comments.

Corbett is part of the Caledon Community Roads Safety Advocacy (CCRSA) Group.

She voiced concerns that the temporary parking would last longer than three years.

"I really wouldn't want to lose the prestige industrial given how much truck traffic we have here and how badly we need employment that doesn't relate to trucks," Corbett says.

She also voiced her concerns regarding another bylaw amendment request for a similar situation just months ago: "This is the second type of application like this coming forward, and we could see more and more coming."

In June of 2025, another developer was seeking a zoning by-law amendment to permit truck and trailer parking on the property for a period of three years.

"We don't need more trucks here," Corbett says.

Deol says the maximum number of trucks parked on the property at any one time would be 40.

Resident Sherry Brioschi raised concerns about the overall safety of the trucking company and the training its drivers receive.

Deol stated that only experienced drivers are hired, and they must complete their in-house training as well.

"We're trying to change that narrative. We are young people. We have our own families on the road, and it's very disheartening to hear the news sometimes about what happens when people are put behind these tractor trailers and they cause harm," says Deol.

Following the presentations and public comments, council expressed concerns regarding the property.

Mayor Annette Groves says at the planning meeting that there is a "long history" with the property of 55 Simpson Road.

The land used to be a 10-acre parcel, and the addition of Simpson Road severed the property, leading the previous owner to create an illegal entrance.

Groves adds she wants to ensure the "access that's currently there is a legal access, and that it is not still illegal."

Many councillors recognized the "difficult" situation.

"As much as I can appreciate the story and I understand the situation, I'm having a real hard time with this one as well," says Councillor Tony Rosa. "We have a business operating on a property today illegally, and the business that's happening there is something we can't have. As much as I appreciate your willingness to work with staff and try to come into compliance, there's a massive challenge in front of you today."

"We've had wonderful people come and tell a wonderful story, and then unfortunately three years pass, and it's difficult because you can't find the spots to park the trucks, which we all know is becoming very problematic," says Councillor Christina Early. "This is a very tough one for probably all of us on this table who are looking at a very decent individual that did a very good presentation tonight, but it's always a slippery slope. If you allow one, it's allow a second."

"Regardless of emotion, we need to deal with facts, and that's what we have our staff for in terms of putting forward some of the actual facts, and that's what this whole process is about," says Councillor Mario Russo.

Following the public meeting will be the first submission review, followed by a revised submission, and the application will then go to the Planning and Development committee.

Continuing to woodwork in their happy place

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She is planning to take them to the upcoming Headwaters Arts art show titled Echoes of the Heart, opening in the Alton Mill this Saturday, Feb. 14

"I wanted to take something small and affordable," she reasoned, "especially, when people are struggling. I'm just having fun making little things for people. I have never made them before, so they are new to me, too."

A new creation can surprise its maker, even in minor issues. The Branch Buddies birds, as they sit on their branches, show more variety, one from the other, than Lucy expected. She notes how much character each little bird takes on by the position in which it is placed on the branch, rather than the wood grain dominating.

"But how they look at each other – that's all I'm bringing..." she said.

Lucy really appreciates how Headwaters Arts sets up the shows.

"There is something about people walking along, looking at stuff. Headwaters highlights the products."

During the Citizen's interview with Lucy, by telephone, there was a small shift in her tone, as though she was surveying the space she and her father share.

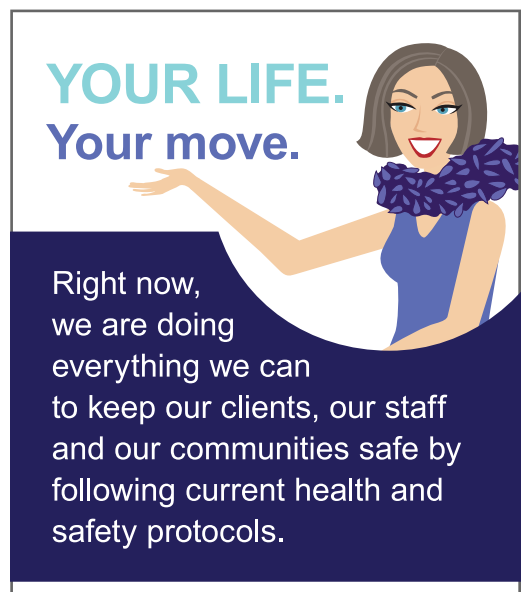
"This is our happy place. We are not in business, and we keep ourselves happy, but we make salad bowls for Joan (Hope, owner of Dragonfly)," she said.

"We're happy to help a business."



FOCUS ON WOMEN IN BUSINESS









BROCK WEIR
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Whatever love means

Feb. 14 is just around the corner and love is in the air!

At least, that's what Valentine's Day enthusiasts will have you believe.

Don't get me wrong, I have no objection to Valentine's Day in and of itself – it's a chance to celebrate the individuals you love, however you define the feeling.

It might be romantic love, familial love, or even the bond that exists between a human and their pet – and all that is to be celebrated.

To borrow a phrase from the iconic theme to The Mary Tyler Moore Show, love is all around and celebrating it shouldn't be concentrated to one day in the year like so much frozen orange juice they're promising to pry from our cold, parched hands.

Personally, I'd be happy if people spread the effort they put into Valentine's Day out a little bit more liberally throughout the remaining 364 days a year.

Nearly 45 years on since the infamous engagement interview between the then Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer when the now-King Charles III responded to the concept of being in love with the famous three words, "Whatever 'in love' means," I think it's a valid question in our current context.

Love can be defined in many different ways, whether it's spelled out by a dictionary or a very personal and individual definition you hold close to your heart.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary has no less than 14 definitions of "love" – and that's strictly its use as a noun; the list is far longer when we add verbiage into the equation. So, in the sake of brevity, among the nouns are as follows: Strong affection for another rising out of kinship or personal ties; attraction based on sexual desire, or affection and tenderness felt by lovers; affection based on admiration, benevolence, or common interests; an assurance of affection; warm attachment, enthusiasm, or devotion; the object of attachment, devotion or admiration; a beloved person (SEE: Darling); an informal term of address; unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another, such as the concern of God for humankind – empath, concern or care for others; a god (such as Cupid or Eros) or personification of love; an amorous episode; sexual intercourse; and a score of zero (SEE: Tennis)."

When it comes to the strict definition of love, it really can be a Choose Your Own Adventure, but it's one definition above, succinctly boiled down by the unlikely source of dictionary.com on which I'd like to zero in on this week: "active, self-giving concern for others."

While we're fortunate to live in communities where active, self-giving concern for others is exemplified every day by active and engaged neighbours, it's something that feels to be in increasingly short supply in the wider world.

Sadly, we're seeing examples of this every day, whether it's the systemic denial of basic human rights ongoing in some parts of this world, the exclusion of certain individuals or groups from the table of public discourse for reasons as numerous as they are nonsensical, and examples enough that could fill this entire column space.

But suffice it to say that Minnesota's Mary Richards might have had a different reception today had she stood in the middle of a busy crosswalk throwing her hat in the air with joyous, reckless abandon.

One example I find particularly galling is the lack of love for one's country, a very different thing from hyper patriotism and nationalism. Sure, the ongoing trade wars between Canada and the United States, plus several other factors south of our border, have seen a renewed wave of patriotism. Yet, in our alarmingly hyper-partisan world, it seems that all too many are rooting for our current leaders to fail in the face of these challenges simply for validation and the ability to say, "I told you so" rather than helping move the dial forward in a positive direction.

Rooting against the country in the interests of partisanship benefits no one.

As I started to write this week's column, I admit that I was feeling in a bit of a negative mindset about the state of the world and the direction that so many of the constants in our lives seem to be going. I have to say, however, as the week drew to a close, I was feeling far more wind in my sails.

The first instance was a sit-down Q&A with former Prime Ministers Jean Chretien and Stephen Harper at the Royal Geographical Society. While the duo traded the usual mild partisan jabs here and there, they were united in their message: unity in the face of challenges presented to us by the United States.

Themes of collaboration and unity were only underscored through the balance of the week as I had the honour of attending a number of Black History Month events throughout the community.

While the different events approached the subject from their own unique angles, they too were united in the idea of unity and in looking forward.

Heck, perhaps it's a sign of the world we're living in where a simple remark by Brampton MPP Charmaine Williams, the Progressive Conservative Government's Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Development Opportunity at Saturday night's Black History Gala hosted by the Aurora Black Community Association paying tribute Liberal cabinet minister Marci Ien and her myriad accomplishments was nothing short of a heart-warmer.

For Williams, it might just have been a matter of giving credit where credit was due, but, as someone who actively follows politics, it was a nice change of pace – and sadly refreshing at the same time.

Themes of unity were also underscored by Ghanan cultural leader King Nana Yaw Osam I.

"We must rise above the voices that seek to divide us and instead embrace the power of unity and inclusivity," he said. "I urge each of you, as leaders and as members of this great community, to reach out to one another with open hearts and open minds."

"Let us lift each other up, support each other's dreams, and champion the cause of justice and equality wherever we go," he continued. "Let us create spaces of belonging where no one is left behind and every voice is heard. Our future depends on our ability to work together, to share our knowledge, our resources and our love. Let us be bold in our activities of progress, fair in our commitment to inclusion, and devote our dedication to the legacy of our ancestors."

"Together, let us be the architects of a new era, one defined not by fear, but by hope, not by doubt, but by determination, not by exclusion, but by unity."

His message may have been framed for Black History Month, but, as is the case with Black history, it's a universal theme.

And we can all take it to heart.

While I started the week feeling slightly disheartened, these instances and these poignant words helped lift the cloud and give me a bit more optimism.

Love might not necessarily be all around at this particular moment in time, but to borrow another quote from Mary Richards, it just might be nearby.



Are people in our lives by chance or design?

by Mark Pavilons



"People are guests in our story, the same way we are guests in theirs. But we all meet each other for a reason because every person is a personal lesson waiting to be told." –Lauren Klarfeld.

I've often wondered about just how and why certain people end up in our lives, or become a few paragraphs in our personal storybook.

Sure, our work and social circles bring us into contact with literally hundreds of souls. But we don't click with each and every one. We aren't drawn, like electricity, to everyone's heart and soul.

And yet, we find them, or they find us.

I've stopped believing in chance and the randomness of things. During my soul-searching, I've come to think that we are walking miracles, souls with energy, or, like Jerry Lee Lewis described, "great balls of fire."

Simone Sinek once said that life isn't beautiful because of the things we do or see, but "because of the people we meet."

In my line of work – a journalist for more than 30 years – I've encountered thousands of interesting people. Statistics indicate that we, as average humans, will meet 10,000 people over the course of our lives. I've always believed there's a lesson to be learned in meeting new people, absorbing their energy and listening to their tales.

I've tried to be genuinely interested in them, not so they can return the favour, but simply because I believe we should extend courtesy to everyone we meet.

I've been so blessed that many of these have "stuck," and become much more than "work acquaintances." They are my friends. Were they destined to become part of my orbit?

Maybe not Friday night euchre game kind of friends, or Sunday brunch chums, but kind souls you can count on, turn to, rely on, or even ask for favours.

It's funny when people enter our lives – some quietly and unannounced, others with a bang. We never know if that certain someone will become a trusted friend or a life-long pal.

They say opposites attract, and so do magnetic forces and static electricity. Most of the people in my circle are quite different – entrepreneurs, designers, creators, artists, volunteers – just decent folks. Sure, by day, some are politicians, law enforcement officials and front-line responders. But share a coffee, and they are people – spouses, parents, good Samaritans, and much, much more.

Behind the facades, people are so complex and deep that they task you to explore and uncover their riches. Why? To become part of the human story.

We don't sit in the corner of a dark and dusty century home parlour and write our own book of life. We can't live in isolation or merely by glancing out the streaked windows.

We join in, kiss a fish, maybe dance the jig or shout one, two, three "g'suffa!" You don't need lederhosen to join in the fun. And yes, I've jumped off a dock in my birthday suit, just because.

That's the freshness of the orchard of humanity.

Many of us believe that almost every person we meet has a purpose in our lives, directly or indirectly. This makes "chance" encounters so important and precious. If this is the case, shouldn't we all be more polite, more compassionate, and open when meeting strangers? I always tell cashiers to have a nice rest of the day, regardless of the situation. Maybe I'm the only one who offers this salutation that day, and can bring a smile to a stranger's face.

Sanju Pradeepa Danthanarayana says people we meet along the way, no matter how briefly, "have shaped your journey in ways you may never fully comprehend. There are no coincidences. Each person who crosses your path does for a reason. Some are there to teach you, others to challenge you, and a few to lift you when you need it most."

I've researched the odds of each of us being here today and the near impossibility of life evolving on Earth. The probability of the right sperm and egg creating "you" is one in 400 quadrillion. You can't dismiss this unfathomable way we've beaten the odds. These calculations have turned many scientists and mathematicians from atheists into believers.

I liken it to a massive bowl filled with gumballs or jellybeans. Each of us and our friends is in there, somewhere. What are the odds that the ones you select from the jar at random become lifelong comrades? What of the others that are "brushed" aside by your fingers?

The odds of two of these "beans" becoming peas in a pod are close to impossible. And yet we challenge and beat those odds every single day.

Coincidence? I think not!

Some studies have estimated that we encounter more than 300 people per day – making eye contact with people at the mall, arena, at work, on the bus, in restaurants, in the check-out line, etc. I have started conversations with people in all of these instances. Of course, few will be ingrained into our brains, but perhaps one or two will.

When I was young, bumping into people was commonplace. We ventured out almost daily.

With the advent and chaos caused by our devices – smartphones and tablets – we've shut out many of those who could become important chapters in our ongoing history.

Leave them in your pocket when you're out and about. Look around and smile, and see the reaction.

Some people say meeting people is the meaning of life, for everyone you encounter knows something you don't.

My advice? Be a traveller; listen to stories; meet new people, and dream.

Oh, and keep reaching into that giant jar of jellybeans!



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SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



'The long and the short of it'

Well, there's no denying I've been running long lately. Pushing word counts as far as, or beyond, what's feasible either for my poor, beleaguered and word-weary editor, or for my poor, beleaguered word-weary readers. I'll try to ensure today's ponderings are brief – or at least – briefer.

After all, "the long and the short of it" often amounts to being one and the same thing: Caledon is in trouble, and despite residents' best efforts to be heard, it remains to be seen whether our collective voices can make a difference.

Whether I ponder this fact at length, citing the many and various issues facing Caledon at this pivotal moment in time, or summarize it now might not even really matter. I am, after all, merely a columnist with an opinion who studies and comments on the community's opinions.

The long and the short of it, however, is that like many of you who show up without fail to public meetings, who form non-profit groups and committees, or who delegate at council, engage with your local councillor or even protest at the side of the road, I believe in the indomitable spirit of the people.

Margaret Mead, a cultural anthropologist, has been largely credited with the following sentence: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." I suppose it's this blind faith in such efforts that collectively moves Caledon residents to keep on trying.

Recent examples include the many residents of Dovaston Gate voicing their concerns about trucks using their street as a "cut through," resulting in truck activity the town has acknowledged is "higher than expected," and traffic volumes are "exceeding planning thresholds."

A number of alternatives were offered for consideration, including the full closure of Dovaston Gate by turning it into a cul-de-sac. This would certainly cut the truck traffic, but concerns about resident access would no doubt take their place.

The intensity of resident concerns spilled over onto social media, too, and the next steps planned after the community meeting include an online neighbourhood questionnaire to better determine residents' preferred options. I don't envy the job of a council that must try to reconcile the varied opinions, but I do firmly believe that every person impacted by traffic patterns in this area must step up to ensure their voices are heard. If not you, then who? If not now, then when? It will be too late to share an opinion once the decision has been made.

Across town, at King and Coleraine/Harvest Moon, a proposed condo and townhouse application has drawn the attention of local residents. The developer's plans include an eight-story building with 102 residential units and 22 three-story townhomes, along with over 150 parking spaces. Tellingly, a second public meeting was recently held (as per statutory requirements), but the development plans had changed significantly in terms of density between the first and second meetings. Many area residents were unaware of the increased densification, and regular readers might recall that this same intersection was the site of a horrific car accident claiming the life of a young Bolton resident when a truck entered the intersection a full 10 seconds after the light had turned red.

Coleraine is a designated truck route, so it's an entirely reasonable leap of the imagination to assume that truck traffic and increased housing density will not blend well. This is just one of the many concerns raised by those residents who took the time to delegate. One can only hope that their voices were heard, and while we can't always stop "progress," perhaps we can mitigate its impacts through the collective voices of a united community.

In another part of Caledon, residents of Southfields, long-tapped as a community facing challenges with entrance/exits, high traffic volumes, and major parking issues, are now facing a potentially significant road expansion. Dougall Ave., with two schools along its route, has been tapped as an alternative east-west "collector network" to help "support Caledon's growth to 300,000 residents and 125,000 jobs by 2051."

Ward Two Councillor Dave Sheen is actively encouraging residents to learn more about the proposal, as he, too, seeks information from town staff on the feasibility of such a plan. In an area where some already feel that traffic has them feeling "under siege," it might be a good time for residents to put Margaret Mead's assertions to the test.

Finally, over in Ward One, the community advocated heavily for protecting Swan Lake and is engaged in an ongoing fight against a proposed blasting mega-quarry. There was also movement on a file related to roads currently designated as "strategic goods movement networks," that came as a direct result of a multi-pronged advocacy effort that included councillor support. These are just some of the many instances where communities of concerned residents have come together, a la Margaret Mead, in an effort to change the world, or at least, Caledon.

The long and the short of it? Never doubt your collective ability to make change, or at least to influence and/or mitigate it. If Margaret Mead can have faith, who am I to not?

Dufferin-Caledon MP seeks public input on extortion and community safety

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Following a believed to be targeted shooting in Orangeville this January, Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback is seeking the community's thoughts regarding their own safety in their community.

For Seeback, receiving a call from someone he knows recounting a shooting towards their own home was the final straw leading to the survey.

"A person I know really well called me and said, 'Kyle, someone shot 17 bullets into my house last night,'" says Seeback. "It always hits home when you hear about it, but when you hear it from someone who is a close personal friend, that really made it come home for me."

On Jan. 20, Seeback announced his new community survey regarding extortion in Dufferin-Caledon.

The survey asks residents how safe they feel in their community and whether they are concerned about rising extortion and organized crime locally.

According to the OPP, Caledon and Dufferin County detachments have investigated more than 45 extortion incidents since 2023.

"It's a shocking number," says Seeback. "It's just absolutely shocking that this is happening in our community."

Sharing results from his survey, he says that 30 per cent of responses said they no longer feel safe in their community, "that to me is absolutely shocking, and it's such a decline in the sense of community safety since I started representing the riding back in 2019 and something that really needs to be fixed."

Also on the survey are questions regarding jail time.

Seeback says 97 per cent of respondents to the survey indicated that those who commit extortion with firearms or organized crime should face mandatory jail time.

"A huge part of the job of the government is to make sure that people feel safe," says Seeback. "That's one of the number one things. So, for this to be happening should be a massive wake-up call for the government."

He adds that we have to "fix" the principle of restraint, Section 493.1 in the Criminal Code, which states that "in making a decision under this Part, a peace officer, justice or judge shall give primary consideration to the release of the accused at the earliest reasonable opportunity and on the least onerous conditions that are appropriate in the circumstances."



FILE PHOTO

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT: Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback recently launched a community survey on extortion in the region.

Seeback references back to changes to the Criminal Code under Stephen Harper, including Harper's "tough on crime" agenda. These changes provided tougher sentences for violent and repeat offenders, harsher mandatory minimum sentences, and increased restrictions on applying for pardons.

"Violent crime went down 33 per cent. Violent crime in the last decade is up," says Seeback. "We've gone in the exact opposite direction directly because of the changes that the Liberals made to the criminal justice system.

"It's gone in the exact opposite direction than it should be, and there really are simple fixes. People who engage in violent criminality should not be eligible for bail."

Regarding his survey, Seeback says to "trust in the wisdom of the average person," saying that the community is 100 per cent right about this.

"We've introduced legislation in Parliament – conservative members – to try and fix that several times, and unfortunately the liberals and the NDP have banded together to defeat those. But we're just going to keep trying," says Seeback. "We're going to keep trying to do whatever it takes to make our community safer. [If] we have to introduce 100 bills to try and do it, we'd be prepared to do that.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HAVE YOUR SAY

12189 Dixie Road & 0 Dixie Road

Notice of Application and Public Meeting
Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (Temporary Use)

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2025-0020 RELATED FILE NUMBER(S): PRE 2024-0225

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for a Zoning By-law (Temporary Use) Amendment. A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law (Temporary Use) Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model with options for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

Meeting Date: **March 10, 2026**

Public Meeting Start Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: **Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Attend In-Person: Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
2. Submit Written Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form, available at **http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council**
3. Virtually: Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information, please visit **http://www.caledon.ca/notice** or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines to request participation at the Public Meeting.

YOU CAN ALSO PROVIDE INPUT BY:

- Submitting written correspondence to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email (See contact information below).
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit **caledon.ca/development** for more information.

APPLICANT:
Gursewak Singh, King Consultants, Inc., on behalf of Gurwinder Mangat

LOCATION:
12189 Dixie Road & 0 Dixie Road, Caledon (Two properties)

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law (Temporary Use) Amendment application for a period of three years to permit a Transportation Depot.

The proposed Transportation Depot includes eighteen (18) trailer parking spaces, nineteen (19) standard parking spaces (including two accessible parking), and the conversion of the existing single detached dwelling into a temporary office.

The subject lands are currently designated New Employment Area, Schedule B4 of Future Caledon and zoned Agricultural (A1) under By-law 2006-50, as amended. The applicant is proposing to amend the by-law to permit a Transportation Depot use on a temporary basis.

The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed By-law (Temporary Use) Amendment and for 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.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:
If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:
If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Zoning By-law (Temporary Use) Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in this Public Meeting, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Records and Information Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at accessibility@caledon.ca. Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the Public Meeting.

Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Notice Date: February 12, 2026

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BUSINESS

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As We Grow's partnership with Bethell Hospice brings support to foundation

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

With temperatures expected to reach 5 degrees next week, many residents' sights are set on a long-awaited spring.

For those looking to celebrate the warmer weather with a spring clean, consider donating your excess items to As We Grow in Orangeville, in support of Bethell Hospice.

As We Grow is a consignment store that sells a wide range of clothing and supplies to the community.

All donations dropped off and tagged with #952 on the inside of their bag. When sold, consignment proceeds will be donated to Bethell Hospice Foundation.

Items such as children's, women's, and men's wear, shoes, books, jewellery, toys, and accessories are all welcome at As We Grow.

Kelly Stronach, associate director of marketing and communications with the Bethell Hospice Foundation, says that their partnership with As We Grow began in 2020.

Since then, whenever As We Grow has made a sale with an item tagged for Bethell, the proceeds have gone right to the foundation.

"All funds raised from community events and initiatives such as As We Grow support Bethell Hospice residence and community programs," says Stronach. "We are grateful to our community partners for their ongoing support."

As We Grow also supports other organizations through their numerous charity accounts such as Family Transition Place, HART Hub Dufferin, Seconds Count, Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, and Choices Shelter and Support Services.

Their partnership with As We Grow was renewed in 2026, and they look forward to another year of receiving the community's consignment proceeds.

As We Grow is asking for no donations of adult books and no heavy bags at drop-off.

Drop-off times are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For consignment to go towards the Bethell Hospice Foundation, indicate account #952 on the inside of the tied bag.



GROWING FUNDS FOR BETHELL – A consignment store in Orangeville, As We Grow, is helping to raise money for the Bethell Hospice Foundation. All donations dropped off and tagged with #952 on the inside of their bag will go towards the foundation when sold. As We Grow is located at 20 Dawson Rd., #4, Orangeville. **JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO**

Pureform Movement opens second location

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Beloved reformer pilates studio Pureform Movement has now opened its doors to its new studio located in Southfields Village.

Pureform Movement held its grand opening in 2024 for its Bolton location, and two years later, it welcomed in the new year with the opening of its newest location right beside John Clarkson Park.

Welcoming the community, they held an open house for their second location in Southfields at 439 Dougall Ave on Jan. 18.

Pureform Movement shares on its website that "this expansion marks an exciting new chapter for our team as we continue to bring the same quality, care, and community spirit that our customers know and love."

The company says that its new Southfields location offers the same great services and more convenience for its valued clients in the area.

Pureform Movement offers contemporary Reformer and Mat Pilates, dedicated to fostering an inclusive, motivating environment where you can enhance your strength, flexibility, and endurance.

Their classes feature reformer, mat pilates, and barre.



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Family Day Activities



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For more details and a full schedule of our Family Day activities visit **caledon.ca/familyday**



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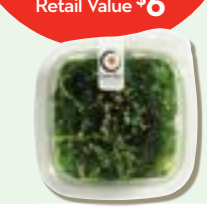


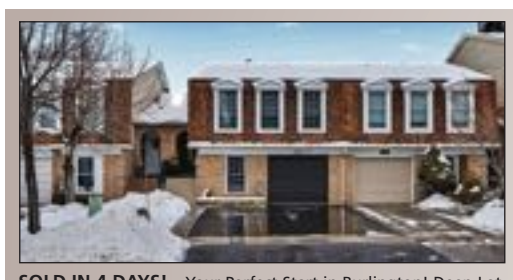
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SPORTS



Caledon Admirals player makes OJHL history with four short-handed goals

BY JIM STEWART

Caledon Admirals forward Nolan Keeler has had an excellent season.

The veteran sniper leads his Junior hockey club in scoring with 25 goals and 27 assists in 45 games.

In his biggest offensive outburst of the season, Keeler scored four of those goals on Saturday night to lead the Admirals to a 5-3 win over the Raiders in Georgetown.

Any four-goal performance is worth celebrating, but Keeler's four-goal outburst was unique.

All of Keeler's markers came while killing penalties during the second and third periods; he set an Ontario Junior Hockey League record for short-handed goals in a game. Keeler also tallied the game-winner to keep his club's playoff hopes alive in a must-win game against his former hometown team.

Caledon Head Coach Joe Washkurak marvelled at the record-setting moments he witnessed on Saturday night and praised Keeler's stellar effort versus the Raiders.

"It was pretty special. Nolan doesn't kill a lot of penalties for us, but I was trying new line combinations and thought 'Let's see what he can do.' He got one early in the second period on the PK [penalty kill] so we put him back out. Then he gets a second one 12 minutes later and I'm thinking 'You've got to be kidding me,'" said Washkurak.

"He scored a beautiful shorthanded goal early in the third period on a breakaway from his own blue line. We kept him out when Georgetown pulled their goalie on a power play, and he scored an empty-netter. Everyone was so happy for him. The hockey gods were with him on Saturday, and, over a long season, special things are going to happen. He's such a hard-working player and a great kid, too."

Coach Washkurak also applauded Nate Brentnell's penalty-killing efforts alongside Keeler. Brentnell earned assists on three of Keeler's four shorties.

"We've been happy to rejuvenate Nate's OJHL career. He didn't get enough opportunities in Newmarket at the beginning of the season, but he's found a home with our team," Washkurak said. "He's a hardworking kid, too, and we've made some line changes to get Nolan and Nate playing a bit more together. They had some magic on Saturday."

As Coach Washkurak noted, Brentnell and Keeler were a potent one-two punch versus the Raiders. After battling the Raiders to a 1-1 tie 20 minutes into the game, Brentnell earned his 18th assist of the season when he set up Keeler's first shortie five minutes into the second period to give the Admirals a 2-1 lead.

After Georgetown tied it 2-2 on Vince Albanese's goal at 15:49, the Caledon PK notched its second goal of the period when Cam Lang earned his 25th assist on Keeler's go-ahead goal at 17:19.

After rugged Caledon forward Braylon Masulka was penalized for tripping at 3:12 of the third period, Caledon had the home team right where they wanted them. Brentnell sprung Keeler with a breakout pass from their own blue line, and speedy Keeler did the rest — finishing the breakaway and notching the game-winning, short-handed goal at 4:06.

After Maverick Secours created some suspense at 14:36 to narrow the Raiders' deficit to 4-3, Keeler closed the scoring by beating Georgetown goaltender Luke Quinn with his record-breaking fourth shortie, assisted by Brentnell and Jack Fang.

Coach Washkurak praised Keeler's season-long productivity that has seen his top-scoring player climb into the OJHL scoring race: "He's 20th in the league now. Nolan has been such a great pickup for us since we acquired him from Georgetown. It was great for him to set the record on Saturday night in his hometown."

The ninth-place Admirals host the eighth-place Mississauga Chargers on Thursday night in a pivotal game with playoff implications for both clubs.

Coach Washkurak delineated the keys to beating the Chargers in this 'four-point game': "They've got some elite forwards, and they play a hard and heavy game. They've outworked us in the two close games we've lost, so we have to match them and play a different style of game to be successful against Mississauga."

Puck drop at the Mayfield Recreation Complex is 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12.



RECORD BROKEN – Caledon Admirals forward Nolan Keeler scored four shorthanded goals in Caledon's 5-3 win over the Georgetown Raiders, making Ontario Junior Hockey League history. **JIM STEWART PHOTO**

Former Admirals' student-athlete commits to hockey and golf scholarship at Albertus Magnus College

BY JIM STEWART

The Ontario Junior Hockey League announced on Tuesday afternoon that high-scoring forward Deacon King had committed to a two-sport scholarship at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut.

King will compete on both the hockey rink and the golf course for the NCAA Division 3 Falcons starting in September 2026.

The Honour Roll graduate of Acton District High School explained his reasons for committing to Albertus Magnus College.

"I'd been talking to them since they showed interest in me at The OJHL Showcase in Niagara Falls in September," King said. "Our family went for a visit three weeks ago, and our meeting with the staff went really well. We loved the rink, the city, the university. I can see myself studying and playing sports there."

King also expressed his enthusiasm about living in New Haven: "It's a great city — a great college town. I'm looking forward to the new experiences that the city has to offer. It's not too far to go to a Rangers or Islanders game, and Boston is just two hours away to see a Bruins game. There are internships available in downtown New York, and I'm hoping that one of those will set me up in the future. My family loves the area, too, and they're already making plans for the things we can do when they visit. It's exciting for all of us. It'll be nice to experience so many of these things together."

The 20-year-old noted that "the change of scenery will be good for me. It's going to be a big change for me after living my entire life in Acton."

The forward-looking King described his academic and athletic goals as a freshman at Albertus Magnus.

"The coaching staff holds the hockey team to a higher academic standard," King said. We have to maintain a 3.8 GPA, so I will have to keep up my grades. My goal is to learn as much as I can while I'm there."

The OJHL veteran's maturity and diligence are evident in our conversation, and he is clear about the endpoint of his studies.

"I want to earn a four-year degree. My major is undecided, but it will be something connected to business. My major would probably be accounting — something that will lead into the financial world."

When asked about the challenges of being a two-sport athlete, King noted that he was told by Falcons staff that "Hockey is to be my priority, but if I qualify for the National Golf tournament in November, the hockey staff would support me. I'll be playing golf tournaments in September and October and will start playing in August. The late summer and early fall will be focused on golf. We report to camp for hockey on Oct. 1."

Prior to donning a Falcons jersey in the fall, King is looking forward to helping his new club, the King Rebellion, with this season's playoff push. The talented forward is second in team scoring with 37 points (17 goals and 20 assists). He was acquired from the Admirals in early January during a renovation of the Rebellion roster that has rejuvenated the Junior A squad.

As one of the team's core players in Caledon, King was instrumental in reversing the team's fortunes. He helped move the Admirals up the OJHL West standings with his offensive talents in his third year with the club. The productive 5'8" forward accrued 38 goals and 42 assists in 132 games with Caledon.

Earlier this season, King contributed mightily to the Admirals' much-improved play. He demonstrated his explosiveness by scoring four goals and four assists in four games. King's eight-point outburst earned him "OJHL Star of the Week" honours for Sept. 15-21, 2025.

It's this kind of explosiveness that the Falcons coaching staff in New Haven is counting on from their committed forward.

Most importantly, King's letter of intent with Albertus Magnus College is another example of OJHL clubs like the Admirals and the Rebellion getting their players to the next level. Based on this incredible two-sport post-secondary scholarship and the possibilities of a business internship in New York City, Deacon King's commitment to Albertus Magnus College in Connecticut was an astute decision that will pay dividends for decades.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT – Former Admiral Deacon King committed to an NCAA Hockey and Golf scholarship last week. King, seen here playing for the King Rebellion, spent his formative Junior hockey years in Caledon. **JIM STEWART PHOTO**





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We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Wendy Diane McNeil, a long-time resident and teacher in Caledon. On Monday, February 2, 2026, at the age of 75, Wendy passed away peacefully in her sleep at Woodhall Park Care Community, in Brampton, following a long, courageous battle with dementia. She was also a breast cancer survivor. Born on December 4, 1950, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto, Wendy was predeceased by her loving parents, Andrew and Lillian McCrindle, her sister Janice, and her brother-in-law Larry Reinhard. She was the beloved wife of Donald Edwin McNeil for over 55 years, having married on October 10, 1970, in Etobicoke. Together, they raised three wonderful children: Scott (Chantelle), Ryan (Crystal), and Lisa (Douglas). She was a proud grandmother of Abby and Taya, dear sister of David McCrindle (Linda), and cherished aunt to Brett (Danielle), Kyle (Lori), Bill (Cathy), and Cindy (Dean). She will also be fondly remembered by eight wonderful nieces and nephews. A lifelong learner and educator, Wendy graduated from New Toronto Secondary School and Wilfrid Laurier University. She spent 28 years with the Peel District School Board, teaching at Belfountain, Credit View, Herb Campbell, and James Bolton Public Schools, where she touched countless lives with her kindness and dedication. Wendy's passions were as vibrant as her personality. Affectionately known as "The Wandering Turtle," she loved camping, gardening, cycling, or walking, and she could often be found listening, singing, or dancing to music. An avid Toronto Blue Jays fan, she never missed a chance to cheer them on. Wendy was also a talented crafter who enjoyed crocheting, sewing, and quilting, while researching family genealogy. Her community spirit shone through her work with Milk Bags Unlimited, where she wove mats for those in need and taught local students how to do the same. She was always happier spending time at the family cottage and doing what she loved- yard work. Our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Woodhall Park Care Community – Heritage House, for their exceptional care Wendy received. We will forever be grateful for the kindness and compassion she was shown, and we know she will be dearly missed by all who cared for her. Cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service. Arrangements for a Celebration of Life will be announced later. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Peel (alzpeel.com). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com.

HEINZ BAUMANN



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Heinz Baumann, a devoted spouse, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Heinz was a daredevil, cherished friend, and a man whose life was deeply rooted in the beauty of the land. Heinz passed away gracefully and peacefully on Wednesday 4th February 2026 surrounded by love and comfort.

Born with a natural connection to the earth, Heinz lived a full life, he was jack of all trades….and master of them all. He was a Corporal, Tool and Die Maker, Builder, Horseman, Pilot, Sailor, Motorcyclist, Cyclist, Skier, Mountain Climber, Marathoner, Baker, but found his greatest joy in the rhythm of farm life. Horses were his lifelong passion — not just animals to him, but trusted companions and kindred spirits from his days in the Swiss Cavalry. Whether tending to the fields at sunrise or caring for his beloved horses in the stillness of evening, Heinz lived each day with purpose and gratitude.

He was known for his warm smile, cheeky humor, and made friends everywhere he went. We will all remember him for his generosity, willingness to lend a hand, and his deep respect for nature's cycles.

Heinz leaves behind a legacy of kindness, hard work, and love for the simple, meaningful things in life. His memory will live on in the fields he nurtured, the animals he cared for, and the hearts of all who knew him.

He will be dearly missed and forever remembered by Nancy, Melissa, family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will take place from 1 PM to 4 PM on Sunday 22nd February 2026 at Dods & McNair Funeral Home in Orangeville.

Please make donations in memory of Heinz (in lieu of flowers) to

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- **Natures Conservancy of Canada** https://secure.natureconservancy.ca/site/Donation2?df_id=6681&mfc_pref=T&6681.donation=form1
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Kay MacGregor

May 18, 1929 - February 17, 2024



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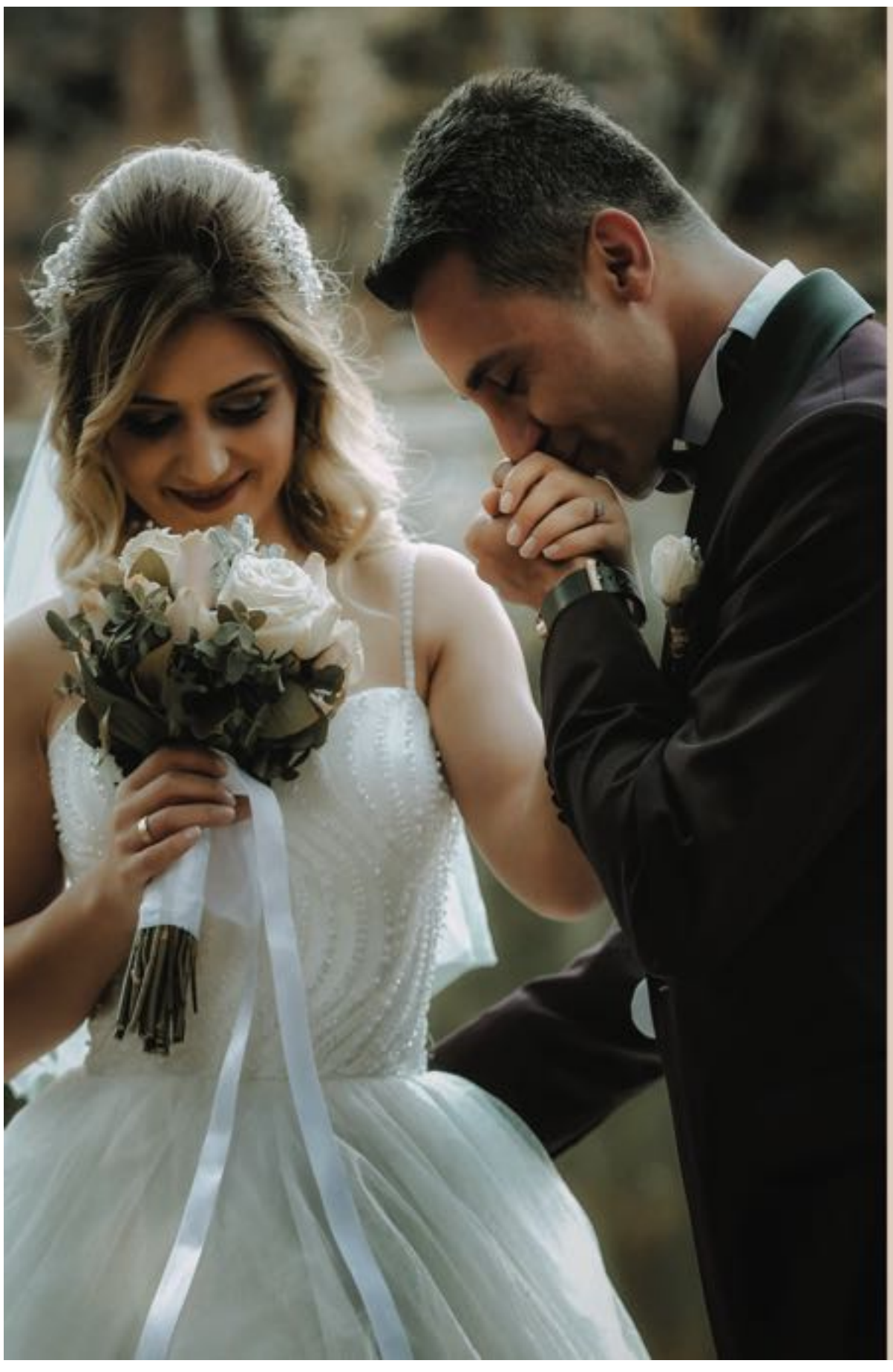
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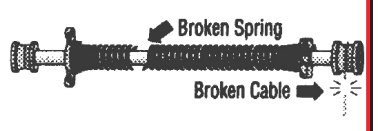


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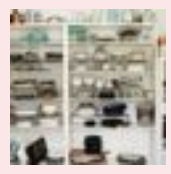
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'Ice Angel' Returns to the Palgrave community in time for Family Day

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

"Ice Angel," also known as Palgrave community member Ken Hunt, has adorned his wings yet again this snowy season as he forges new rinks for his local community.

For over 20 years, Hunt had turned Palgrave Pond into a fully functional ice rink for the community to enjoy their favourite pastimes, from skating to hockey.

He went to bed every night after flooding the rink, and got back up every morning and headed back to it, ensuring conditions were perfect for those eagerly awaiting.

Even bringing benches, nets, pucks, and more, making it a home for all winter lovers.

Two years ago, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, which owns Palgrave Pond, closed it for safety reasons.

Devastated, Hunt wanted to bring something back to the community, at least close to the magic of the original pond.

This season, he's hoping to do so.

If you've been up at 6:30 in the morning or heading home from work into the late hours of the night, you may have spotted Hunt at the previous location, Palgrave Rotary Park (17357 Highway 50, Palgrave)

With the support of many, he's been able to get rinks up and running for the community since Jan. 31 at a new location – Palgrave Park (17255 Mt. Hope Rd.).

"It wasn't fair to the kids to not have anything," says Hunt.

From 6:30 a.m. every day to 9 a.m., Hunt spends his time flooding and clearing the community rinks at Palgrave Park, then heads to work at 10 a.m. Once he gets home from work, he spends from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. doing the same thing all over again.

Hunt explains he's been trying to get the rinks up and running since November, and finally, he was given the opportunity as he is now allowed to take water for the rinks from the nearby Regional filling station.

In 2025, the Town of Caledon announced that, due to the closure of Palgrave Pond, a new outdoor skating facility was to be constructed within Palgrave Park.

In the initial notice for construction, it was stated that the skating rink was to be completed for use this winter, but it was not yet operational.

And so, Hunt felt it was only fair to help bring it back to the community.

"Everybody jumped on board to get it going," says Hunt, adding that everyone from Council members to firefighters helped him clear off the ice.

When asked why he works so hard to bring these rinks to the community, Hunt says, "It's for the kids."

Right now, his mind is on the next holiday, Family Day, as he hopes to have two rinks up and running for the big day.

He's already hung up a bucket of pucks and put out skating aids for those learning.

"I think on Family Day, everybody will be planning to come out. I'm hoping so," says Hunt, adding that he worries the rinks won't get the crowds Palgrave Pond used to, as the new location isn't as central.

The Caledon Rotary Club, formerly Palgrave Rotary, has been a longtime supporter of Hunt and his efforts.

After 26 years of service, they decided to support him in a big way, hoping to take a little weight off his shoulders.

Hunt says the club donated him a vehicle equipped with a snow plow blade to make snow clearing a little easier.

For Hunt, that meant also making everyone's lives a little easier.

"It came in handy as I do this, and also the seniors' driveways down our street," he laughs.

He thanks the club and the community for supporting him, especially his "right-hand man," Shawn Williamson, who Hunt says has been helping for the last six years to flood and clear the snow off the rinks.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo says that at Council last year, they quickly pivoted to approve the new skating rink, as they knew the community was dealing with the loss of Palgrave Pond.

Unfortunately, due to delays and extreme weather conditions, the project has been delayed by a few months.

"Fortunately, we still have the 'Ice Angel,'" says Russo.

He says that Hunt and residents approached him and others, asking for assistance to flood the diamonds at Palgrave Park.

Russo explains that, with Town staff implementing equity policies and not allowing Town resources to be used for these volunteer-based projects, they helped where they could and provided a pathway for volunteers wishing to take on this skating pad initiative.

Along with Town staff and Regional staff, he says they gave Hunt some necessary tools, including the water access to the Regional filling station adjacent to the park, snow clearing of the parking lot leading to the diamonds, porta potties and more, but the rest, Russo says, "is on the shoulders of our beloved 'Ice Angel.'"



ICE ANGEL – A public notice from the Town of Caledon on 55 Simpson Road is notifying the pubic that the Town of Caledon received an application to permit Temporary Truck Parking on the property for a period no longer than three years. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

"Ken almost single-handedly, maybe with some help from Shawn and other volunteers, took the bull by the horns and created two amazing ice pads for our community," he says.

"Volunteers like him are a blessing, and I so very much thank him and am honoured to have assisted in a tiny way. I learned quickly, get out of the way and let Ken do his thing!"

St. Michael Catholic Secondary School students fundraise for Caledon Seniors Centre

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The second annual Ball for Milo Memorial Basketball Tournament took place last month, on Jan. 9.

During which, St. Michael Catholic Secondary School students wanted to take the tournament one step further for the community, and raise money for their local seniors centre.

St. Michael students from the gym leadership program held a concession stand at the tournament, with all proceeds going towards the Caledon Seniors Centre (CSC).

Now, exactly one month later, they presented the cheque to CSC.

Grade 12 students Alyssa Stalteri and Mariah Syriani are a part of the gym leadership class and took part in the planning and fundraising for CSC.

"The concession stand, I feel, is a good way to help raise money and get kids involved a little bit more in the community, and inform them about the seniors centre," says Stalteri.

In their gym leadership class, Syriani explains, they learn civic leadership and host activities around the school, and planning something like this was a great experience.

Both share the hope of continuing to support the centre in future endeavours.

Angelo Minardi, Chaplaincy Leader and Educator, says the donation that day was a great start toward future donations and support.

"We've been trying to get our students over a little bit more, educating them around what they do at the centre and also helping out financially," he adds.

RaDeana Montgomery, fundraising coordinator with CSC, says that it was great to see young people doing something for the greater good and helping seniors, especially since the students planned it themselves.

CSC volunteers helped to support the school's fundraising by baking cookies for the students to sell at the concession stand.

With an annual goal of $100,000 to offset the cost for all the seniors in Caledon, Montgomery says that partnerships like this are a huge help to help them reach their goal by the end of their fiscal year this March.



SHOOTING SUCCESS – St. Michael Catholic Secondary School students recently held the second annual Ball for Milo Memorial Basketball Tournament on Jan. 9, raising $338 for the Caledon Seniors Centre (CSC). Pictured, from left, are Centre Manager Beverley Nurden, Angelo Minardi, Alyssa Stalteri, Mariah Syriani and RaDeana Montgomery, during the cheque presentation to CSC on Feb. 9. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

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