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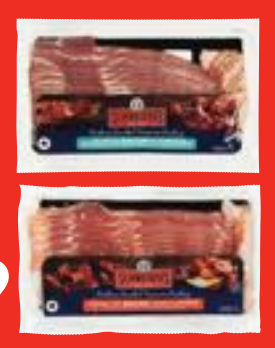
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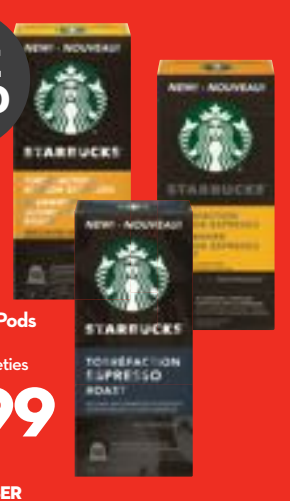
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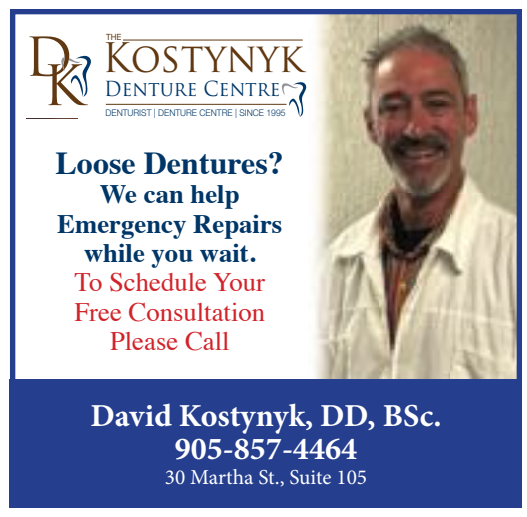
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH – Black History Month was firmly in the spotlight over the weekend as as the Town of Caledon hosted a Black History Month celebration at Southfields Community Centre. It was a day highlighting "Black excellence, resilience and creativity, celebrating history and inspiring the future. Among those participating in the celebration were Captain (ret'd) Kevin Junor, who spoke on the service of the No. 2 Construction Battalion in the First World War, Councillors Dave Sheen and Christina Early, and Brampton North-Caledon MP Ruby Sahota, who presented the Town with a certificate of appreciation. **TOWN OF CALEDON PHOTO**


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Council to revisit aggregate policies following Provincial changes

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Two unanimous motions passed at Caledon Council's February 24 meeting mark the Town's latest attempt to respond to the Province's 60 modifications to Caledon's Official Plan Amendment No. 1 (OPA 1).

The first, brought forward by Councillor Doug Maskell, stated that the decision regarding OPA 1 dismissed years of collaboration and work by Council, community volunteers, staff and technical experts to modernize the Town's aggregate policies and protect the health, safety and quality of life of the community.

The OPA 1 was approved on January 7, with no right of appeal.

The Town's 2025-2026 Aggregate Work Program is ongoing, and included among

its aggregate policy implementation projects is a Town-wide OPA, which was intended to build upon OPA 1 as originally adopted by Council, and Council can further amend the Future Caledon Official Plan if appropriate.

Maskell moved that staff be directed to review the Province's modifications to OPA 1 with relevant local interests and the public on priority matters for inclusion in a potential further official plan amendment related to mineral aggregate resources, and that Council authorize a scope change to the 2025-2026 Aggregate Work Program.

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nCourage Hub with Peel CAS brings supports for trafficking survivors

BY RILEY MURPHY
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With National Sex Trafficking Awareness Day on February 22, Peel Children's Aid Society (Peel CAS) remains committed to ending human sex trafficking and supporting victims and survivors.

With this commitment comes their recent partnership with nCourage, Peel's Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Integrated Service Hub.

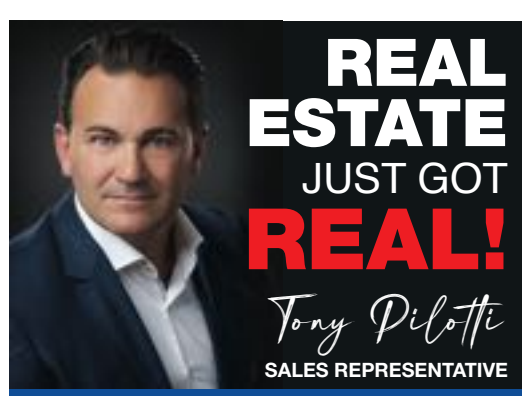
As of January 2026, Peel CAS has been providing operational and administrative leadership of nCourage, with a dedicated space within The Circle: Peel Centre of Child, Youth and Family Well-Being located at 25 Capston Dr. in Mississauga.

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HEARTS OF CALEDON — Students are getting to the "heart" of community through the One Caledon Many Hearts initiative, a school-based art project focused on kindness, belonging, and community. For more on their efforts, including those from Alton Public School above, see Page A3. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

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What's all the Buzz about drones? Flight Centre in Caledon talks RPAS

BY RILEY MURPHY
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A look into Brampton Flight Centre's RPAS programs.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

With the Olympics said and done, the talk of the "whirring" is seemingly not.

Taking centre-stage at this year's Olympics seems to be discussions surrounding the drones, often both in sight and in earshot of the athletes and surrounding cameras.

Although many have taken to the internet to complain about the noise, Richard Hubley, Chief Ground School Instructor, Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS), and Manager of RPAS Operations at Brampton Flight Centre in Caledon, points out the benefits of drones and their advancements over recent years.

Back in 2016, Hubley, who has a PhD in Astrophysics and is retired from the United States Air Force, began the RPAS program at The Brampton Flight Centre, and has since taught hundreds of RPAS courses.

In 2016, he explained there were little to no regulations.

But now, in Transport Canada's eyes, flying a drone is equal to operating an aircraft, bringing numerous regulations, training, and enforcement.

There are different levels of RPAS courses that drone pilots can take, including Basic Operations, Advanced Operations, Level 1 Complex Operations, Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight (BVLOS), and more.

In November of 2025, Transport Canada introduced more flexible and innovative ways for drone operators to conduct their work.

These changes aim to enhance safety and streamline operations.

The use of RPAS in these circumstances also opens new career opportunities, including in film, television, real estate, and agriculture.

Hubley explains that new regulations help RPAS be used to streamline operations, for example, during pipeline inspections.

Before the new regulations, companies had to place a Visual Observer (VO) every few feet; now, some distances no longer require VOs.

Some airports are now also using RPAS to survey and scan their planes for safety, which the Brampton Flight Centre has helped train for.

Drones are everywhere now, says Hubley, adding you most likely won't watch a movie without a shot taken by a drone.

With the industry changing, you may begin to see them more and more. As Hubley notes, in certain countries, they are now being used for package and food deliveries.

More drone capabilities also focus on safety, as paramedics and EMS use RPAS systems to deliver resuscitation devices and other essential equipment when they can't reach a site in time due to traffic or other issues.

Drones are now also being used for security scans, out in the wilderness for planting trees, and for surveilling forest fires.

They are also used in the military, police, mining operations, wildlife tracking and census, agriculture, energy, utilities, real estate and inspections.

"It's a growth industry. It's very big in the U.S. It is growing quite well in Canada. We're really pleased to see so many people are really getting into it. There are some people who get into it and then they just decide it's too much regulation," explains Hubley.

Comparing how drones are now to when they started their RPAS programs in 2016, Hubley says they've been able to watch the industry grow immensely.

He says Transport Canada estimates that around 400,000 drones are in use in Canada, with more than 100,000 used commercially at various levels.

Hubley says, for example, that in a few weeks, a company that facilitates industrial roofing will be coming in to take their RPAS courses, as they wish to use drones for roof inspections.

He adds that more and more companies are seeking BVLOS courses, as they see the benefits of these operations.

For their more advanced programs, such as BVLOS, they run tabletop exercises that include potential hazards, site surveys, flight paths, and more.

They've seen numerous businesses and film crews come to the flight centre to take their courses, and they come from coast to coast.

He notes that people come from all across Canada to take their RPAS courses here at the Brampton Flight Centre.

What sets them apart is their in-person learning style.

Hubley explains that many RPAS courses are completely online, which many users find frustrating when it comes to the technical aspects.

At Brampton Flight Centre, they teach everything in person besides their basic program.

"When you get into complex chats about manned aviation components, parasitic drag and all kinds of other things that are manned aviation related that you have to know for the exam, people will get lost," says Hubley. "And [we] have that in-house support right there."

He says they also support anyone who takes the course for a year after, and it all comes down to the personal touch they can offer.

The programs cover a lot of different areas, he explains, such as battery power, wind velocity, meteorology and more.

When it comes to technical aspects like meteorology and geometric calibration, Hubley says these are important considerations as you fly in airspace with other aircrafts.

This is what is so dangerous about those who take their drones out, fly them BVLOS, in any weather, or even over crowds of people, he adds.

"The more knowledge you have about land aviation, their [Transport Canada] thought is the more respect you'll have for what you're doing," says Hubley. "Plus, it doesn't hurt to understand meteorology if you're flying," he adds.

Understanding meteorology not only helps you protect others when flying, but also protect yourself. Hubley always flies with a lightning detection wand.

The rules are strict about the heights at which people fly their drones, sometimes resulting in equipment being confiscated or even jail time.

But, even with new regulations and restrictions, Hubley still hears numerous misconceptions about RPAS and their uses.

There are main issues which provide drones with their "bad name", such as those who fly drones close to houses and windows and "spy," he says.

"The issue of privacy, there are certain regulations about privacy regarding drones. You can't hover over somebody's house, or their windows," he says. "I think there's a lot of that conception that that's what they're [all] being used for."

Despite the misconceptions they face, Hubley says he continues to see positive outcomes emerging from their RPAS programs, such as their recent partnership with a Peel Region High School specializing in STEM.

At their centre, they are currently finalizing a program with the school to teach high school students how to obtain their advanced drone technology license.

He says these licenses can open numerous doors for students in today's world.

When asked if he'd heard the commotion about drones in the Olympics, Hubley laughed and reassured that they truly don't make that much noise.

Drones have always been part of sports today, he explained, noting that they are often used to track cars in F1 racing and in Premier League Soccer in England.

When it comes to obtaining footage for movies or sports games, Hubley assures that using a drone has its advantages.

Not only is it more efficient to use a drone, but it also eliminates the potentially dangerous situation of people in helicopters trying to get a shot.

In their courses, Hubley will discuss past incidents in history with his students to reiterate the need for safety when it comes to RPAS.

"A lot of people will just say, it's just a drone, it's a toy. Well, it really isn't," he says. "It is an aircraft and you should have the respect to use it properly in the airspace with other aircraft and other people."

To see the progress of the RPAS industry, Hubley says, feels great, even as they see growth reflected in their own programs, which are constantly changing and adapting to what their users need.

"I'm happy that Brampton [Flight Centre] has given me the opportunity to grow this, that the airport has been seen as a stakeholder in aviation, why it's important to build these programs and continue to educate people to the safety side of it," he says.

"It's exciting to see the progress and it's exciting for me to see the students actually get out there and actually work in the industry. That's what it's all about in the end," says Hubley. "It's another revenue stream for people in a time where jobs are not easy to get."

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(LEFT AND RIGHT) Some of the hearts adoring the entranceway at Alton Public School. (CENTRE) The hearts arranged on a tree done by the special education class at Humberview Secondary School.
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One Caledon Many Hearts: The initiative uniting schools across Caledon

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Beginning back in January, Coffee Time Bolton began reaching out to schools across Caledon, passing out small wooden hearts.

This was part of their "One Caledon Many Hearts" initiative, a school-based art project focused on kindness, belonging, and community.

Schools were given the chance to make their heart decorations their own, and they certainly did.

Whether it was creating big displays or small ones, out in the open or tucked away in classrooms, many schools in Caledon took their liberties and had some fun.

Each heart passed around has been hand-decorated; no two are the same.

Now the decorations are gracing the halls and faces of schools across Caledon.

When special education teacher Lesley Utting-Polchak saw the initiative on Facebook, she knew this was something she wanted to involve her students in.

Utting-Polchak has been a Special Education teacher at Humberview Secondary School since 2017, and she is always seeking new ways to involve her students in the Caledon community.

She says she was drawn to the initiative because of its "no expectations" approach, and the students can do whatever they wish to decorate their hearts.

"I thought it was inclusive because there are no guidelines. It is essentially whatever the students wanted them to be," says Utting-Polchak. "And I feel like that sort of encompasses what our special education is."

"Let's all be included," she says.

The creative liberty of the project allowed her students to do anything they wished with their hearts, ranging from stickers to foam pieces, to one student turning hers into the core of an apple.

"Being included and having no expectations, it was just about whatever you wanted it to be, and I think that we don't get enough opportunities to do that," she says.

Another point that drew her to the initiative, she explains, was that if someone were to look at the hearts, they wouldn't necessarily assume they were done by a special education class, but could simply enjoy the beautifully done hearts.

It truly was inclusive in her class. She explains that some students struggle with fine motor skills, and they were still able to decorate, whether it was a dab on the heart or a sticker.

They were all able to sit together and decorate without direction, just creating what they wanted.

"It was just I think the feeling of being involved," she says, adding it was a feeling of pride to be able to see them all completing the activity.

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"Grateful Hearts: Our Community Valentine"
by Cathy Perennec McLean, Director, Programs and Operations



Author and Anthropologist Brian Solis wrote, "community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter."

It's that sense of belonging and community that makes Caledon a special place to live, play, learn and grow. As February ends, we're leaning into the theme of Valentine's Day to share the love and say thank you.

Thank you for helping us deliver 40,172 lbs. of food and essentials, since July 2024, to neighbours across Caledon through our Mobile Food Pantry.

Thank you for helping to provide 28,577 rides for Caledon seniors like Dave, who rely on this lifeline to remain independent and avoid isolation.

Thank you for making it possible for 226 seniors to enjoy Health and Wellness and Seniors Helping Seniors activities, helping them stay active and connected.

Thank you for helping 1,221 neighbours like Anna along their career journeys and 143 businesses with workforce development initiatives.

Thank you for welcoming 421 newcomers with settlement services and 311 neighbours with English language classes.

Volunteering is a very special act of kindness. Thank you for giving 8,974 hours of your time to lend a hand across vital services, initiatives and events.

Thank you for providing care, compassion and dignity for neighbours like Sarah, who, thanks to you, did not have to choose between groceries and school supplies for her children.

As Caledon continues to grow and we embrace new challenges with innovative solutions, the words of Brian Solis on community and togetherness serve as a strong reminder of what is possible when we come together as a community.

Recent initiatives, like our successful Accreditation through Food Banks Canada's prestigious Standards of Excellence program, serve to better support our community.

Partnerships like CCS' with the Caledon Public Library, which recently received the 2025 Minister's Award for Innovation for Caledon Connections: Leveraging Partnerships to Support Community, are breaking down barriers to service across all of Caledon.

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CHARGES FOLLOWING

Members of the Dufferin OPP have charged a Grimsby resident with impaired operation-related charges following a two-vehicle collision on Airport Road.

"On February 14, 2026, at approximately 2:58 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers were dispatched to the area of Airport Road and 5 Sideroad in the Township of Mulmur for a two-vehicle collision," say Police. "Upon arrival, officers observed two heavily damaged vehicles. The driver of one vehicle was outside and walking around, while the second vehicle had sustained significant damage, requiring fire services to extricate all five occupants.

"After speaking with the driver of the first vehicle, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation."

Shamar Foster, 23, of Grimsby, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance- Cocaine;
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor;
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available;
- Dangerous operation.

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

The charges have not been proven.

His driver's licence was suspended, and his vehicle was impounded.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit, or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgments. In a split second, you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

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

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

KEEP SNOW FORTS AWAY FROM DRIVEWAYS, SAY POLICE

Police are reminding residents that while building snow forts and tunnels is a favourite winter pastime, it can become dangerous if proper precautions aren't taken.

"With recent snowfall creating large, towering snowbanks, it's tempting to start digging and building. However, snow structures built near roadways and driveways pose serious risks," say Police. "Snowplows and passing vehicles can shift or collapse snowbanks without warning, turning a fun afternoon into a potentially life-threatening situation - especially if children are hidden from view.

"Each year, emergency crews respond to incidents involving snow forts constructed too close to roads. Although roadside snowbanks may seem like the perfect building spot, they are not safe play areas. Drivers and plow operators may be unable to see a child playing in or around a snow structure near the street.

"This is not just a local concern. Communities across Ontario face similar risks during the winter months. Municipalities throughout the province are encouraged to promote safe building locations and remind families to choose appropriate areas where children can enjoy winter activities without being exposed to traffic hazards.

"Residents are urged to select safer spots for snow play, such as backyards, parks, or other designated play areas. With a little planning and awareness, families can enjoy the season while preventing avoidable accidents.

"Let's work together to keep winter full of fun - not emergencies. Stay safe and make smart choices when enjoying the snow."

FAIL TO REMAIN CHARGES

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one individual with multiple charges following a single-vehicle collision with a hydro pole.

"On Saturday, February 21, 2026, shortly after 10:30 a.m., the Nottawasaga OPP received a report of a silver SUV that had struck a hydro pole on Main Street East in Beeton and fled the scene," say Police. "Police were made aware of possible impairment as there was a report of a beer can in the vehicle. Officers arrived on scene and located the vehicle without any occupants inside as the driver had fled on foot.

Police located the driver and placed them under arrest for Failure to stop after accident and Impaired Operation. The driver was transported to a nearby hospital as a precaution due to the nature of the collision."

As a result of the investigation, the driver, Wilson Acevedo, 33, of Toronto, has been charged with:

- Failure to stop after accident;
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs;
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand;
- Obstruct Peace Officer;
- Dangerous operation;
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over $5,000;
- Assault a Peace Officer;
- Three counts of - Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code;
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order;
- Two counts of - Driving while under suspension.

The accused party was held for a Bail Hearing.

The charges have not been proven.

The OPP remains committed to keeping Ontario roads safe from impaired drivers. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1 immediately to report it. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

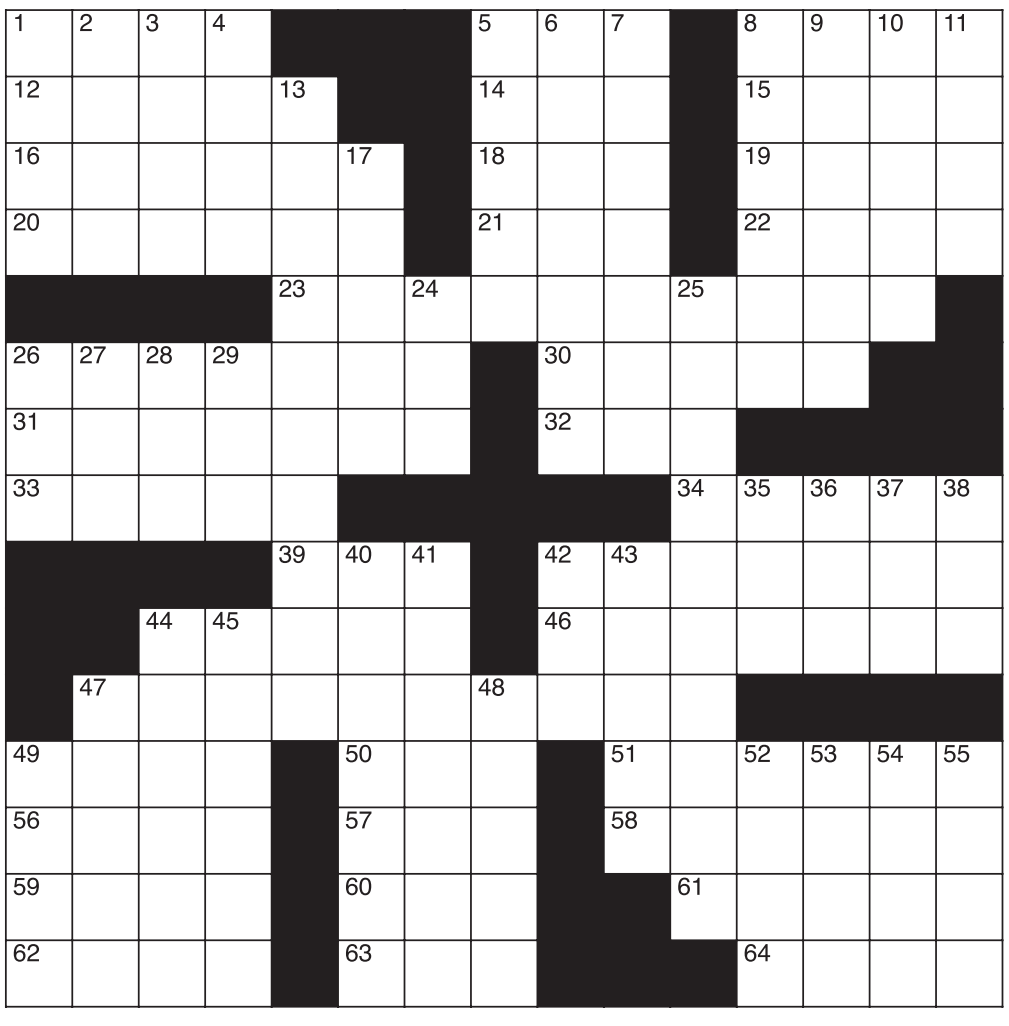

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15. "Cheers" actress Perlman
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20. Right away
21. Popular sports league
22. Containers
23. Entireties
26. One who wassails
30. Turned-up position
31. Extreme modesty
32. Writing utensil
33. Rewards (archaic)
34. Ancient capital
39. S. American wood sorrel
42. General discomfort
44. Philippine island
46. A witty saying
47. One who summarizes
49. Covered in
50. Mimic
51. Henry was a notable one
56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
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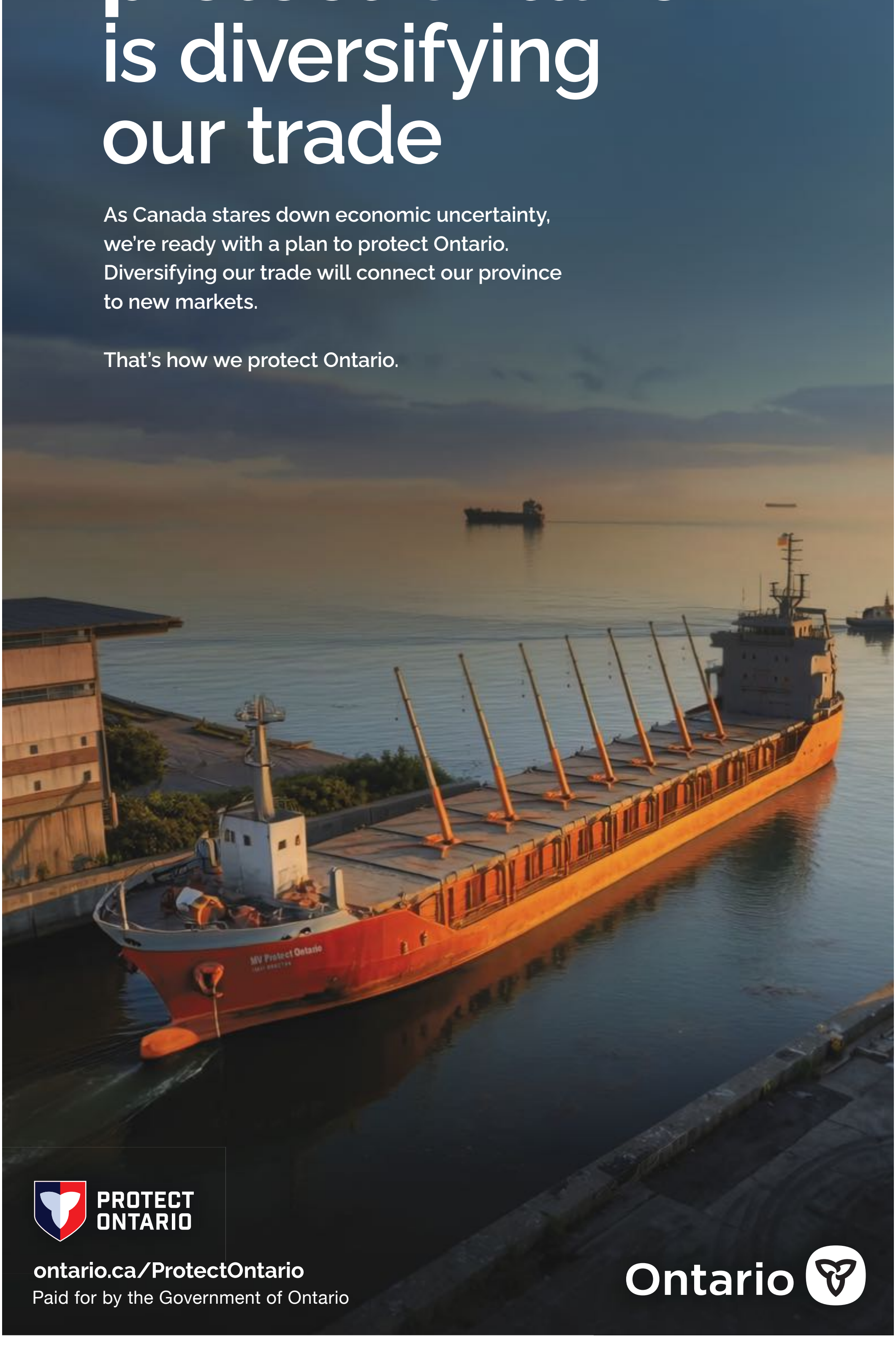
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9. Utter a shrill cry
10. Long times
11. Animal parts
13. Causing annoyance
17. Amorous talker
24. Attempt
25. Harmonic effects
26. Cost per mile
27. They __
28. Bitterly regret
29. Not even
35. A way to drop
36. Title of respect
37. World leader
38. Georgia rockers
40. National capital
41. Great Plains people
42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
43. Architectural recesses
44. Member of U.S. Navy
45. Mountainous
47. Kite bird
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
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ARTS & CULTURE

Palgrave Public School wins $3,000 for school resources from Twinkl Canada



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Twinkl Canada, a provider of educational resources for teachers, recently held a contest draw designed to ease classroom expenses and celebrate educators' vital work.

The contest offered five school-supply prizes, including one grand prize of $3,000 in school supplies for the winning entrant's school, and four additional prizes of $500 each.

The grand-prize winner was none other than Palgrave Public School, which was awarded $3,000 in classroom supplies to boost learning for its students.

Palgrave Public School will receive the $3,000 prize to bolster classroom resources, helping to fund essential supplies for students and teachers.

The contest winner was selected by random draw on February 17.

Soniya Mistry, a Grade 5 teacher at Palgrave Public School, was the one who entered the school into the draw.

"We're always looking for things to help support the school and help bring in new grants or opportunities for students so that we can provide them with the best possible education and resources that a lot of schools, just like us, are looking to reach out to and make learning and hands-on learning all the more possible," says Mistry. "I was on Twinkl, I happened to see the application, I put it through, and at the time that I put it through, I don't think I was really thinking much about it."

When the email came through that she had won, Mistry says she didn't believe it.

Mistry is always keeping an eye out for different grants and opportunities to apply for, "I do definitely try to see what else is out there because every penny counts right now, and I know whatever we can bring in will definitely help our students and help our teachers better facilitate the needs that we're not always able to meet."

She says $3,000 will make a huge difference, adding that they're always trying to make every little bit count when it comes to providing new opportunities for students.

"In the school year, it's not always enough and we're always trying to stretch that dollar as far as we can, and this extra is definitely going to help," she says.

Principal Lindsay Taylor says she thought the grand prize was "too good to be true," adding that their screams of happiness were most likely heard through the school when they realized what they had won.

"$3,000 non-stipulated just to support students is a gift beyond measure," she says.

Taylor says that, often due to their location, they can be overlooked for draws and contests, and having the draw non-stipulated to location allowed them to participate and successfully win the money for their students.

"To be the grand prize winner, certainly at a time where I think we're always looking to bring more resources in, but not always having the ability to do that, this gift at this time couldn't be better," says Taylor.

Palgrave Public School has recently been focused on new changes and advancements, adding a STEM room, revamping their early readers library, and opening their new Science and Technology Application Centre.

All these advancements, explained Taylor, require funding, and this funding gives them an extra boost to get them to where they want to be.

She adds they had originally set aside money, and this funding will not only help them reach the next level but also do so at an accelerated pace.

Taylor says budgets are often compartmentalized, but with this "wide umbrella" grant, they can purchase these resources, make an impact now, and hopefully implement resources that will last for years to come.

"Instead of just something that impacts these kids today, we can impact them over time, and I can't think of anything better," says Taylor.

She adds she's incredibly proud of her staff and their constant search for opportunities for Palgrave Public School.

"They are dedicated to our kids. They are looking at outreach all the time, and without them, it wouldn't be possible," she says.

At Palgrave Public School, they will be meeting with all departments, primary, junior, and intermediate, to discuss how best to use the grant to best benefit all of the students.

Sarah Fletcher, Country Manager at Twinkl Canada, says that Twinkl Canada understands the daily realities teachers face in classrooms.

"Our mission is to help those who teach, and this prize is a small but meaningful way to say thank you to educators who make a difference every day," says Fletcher.

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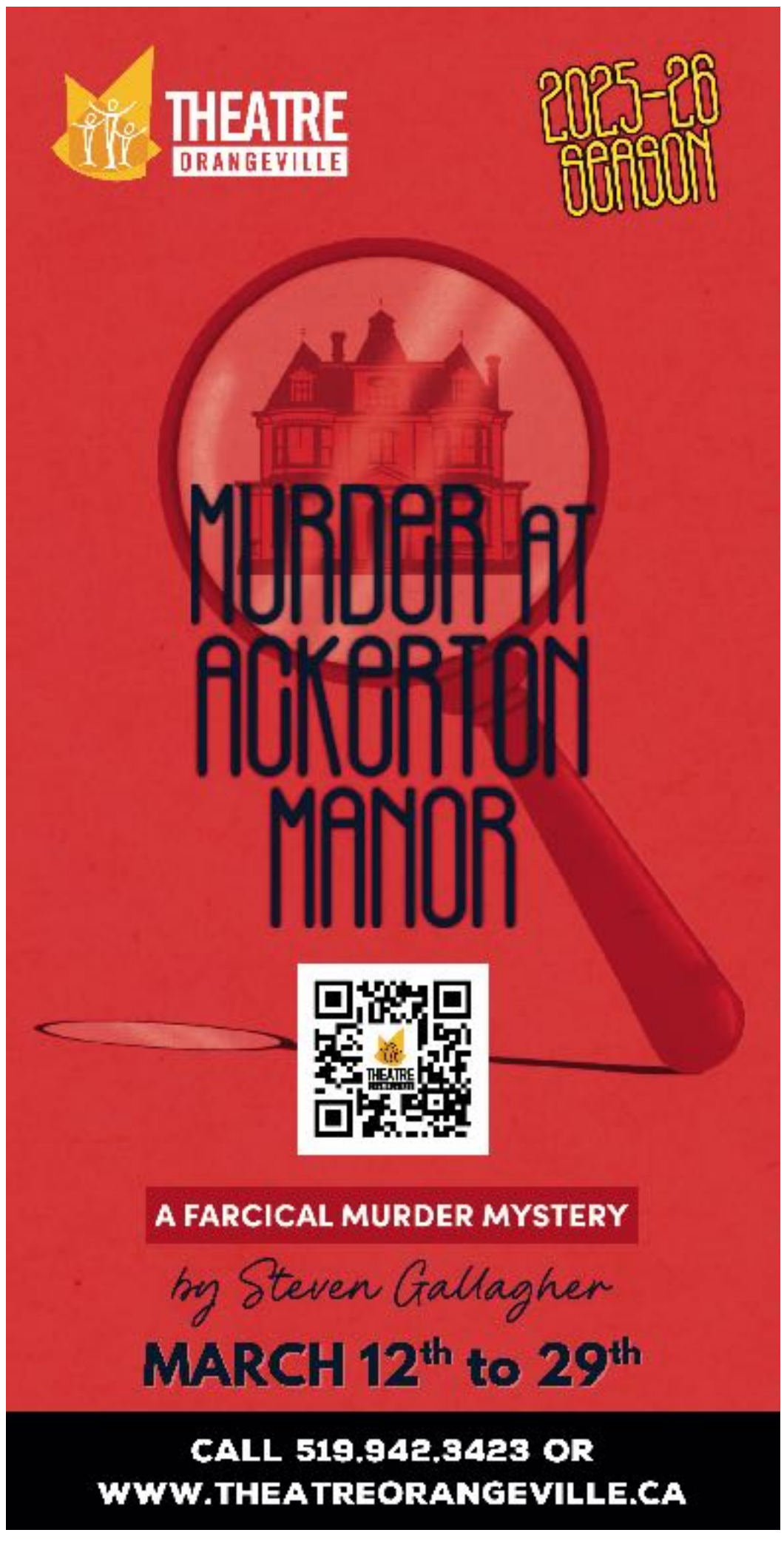
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Heritage Caledon celebrates 50th anniversary in community

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Heritage Caledon's display is pictured in Town Hall during Heritage Week. **PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY**

Celebrating five decades worth of research, protection, identification, grants and more, Heritage Caledon is ringing in 50 years in the Caledon community.

Heritage Caledon, established by Council in 1976, is an Advisory Committee to Council established under the Ontario Heritage Act, composed of both community volunteers and a Council representative.

The committee advises Caledon Council on identifying, conserving, and promoting heritage resources in Caledon.

Other roles within their committee are to make recommendations on heritage property designations, alterations and related policies, support the Town's efforts to build a strong sense of place and community character by conserving unique heritage resources, assist in identifying and researching properties, landscapes and areas of cultural heritage value, on top of promoting public awareness and involvement in local heritage matters through educational events, workshops and signage.

They also oversee the Heritage Caledon Award of Excellence and help implement the Town's Designated Heritage Property Grant program.

But the committee would not be where it is today without its founding members back in 1976, including Community champion Heather Broadbent.

Many in the community may recognize Broadbent for her numerous roles, including as longtime chair of Heritage Caledon and role as Caledon's first Heritage Resource Officer.

Broadbent spent numerous years in the world of heritage, serving as Chair of the Peel County Historical Society (later PAMA), President of the Ontario Historical Society, a founding member of the Albion Bolton Historical Society, and much more.

In the early 2000s, Council established the Caledon Heritage Trust Fund in honour of Heather Broadbent's retirement

Originally from the UK, Broadbent and her family moved to Caledon in the 1970s. Upon moving to Caledon, Broadbent had asked if there was a local historical society, and the answer was, "No, but there ought to be."

And so, Broadbent and members of the Rotary Club organized a meeting to gauge interest in the society.

"The room was packed," Broadbent recalls. "Next thing, I found myself on the committee."

Now 91, Broadbent reflects on her time serving the heritage and history of Caledon.

She recounts how she organized numerous heritage bus tours across Caledon to introduce people to the community's history.

When the Ontario Heritage Act was established, she remembers it was met with much hostility across Ontario, but here in Caledon was widely accepted.

"I'd go to conferences, and I'd find out that other areas weren't experiencing what we were. People [here] were asking for their properties to be heritage designated," says Broadbent.

She adds that it was never new to her to be interested in history and heritage, as her family has always loved history.

To see Heritage Caledon celebrating its 50th anniversary is extremely rewarding, says Broadbent.

"It was an interesting time to come here. It's almost like things fell into place," she says, reflecting on her role as a founding member.

"Having subsequently been very involved provincially and to a degree throughout Canada, I do appreciate that this [Caledon] community is interested and, therefore, willing to support heritage conservation; it helps enormously," says Broadbent. "Whether there were a whole bunch of disconnected people that were interested and then having this happen, they found a home."

Both current Chair of Heritage Caledon, Joanne Crease, and Vice-Chair Barbara McKenzie are in their third terms serving on the committee. What McKenzie says drew her to the committee was her passion for heritage.

"If we don't conserve these beautiful properties, churches, cemeteries, our grandchildren are not going to know where they came from, they won't have any information on it," she says.

Crease echoes her passion as well for heritage, "I've always been a history buff," she adds. "Heritage is what's left of history, and I think it's really important to save it. It gives you a sense of place, it gives you a sense of where you come from. It's your roots."

Crease says that when it comes to Caledon, it is about preservation of humble beginnings.

"We don't have massive castles. We don't have the glamour that a lot of people see in heritage. But we have those original farmhouses, which were built with back-breaking work, and the farmers [who] basically built Caledon," she says.

McKenzie adds that they also have to thank the Indigenous population in Caledon at that time, who played a major role in the settlers' acclimation.

The castles and cathedrals are right here, the two say, in the old farmhouses, log, stone, and heritage houses the community works to protect.

"We've just got some really phenomenal residents who really are passionate about their house, and they really want to bring that back to its former glory," says Crease.

When it came to the 50th anniversary celebration, it was a lot of hours poring over their decades of work, but the two share it's nothing they're not used to.

Whether it's 20 hours put into researching and potentially designating a property, bushwacking their way to a heritage location, or the incredible amounts of research bicentennials take, the Heritage Committee is no stranger to "burning the midnight oil," says Crease.

"I think the Council and residents should be very proud of what the committee has achieved. The volume of time that has gone in, you can't even count it. It's just hours and hours and hours," she adds.

But, she says, it's a passion and labour of love.

"It's a labour of trying to bring some history to the foreground so that the future generations can have it, and they can see it."

Both celebrating Heritage Week in Ontario and their anniversary, Heritage Caledon put on a display at Town Hall detailing the committee's history.

The display featured year-by-year information, as well as the names of volunteers and Council members over the various decades.

Information about the Heritage committee will be travelling to various community centres as over the following months to continue educating Caledon about what the committee has achieved over five decades.

Heritage Caledon will partner with the Caledon Public Library to bring forward various workshops recognizing the importance of history and heritage over the next few months.

COMMUNITY events

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A basketful of creativity and wonder

A lot can happen over the course of a week – and the impact of all the myriad possibilities sometimes hits differently depending on where you are.

Spending 10 days staying with friends in the United States recently was an interesting experience. We've become accustomed over the last year-and-a-half to waking up in the morning and girding our proverbial loins before taking in all that may have happened overnight, including unhinged late-night verbal diarrhea from people old enough and smart enough to know better.

Being inside the equally proverbial beast when these rumblings happen is an altogether different story.

Here at home, these rumblings can completely upend the news cycle, with pundits being called in to weigh whether each bowl of word salad is an existential threat to this nation. On the other side, however, it felt like this was simply water off a duck's back, or "just one more thing we have to deal with today. It will be something new tomorrow."

Some of our domestic issues hit differently as well.

A couple of days before we were due to hit home, we were at an unusual park. Designed to look like a boomtown that would not have been out of place during the California Gold Rush, or any number of once bustling hamlets that remain as little more than ghost towns, it's a place that has been used as a filming location for scores of westerns over the last 80 years.

Once the film crews "get out of Dodge", the quaint storefronts give way to an eclectic group of businesses, including restaurants, a petting zoo, and, more often than not, individual, independent shops showcasing the works of dozens and dozens of artisans, including Indigenous creators.

I couldn't help but find the irony in the fact I got a ping about Doug Ford discouraging university students from "picking basket weaving courses" in their post-secondary careers in a place where the humble act of weaving – wicker, fabric, and otherwise – was very obviously anything but a dying art!

At the heart of the issue are changes announced by the Provincial government that will reduce the scope of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) that will see the amount of support available for students dramatically cut, with the maximum grants now standing at a maximum of 85 per cent being cut to 25 per cent.

"In order to protect our province, it's imperative that we continue to train a strong, highly-skilled workforce for Ontario for decades to come," said Ontario Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence, and Security Nolan Quinn. "Through these changes, including $6.4 billion in new funding for the post-secondary sector, our government is not only ensuring the sustainability of our colleges, universities, and Indigenous Institutes, but also preparing our graduates with the in-demand skills they need to meaningfully find good-paying, rewarding careers, while continuing to keep education accessible and keep costs down for students and their families."

Changes, they say, will help prepare students for in-demand careers that meet labour market needs, preserve students' ability to "access high-quality post-secondary education, while supporting their ability to appropriately invest in their education and success," and provide long-term sustainability for the post-secondary sector.

"Federal changes have significantly reduced international student revenues and the Province is also facing increased domestic demand for higher-cost programs and a financial aid program (OSAP) that is dramatically out of line with other jurisdictions," the Province said. "To ensure the Province's world-class institutions continue to produce one of the most competitive world-class institutions continue producing one of the most competitive workforces in the G7 for generations to come… a stronger, more sustainable OSAP system will ensure financial assistance remains available for future generations while supporting students' appropriate investment in their education and success.

"To strengthen the long-term sustainability of OSAP and bring it in line with other provinces, Ontario students will be eligible to receive a maximum of 25 per cent of their OSAP funding as grants and a minimum of 75 per cent of their funding as loans. OSAP will no longer offer grants to students at private career colleges, in alignment with changes made by the federal government to its own student support funding."

Opposition pushback to the plan was swift and continued into this week, with Opposition Leader Marit Stiles stating the cuts will make it harder for students and families to get by and further marginalize students that are already facing barriers.

Pushback to the pushback was also swift from Premier Ford.

"You have to invest in your future, to in-demand jobs," he said. "I'm not one to say, 'You're picking basket-weaving courses and there's not too many baskets being sold out there.' Go into healthcare, go into the trades, go into the jobs of the future. Focus on STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – those are where the jobs are."

Now, basket-weaving has always been low-hanging fruit for people who want to make a point as the occupation and hobby has certain connotations that are thankfully largely outmoded, but the fact basket-weaving once again found itself in the crosshairs of politics is part of what I believe is a larger issue.

Careers in STEM – outlined by Ford as Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – are, of course, key in our collective futures, but I much prefer the acronym STEAM as it includes Arts in the equation.

Whenever education funding comes into question, it almost always seems like the Arts and related subjects are the first on the chopping block, or, at the very least, the first subjects mooted to me less impactful and less valuable than the others – and that's far from the case.

One only has to look at the outpouring of love that followed the sudden passing of Catherine O'Hara recently for just one example of how the arts have significant impacts on our lives, and impact us all in different ways – especially when homegrown artists are given the opportunities to flourish, no matter what their chosen media might be.

It is, of course, vitally important to support students choosing to go into those in-demand jobs, that's just common sense, but we also have to keep in mind that in our rapidly evolving world and the alarming proliferation of Artificial Intelligence in just about every facet of our lives, what might be an in-demand job today could be among the once-hot occupations advertised by Sally Struthers in the 1990s on behalf of International Correspondence Schools. Think VCR Repair, Learning the Personal Computer, and Gun Repair.

Many examples of existing art have been used to feed the beast and "teach" AI how to create. But what comes out the other side is by no means a matter of creativity.

There will be no substitute for the creative human minds around us, and the beauty and joy they bring to the world.

Are they in-demand jobs today? Maybe, maybe not. But tomorrow, in the next year, and in the next decade, it might be a very different story.



The space we leave behind contains "us"

by Mark Pavilons



Our time here is limited – we all know that.

But we ignore it, hide from it, even believe we'll go on forever. But the truth hurts.

If you've ever had a handful of fine beach sand and let it run through your fingers, you have an analogy of our lives. We are one of those grains.

Millions slip through our fingers, ending up back where they came from, where they belong.

We can mold them, step on them, wet them down but they don't change, break or disintegrate.

They simply are.

Now, as one of those grains, are we unique and do we make a difference?

Ah, there's the million-dollar question.

Yes, to both.

We were given an unbelievable gift – the gift of life. Our parents brought us into the world, in the hope of spreading love, joy and DNA. Without meaning to, parents throughout the ages have contributed to miracles of existence.

While some of our time was spent during stress-free, carefree childhood, the bulk of our lives are spent in serious, adult pursuits.

We don't analyze or strip down our accomplishments, successes and failures on a daily basis.

But there are times – soul-searching occasions – when we look deep and see what we've become.

Are we happy with the results? Did we make our parents proud?

The grains of sand on a beach don't have mouths or words to speak. They simply exist. Do they have a purpose to fulfill? Perhaps.

Many of us build our lives like a massive Lego construction set, complete with buildings, cars, lakes, rivers, streams, family members, friends, even rockets to the moon. We constantly add blocks to this massive diorama until the very end. Each brick has weight. Every piece, no matter how small, has meaning.

Wouldn't it be cool if all of our personal Lego Lands were kept, in pristine condition, in spheres, in some massive human library of sorts? Visitors could wander through the unique villages, characters and scenes, wondering about who once lived there and what they were like.

So then, my friends, when the construction is complete, just what exactly do we leave behind?

We won't really care, because we've packed our bags and checked out, left on our final journey into the great beyond. Hopes are it will be as magical as creation itself.

And what of those left at the station, waving good-bye at the platform? They will feel pain, grief and they will and cry, until their tear ducts run dry.

Do we live on in them, or is there a little bit more?

Some psychologists believe since we take up "space" on Earth while we're alive, there's a trace of us that remains. Call it an essence, if you will.

We didn't technically come from "nothing," so how can "nothing" be left behind?

We leave behind a "space," but it's by no means empty or void. Just as we can't adequately describe human emotions, we can't put a finger on it, but our imprint floats around with the richness of our memories, and molecules that represent what we were all about.

Those who study the paranormal contend that ghosts are reflections of what once was

According to one member of York Region chapter of The Ontario Paranormal Society (TOPS): "Our thoughts and memories are really nothing more than electrical impulses. Basic high school silence says that energy never disappears, it just changes it state. So, what happens to that energy when we pass on? Am I right? No one really knows."

Another indicated that: "I believe everything that is our ego (our thoughts and beliefs) are left behind when we pass and that is what the living are feeling."

In her view, when we die, our spirit returns to that "unconditional loving energy of the universe" and we become one again.

Nothing here seems to be "paranormal," but rather part of the bigger picture. Ashes to ashes...

We spend our years here largely in ignorance of the true meaning of life. Sure, we try and we do learn and begin to understand our fellow creatures and this beautiful world we've been given.

But is it enough?

We become good in certain fields and develop a certain amount of expertise. Some are amazing book-learners, while others amass incredible "street smarts." Some are born with incredible talent, others work hard to perfect theirs.

Some make it to the top of their game, while others struggle at the bottom. Most of us dwell somewhere in the middle.

But don't mistake mediocrity as failure or unimportance. The grains of sand don't know whether one another has greatness or is just one of the gang, part of the whole.

The universe may or may not care about our achievements, regardless of what the history books say.

Many average folk go through their lives without nary a mention in a local newspaper, church bulletin or office bulletin board.

But we do matter and we do have a ripple effect on the Great Pond.

My "accomplishments" have nothing to do with fame, fortune, or everlasting inventions, great sculptures or even wall art.

They involve the gamut of human emotions, and I've felt them all. I feel them all almost daily.

Despite my writing talent, I can't adequately express the love I have inside for my family. I can't jot down all the things that make me smile and laugh. Well, I could, but it would take some time.

Despite my curious nature, sometimes I'm okay with not knowing everything. Perhaps we weren't meant to.

And that's the beauty of our lives – we see, hear, feel, touch, taste and then, in what seems like a flash, we leave.

Maybe, just maybe, a fraction of all that magic inside of us does remain, swirling around on a summer's breeze, or skipping like a prize-winning flat stone on a nearby lake.

It's about energetic fingerprints. Sometimes it's the gentleness someone carries because you once treated them with care. Maybe it's courage they found because you believed in them when they couldn't believe in themselves. Or could it be softness, learned simply because you showed them it was safe to feel deeply?

What's to say we don't join those grains on some fantastic, inexplicable beach of our own, where the sun always shines, and the waves gently caress our souls? What if we become part of everyone else's story?

Emptiness? A void? Loss?

Perhaps. But what if all that we know, all that see and hear, IS everyone we've ever known?



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As someone employed by, and a big believer in, print media and the importance of facts, it may seem counterintuitive to talk about social media today. However, with the exponential rise in misinformation, "viral" videos and a plethora of so-called "social media influencers" changing the way we consume news and information, I'd argue that more than ever before, print media is critical for providing in-depth analysis of local, national and international events. Moreover, we all bear a responsibility as consumers of information to verify, verify, verify.

Consider this your gentle nudge to look further into something that is happening locally and that might already, or should be, on your radar.

Social media is NOT your friend. Perhaps many of you already know this, but periodically even I go deep down "the rabbit hole." Although I remain sceptical of everything I read, it's still all too easy to get caught or confused about what's real and what's just a "reel" meant to grab our attention but which offers nothing of value.

Just two recent examples include discounting initial reports out of Mexico that Canadians were sheltering in place during a prolonged period of violence, while at the same time almost falling for the purported news that the men's hockey team had spontaneously broken into a rendition of our national anthem after the Olympic medal ceremony on Sunday.

For the record, they did not. It did happen, but it was over a year ago during the Four Nations Cup in 2025. What's any of this got to do with Caledon?

There's a new Facebook group in town purporting to be a resident-led site sharing news about Caledon, for Caledon. When I say "new," I mean the page is fairly new, but the people behind it not so much. Not that I want to direct traffic to it, but the questionable site is called "Building Caledon Together." It should not be confused with another site known as "A Better Caledon," nor with a third Facebook page called "Democracy Caledon." That's because these latter two pages are indeed resident-led while "Building Caledon Together" is apparently not.

In 2022, a local Caledon resident started the page "A Better Caledon" with the intent of providing a "report card" of sorts on municipal politics, "holding elected officials accountable," by tracking their voting records on key issues. It also shares information on issues that are coming before Caledon Council for consideration. "Democracy Caledon" was also founded by local residents, in this case a non-profit volunteer group whose mission is "to champion an open, democratic, public-inclusive process for municipal decision making" and, as part of what they do, also shares information and updates, often with an environmental lens, on what is coming before council.

Alternatively, "Building Caledon Together," as recently reported by Canada's National Observer (itself an online news source) bills itself as a "A citizen-led group sharing local updates, highlighting community initiatives, and encouraging informed discussion about Caledon's growth." The issue? According to CNO, and some concerned area residents who initially flagged the page, it is apparently NOT a citizen-led initiative, but rather, a page that appears to have been created by a digital marketing firm owned by a political strategist based out of Kitchener, ON, and whose past client list includes several Dufferin Caledon politicians.

I'm not suggesting anything here other than a general "reader beware" reminder. It applies to all social media pages. Social media is sometimes "easy," with information readily (and literally) available at your fingertips. But is it good information? Is it reliable? Who is producing the content you are consuming?

When it comes to how you are sourcing information it's incumbent upon all of us to become more responsible consumers. It might take a few extra minutes, but if you are looking to verify news, the credibility of sources and/or to fact check something, it's relatively easy to do so.

Ironically, many of the tools and resources are available online, but that ease of use is all the more reason to actually utilize them for fact-checking purposes.

Of course, trusting your local newspaper, and local investigative journalists who often both live, and work, in the community, to provide verified, well-researched and non-bias reporting is even more important. They are well-educated professionals who are guided by, and operate within, a framework of ethical standards, and who are responsible for ensuring accuracy and accountability in reporting.

If you are also looking online however, just remember this. It is an election year and – I would argue – a pivotal one in terms of its importance to Caledon's future.

Reader beware of what you find online. Making sure you are armed with factual, reliable information from verified sources, and (shameless plug) relying on your local newspaper, is the only way to ensure your vote not only counts, but matters - because it was based on an informed decision, not paid social media influencers.

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Something new is brewing in Bolton with Renewed Hope

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

After first establishing itself in the Caledon community through its Mobile Mercy Units (MMU) back in October, Renewed Hope has been making its mark.

Whether through their MMUs or their turkey drives around Christmas time, the Caledon community has felt the impact of Renewed Hope charity in just a matter of months.

During that time, Renewed Hope has been looking for a home right here in the heart of Downtown Bolton.

And now, they've found one.

Located at 55 Queen Street North in Bolton, at the former Hill View Estates, Renewed Hope is slowly but surely setting up its new headquarters.

While they're not ready to release what they're bringing to the community just yet, Renewed Hope told the Citizen it will be a hub truly focused on the community.

"We want it to be a place where the community can come together and gather," says Tim, with Renewed Hope.

Not only will this hub be a gathering place, but Renewed Hope also says it will be a supportive network for everyone in Caledon.

"A true hotspot," adds Margarida with Renewed Hope.

"It is real people helping real people," says Tim.

Renewed Hope has been a charity supporting people for over 25 years.

And, in 2024, they officially became a registered charity, which Tim says was not just for the sake of donors but for the benefit of the community.

He says at Renewed Hope, they run off heart for the community, trying to meet people where they are.

Their MMUs have been travelling through Caledon to bring their resources directly to residents, dropping off warm clothes, food and essential aid.

At Renewed Hope, they say that when they recognize a need, they're able to partner with local ambassadors in the area and their team to help, whether it's through clothing, food distribution, or other initiatives.

Within the next month, Renewed Hope wants the community to keep an eye out for the newest hub coming to Downtown Bolton.



Beginning signs of Renewed Hope's new home.

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

PUBLIC NOTICE

13286 Nunnville Road

Notice of Application

Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications

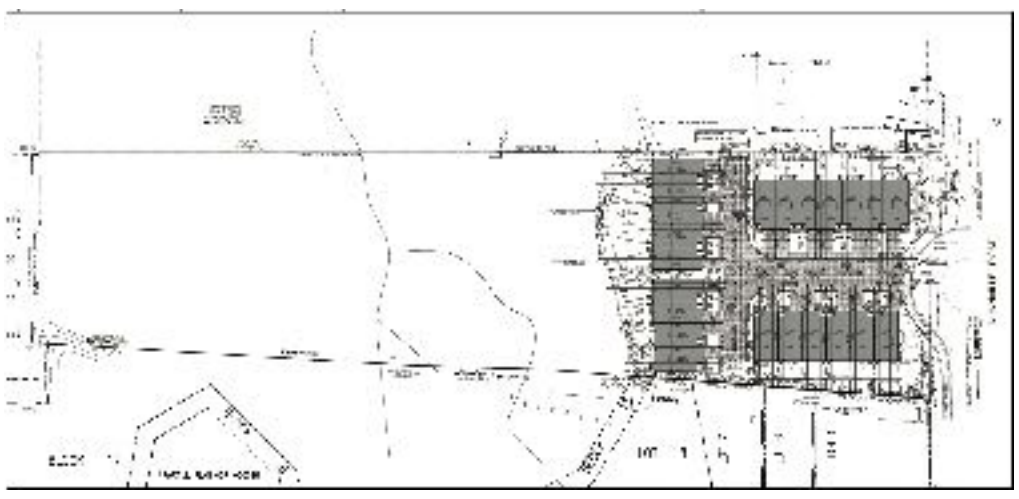
FILE NUMBER: 21T-26001C and RZ 2026-0002

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and a Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT:
Innovative Planning Solutions Inc. on behalf of Adel George and Lana Dabbagh

LOCATION:
13286 Nunnville Road
PT LT 34 PL ALB4 AS IN RO1112196 Save & Except PT 1 PL 43R28884 Caledon. S/T Easement in favor of the Corporation of the Town of Caledon over PT LT 34 PL ALB4 DES PT 2 PL 43R28884 AS IN PR598609

PROPOSED CHANGES:
The applicant has submitted applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and a Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate a residential development consisting of (22) three-storey townhouse units within 4 residential blocks fronting onto a proposed common element condominium road. Also included in the proposal are 2 road widening blocks and 1 environmental protection block.



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, or a copy of supporting material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law 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 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.

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

Notice Date:
February 26, 2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan (MMTMP) Addendum

Notice of Study Completion

The Town of Caledon has initiated an addendum to the Council-approved 2024 Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan (MMTMP), which established a long term, multi-modal transportation strategy to support the growth planned to 2051 within the New and Existing Urban Areas (NEUA) identified in the Future Caledon Official Plan. The primary intent of the MMTMP Addendum is to further build and refine the transportation recommendations from the 2024 MMTMP by establishing a preferred alignment for an east-west multi-modal collector road network within the study area to help guide and provide clarity in planning of the Town's transportation network as growth proceeds in the Town. The study area for the MMTMP Addendum is bound by Coleraine Drive, Mayfield Road, Mississauga Road, and Old School Road, encompassing approximately 62 square kilometres of lands within the New and Existing Urban Areas (NEUA).

The MMTMP Addendum has now been completed.



STUDY PROCESS

The MMTMP Addendum Study has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2023), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study followed Master Plan Approach #1 under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process.

While the original 2024 MMTMP identified the need for additional east–west road connections within the study area, it did not define a specific alignment. The MMTMP Addendum establishes the preferred east-west multimodal collector road network and alignment, through the evaluation of alternative solutions using a common set of criteria focused on enhanced connectivity and continuity, environmental and land use impacts, safety and accessibility for all users, and cost and constructability.

The Public Consultation Centre (PCC) for the MMTMP Addendum was held on September 30, 2025. Additional public and stakeholder engagement was also undertaken beyond this mandatory PCC. Feedback from the public and stakeholders has been taken into consideration as part the MMTMP Addendum and the selection of the preferred east-west multimodal collector road network and alignment.

30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD

This MMTMP Addendum is now complete and being placed on the public record for review. The MMTMP Addendum will be available for a formal 30-day review period starting February 26, 2026, and ending March 27, 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the MCEA process. An electronic copy of the MMTMP Addendum is available for viewing at: **haveyoursaycaledon.ca/multi-modal-transportation-master-plan-addendum/**.

To provide comments on the project, or if you require alternative accommodations to view the materials, please contact the Study Team before 4:30 p.m. on March 27, 2026.

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If concerns arise regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, a request for an order requiring a higher level of study or conditions on those matters should be submitted in writing to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch. The request should be sent in writing by mail or by email to:

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
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EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be copied to the Study Team by mail or by email. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on request for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: **www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order**.

For more information, including study documentation, please visit the study webpage at: **haveyoursaycaledon.ca/multi-modal-transportation-master-plan-addendum/**.

Information provided in response to this notice will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

This Notice first issued on February 26, 2026.

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CCRSA Hosts Romance for Road Safety fundraiser

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The month of love is far from over here in Caledon, and the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy (CCRSA) Group celebrated by honouring their passion for road safety with their recent fundraiser.

Their event, Romance for Road Safety, was not only to raise awareness of road safety in the community but also to support their fundraising efforts to rent advanced driving simulators for all high schools in Caledon.

The driving simulator is a chance for all drivers, new and experienced, to experience various hazardous road conditions and gain experience from the safety of the simulator.

Drivers can experience what it's like to drive beside trucks, inside trucks, next to snow plows, and more.

CCRSA brought these simulators to community events all summer long to raise awareness and hopes to bring them into Caledon high schools in partnership with Caledon OPP.

Not only that, but the group also plans to bring in a driving school and insurance professionals, alongside the OPP, to cover all aspects of road safety with these students.

The group wants to start safe driving at the beginning, when young drivers are just getting out onto the roads.

Their fundraising event was held on February 21 at Caesar's Centre in Bolton, and the Caledon community showed their love for the CCRSA, with the event selling over 100 tickets.



(Left to Right) Co-directors of CCRSA Franca Pisani, Amanda Corbett and Carmela Palkowski at their Romance for Road Safety fundraiser on February 21. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

"I'm very, very happy with this community," says CCRSA member Franca Pisani, looking around the room that night. "This is what Caledon is all about."

Carmela Palkowski from CCRSA says that even that morning people were calling to see if they could still purchase tickets.

"We were here setting up, and we added more, and we kept on adding more, it's really nice."

CCRSA member Amanda Corbett says putting together the fundraiser itself was a "whirlwind," with the group planning it just a few short weeks before the event.

Pisani noted that when it comes to advocacy for road safety, there is not much available in terms of funding and grants, and so they landed on holding their own fundraiser.

The experience these driving simulators provide is not the same as what is learned in the classroom, she adds, especially when driving around trucks. Young drivers can see firsthand truck drivers' blind spots and stopping abilities in simulators.

"We're hoping that this is going to be the beginning of something really good," says Corbett.

The evening continued with a night of music and dancing, and silent auction prizes donated from local businesses, wrapping up an event full of support from Caledon.

PUBLIC NOTICE

12862 Dixie Road

Notice of Intention to Pass Amending By-law to Remove a Holding Symbol ("H")

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2025-0026
Related File Number(s): POPA 2021-0004, RZ 2021-0006, and SPA 2021-0012

The Town of Caledon offers a hybrid meeting model with multiple ways for members of the public to participate and engage with Council.

Earliest Town Council Meeting Date: March 24, 2026

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Attend In-Person: Provide verbal comments (through a delegation) regarding the proposed application or view the meeting from the gallery. For a delegation to be heard, registration is required. Please complete the Participation Request Form available at http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council
2. Submit Written Comments: Submit written correspondence regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form, available at http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council
3. Virtually: Participate virtually through Zoom upon request. For a delegation to be heard, registration is required. Please complete the Participation Request Form, available at http://www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council. In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town's website.

APPLICANT:
Armstrong Planning on behalf of Amazon Canada Fulfillment Services, ULC

LOCATION:
12862 Dixie Road
Part Lot 21, Concession 3 East of Hurontario Street (Chinguacousy); Part Lot 22, Concession 3 East of Hurontario Street (Chinguacousy); and Parts 1, 3 and 6 on Plan 43R-40325 Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel

PROPOSED CHANGES:
The purpose of the application is to lift the Holding Symbol ("MS-712-H51") on the subject lands currently zoned for a range of industrial uses. The removal of the Holding Symbol ("H51") will permit the lands to be developed as a parking and landscape area, in conjunction with the proposed warehouse use on this property.

The area where the Holding Symbol (H) removal applies is noted on the map below.



**The plan is for information purposes. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.*

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at 905-584-2272 ext. 4285 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

Under Section 36(3) of the Planning Act, only the applicant has appeal rights with respect to the removal of a Holding (H) symbol. There are no third-party rights to appeal the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

ACCESSIBILITY:

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

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Admirals embrace role as end-of-season spoilers with convincing home ice win over King Rebellion

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Admirals relished their role as spoilers on Tuesday afternoon. Caledon's Junior A club defeated the playoff-bound King Rebellion 5-2 at the Mayfield Recreation Complex. However, The Fleet could not maintain their late-season surge in a 7-5 home ice loss to the Niagara Falls Canucks on Thursday night.

The Admirals were eliminated from the OJHL playoffs on Sunday afternoon after a 7-0 loss in Buffalo.

One of the many positive developments in 2025-26 was the Admirals' dominance of their OJHL West rivals from King Township. In Tuesday's rescheduled snowout contest, ninth-place Caledon skated to its third win in four games this season versus sixth-place King. By contrast, the Rebellion swept the Admirals 4-0 in their season series in 2024-25.

Cam Lang, who had a three-point afternoon versus King, hit a production milestone with his 50th point of the season on an insurance goal in the third period.

Lang's club got off to a quick start on Tuesday afternoon when Nathaniel Gibbons beat Rebellion goaltender Noah Mavin at 2:39 of the first period.

Six minutes later, Nate Brentnell's power play goal—set up by Xavvier Rowe and Lang—put the home side up 2-0.

King countered with a power play marker of its own at 16:51 when Lucas Manikis slid one past Caledon netminder James Meredith to pull the visitors to within one.

However, Caledon's offense showed its explosiveness with 1:17 left in the first period when Lang and Brentnell set up Nolan Keeler's 26th of the campaign. Lang's assist was his 30th.

6:04 into the middle frame, Dylan Turcotte—set up by former Admiral Deacon King—cut the Rebellion's deficit to 3-2.

The Fleet showed their resilience less than three minutes later when Lang's 20th earned helpers for Keeler and Brentnell and restored the home side's two-goal lead.

With the visitors pressing at the outset of the final frame, Jalen Lobo short-circuited King's comeback attempt when he finished Clarence Allain's feed at 6:43 to close the scoring. It was Allain's team-leading 33rd assist of the season.

It was also remarkable that Lobo's goal was The Fleet's fifth against Mavin on Tuesday afternoon. The Rebellion's rookie netminder is ranked fourth in the OJHL with a sparkling .937 SV%.

James Meredith turned in a sparkling performance of his own—repelling 34 of the 36 shots he faced to earn Caledon's 21st win of the season and improve the club's record to 21-27-1-3. By contrast, in 2024-25, the Admirals finished in last place in the OJHL West with an 11-43-2-0 record.

On Thursday evening on home ice, the Admirals squandered a 3-1 second period lead and fell 7-5 to the 11th-place Canucks.

The red-clad Canucks opened the scoring 4:14 into the first period when Brandon Gauthier beat Meredith, but thirty seconds later, the plucky Admirals tied it when Braylon Masulka redirected a pass from Nathan Gibbons past Niagara Falls netminder John Nanos.

With two seconds left in an Admirals' power play, Jonah Henderson's quick rising wrist shot eluded Nanos to give the home side its first lead of the game.

When Lang tallied his 21st of the season from the right faceoff circle 1:02 into the second period, it appeared that the gold-clad Admirals were skating to their second victory of the week. Allain and Keeler were flying at Mayfield as they earned their 34th and 32nd assists of the season on Lang's power play marker.



Admirals forward Nate Brentnell (5) crowds Canucks goalie John Nanos (29) in OJHL action on Thursday night. Brentnell tallied a goal in each game last week versus King, Niagara Falls, and Milton.
PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

After Meredith made five high quality saves to help kill off a Niagara Falls 5-on-3 power play midway through the second period, many at Mayfield believed they had witnessed the TSN turning point and that Caledon was ready to put one in the win column.

Enjoying my hot chocolate and grilled cheese panini on the home side of the rink half way through the middle frame, it looked like The Fleet's 3-1 lead would hold and my late lunch would be my own victory buffet.

Alas—if that were only true.

In a breath-taking collapse, the Admirals surrendered four goals in six minutes.

Eric Brundl-Pandzich keyed the rally when he burst out of the left face-off circle, and knifed a low shot from just above the crease past Meredith to make it 3-2 with eight minutes left in the period.

Three minutes later, Brayden Scibor created space and beat Meredith from the slot to draw the Canucks into a 3-3 tie.

With 1:34 left, David Greene took a nice feed from Connor Irwin and lifted the puck high over Meredith to give the visitors a one-goal margin.

Gauthier's second goal of the game—a devastating shortie with three seconds left in the second—sent the visitors into the dressing room with a 5-3 lead after their four-goal blitz.

The Fleet regrouped and, with 8:24 remaining, Keeler's 27th of the season pulled his club to within one.

The Admirals' leading scorer, who is 17th in the OJHL scoring race with 60 points, gathered a loose puck off the right boards, evaded the Canucks' defensive corps, and fired the puck high blocker side into the back of the net.

However, the visitors restored their two-goal lead when Irwin earned his third point of the night. The Canucks' forward broke in off the left face-off circle and chipped one over Meredith with 2:43 to play.

Ever-resilient, the Admirals made it 6-5 with 1:50 left on the clock when Brentnell banged in Keeler's rebound past Nanos in a goalmouth scramble with Meredith out of the cage for the extra attacker.

Admirals Head Coach Joe Washkurak called a timeout to set up his tenacious squad's final push. On the ensuing play, Lang just missed the top left corner with the equalizer with 1:39 left.

With Meredith out of the net, Canucks' forward Ben Theron notched his 25th of the season from inside his own blue line when the puck slid over 120 feet into the vacated cage to give Niagara Falls a 7-5 lead with 14 ticks left on the clock.

The Admirals could take some solace in that they are 18 points ahead of the Canucks in the OJHL West—a marked improvement from last year when Niagara Falls finished 8th and Caledon finished 12th.

However, Thursday night belonged to Niagara Falls for their nervy, comeback road performance at Mayfield.

Caledon closes the home portion of its 2025-26 season by hosting St. Mikes at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 26 at the Mayfield Recreation Complex.

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nCourage Hub provides trauma-informed supports for trafficking survivors

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This new dedicated space for nCourage brings a partnership with other resources available at The Circle to have services together under one roof.

Arathi Packiyanathan, a Supervisor, Advice and Assessment with Peel CAS, Co-Chair, Anti-Human Trafficking Committee, shares that this month marks the formal opening of the new hub, but they've been open to the public for over a month.

Packiyanathan says with the prevalence of sex trafficking in Peel, the average age of recruitment being 13 years of age and 70% of victims identified by police being under 25 years old, they knew that there needed to be more of a seamless, centralized collaborative hub that allows them to service individuals between the ages of 12 and 24.

"Instead of having our siloed services, and having victims or survivors have to retell their story or have disconnected services trying to work together, which can feel disruptive," she adds.

Bringing this collaboration to The Circle, she explains, allows those seeking multiple resources to be accessed in a timely manner.

The rate of trafficking in persons in Peel increased 60% from 1.39 in 2023 to 2.23 per 100,000 population in 2024, higher than the Ontario rate of 1.99 and the Toronto rate of 1.80.

More than 166 cases were reported to Peel Children's Aid Society last year.

nCourage delivers trauma-informed, client-centred care by bringing together partners across health, justice, housing, community services, and child welfare.

The nCourage hub is a collaboration between Peel CAS, Our Place Peel and EFry Hope and Help for Women.

Packiyanathan says that not only will this hub take a more trauma-informed approach, but it also helps in situations where there may be a time crunch.

"[If] things are a bit time sensitive, because they can't be away from their trafficker or other realities for too long, then we have multiple services that they can access in one spot in a timely manner as well, and we also have a trauma informed counsellor on site," she says.

"We can't do this work alone," says Packiyanathan. "Human sex trafficking intersects with so many different spaces, and part of this integrated service pathway is to link child welfare with housing, with health, with justice, with community supports for survivors, and to coordinate that care so that we can really wrap around the victim and survivor to empower them."

For Packiyanathan, she says she is grateful that they can bring this hub to fruition.

"The bitter part is we would ideally live in a world where this wasn't even necessary," she says. "But I think given the reality of how things are in Peel Region today, it is definitely us heading in the right direction."

Before nCourage was created, a victim would have had to independently seek out every service they needed, which comes with its own hurdles.

"The process can be overwhelming," says Packiyanathan. "Experiencing human sex trafficking, we can't even put it into words what the trauma is like, the emotional impact, what that does to your energy, to your physical being. But then to have to work through multiple different siloed systems on top of that could be discouraging."

With this centralized hub, she explains, they can now work alongside victims and advocate for them and their needs.

"We have ironed out pathways and processes to be able to circumvent these challenges and to allow a very streamlined process, which then saves time and allows survivors and victims to work more on their healing, and have us walk alongside them in this journey in a way that supports them and allows them to rebuild their lives in all of those practical ways."

She says their goal is to give victims and survivors their power back, and it comes down to the community as well.

Packiyanathan explains that protecting children and youth requires a united community response, with prevention, protection, and partnership being key.

If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of a child or youth, contact your local Children's Aid Society.

If you are being trafficked or suspect someone you know is involved in human trafficking in Peel Region, contact nCourage at 905-866-2831.

"Anytime that there is a neighbour, a friend, whomever it may be doesn't matter, you can leave us a tip, even anonymously, and we can reach out to the family if we have the information to do so and start to wrap around and see how we can support," says Packiyanathan.

If you are a victim or survivor of human sex trafficking or forced labour, or you know someone who is, contact the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca or call 1-833-900-1010.

Orangeville Lions donate $7,500 to the Exchange



CCS members, Caledon Lion members, and Orangeville Lion members all gather in CCS' the Exchange food pantry for the cheque presentation on February 25th.

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On February 25, thanks to their TV Bingo, the Orangeville Lions were able to donate $7,500 to Caledon Community Service's food bank, the Exchange.

The Orangeville Lions organize a weekly Bingo TV on Rogers Communications every Wednesday, with all proceeds going back to the communities of Dufferin and Caledon.

They sell their TV Bingo tickets all over Dufferin and Caledon, and Lions member Don Sinclair says they like to give back to the communities where they sell their cards, and give back to the community that supports them.

"We try and take the money that's raised in those areas and disperse it as much as we can to those areas that it comes in from, as well as our own areas and causes," says Lions member Bill Dainty

He explains that someone in their club had gotten in touch with the Caledon Lions club and they recommended the Exchange as a "worthy cause" to direct their donation.

Standing in the Exchange's food pantry, Sinclair said it's "marvellous" seeing what their donation will help achieve.

"To know that the money will be used, and there's a need, it's terrific," said Sinclair.

Mariia Kupriianova, Chief Development Officer with CCS, says that this donation helps put more food on families' tables.

"Shared meals that more families can sit down to without worry about what's next. It's full lunchboxes, it's relief and it's dignity as well," says Kupriianova. "This donation will go directly into the community, touch more than 1,300 lives, including the 500 children [we support]. That's goodness that's spreading across Caledon. We're very grateful to the Orangeville Lions for this wonderful gift, and to Caledon Lions overall for their generous support over many years."

Cathy Perennec McLean, CCS's Programs and Operations Director, said it's remarkable to see this in the community.

"You're going to see directly the impact that it's going to have, and we're going to see that. The next clients that come in that we're able to provide them with the food that they need," she says.

The Orangeville Lions TV Bingo will continue to run to May 27, 2026, on Rogers TV, and bingo cards are available for purchase in various locations across Caledon and Dufferin.

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DAVID KELSEY DORWARD, U.E.



A dynamic and engaged man who loved life and travel, David's horizons included a range of of things beyond his beloved family. He was passionate about history, which he passed on to his daughter. He also read incessantly about the military, economics and politics, as well as science fiction and graphic novels. Cars were another love.

This all started in boyhood while stationed with his parents in West Germany after WWII, and he not only regularly crossed Checkpoint Charlie, but met many figures connected to the period. This blossomed into an undergraduate degree from Trinity College at the University of Toronto, and a summer at Oxford with an English Speaking Union scholarship where he met Tolkein via his tutor. He developed a lifelong love of literature of many genres, which formed so many of his interests in the world. He parlayed this love into travel and his many connections to people. He had a gift for forming unexpected bonds across languages, cultures and different backgrounds.

Having a Masters degree in Industrial Relations, also from U of T, his professional work was a natural outgrowth in a variety of sectors, capping his career with teaching at the post-secondary level.

His many lifelong friends came from his school days and university, and other adventures and interests. They loved his humour, caring and knowledge.

He was very loyal to his daughter and wife, as well as his friends. A true Renaissance intellectual, we will never see his like again.

David is survived by his daughter, Kira Wronska Dorward, U.E., and his wife Diana Janosik-Wronski.

CONCETTA (CONNIE) LASTORIA



Suddenly at her home, on Monday, February 16, 2026, Connie Lastoria, at the age of 69 years. Loving mother of Joseph and Shannon, Matthew, Ivana and Jason. Cherished and proud Nonna of Matteo and Julia who were the light of her life. Dear sister of Eugene Conte, Anthony and Mena Conte. Loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, especially her cousin Wally.

Memorial Mass will be held in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 60 Allan Drive, Bolton on Friday morning, March 6 at 11 o'clock. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

EDYTHE M. BOUND

Peacefully, in her home, on Thursday, February 19, 2026, Edythe Bound, at the age of 93 years, beloved wife of the late Edwin Bound. Dear mother of Dale Bound, at home; Kim Jackson, Brampton. Loving grandmother of Devin and his fiancé Kristine. Proud great-grandmother of Kinsley and Maverick. Dear sister of Debra-Lee Hurst and predeceased by Norman Hurst, Paul Hurst, and Ellen Morrison. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) Wednesday evening from 5 – 8 o'clock. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Thursday, February 26 at 2 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario (www.heartandstroke.ca). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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Council to revisit aggregate policies following Provincial changes

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The report would come back by April 21, 2026.

It was said that the modifications to OPA 1 "struck out certain wording and policies on the basis that they were not consistent or in conformity with Provincial policies and plans or did not comply with Provincial regulations and guidelines."

Debra Wilson of the Forks of the Credit Conservation Group delegated on the motion that night, and shared that, in the Province's Planning Statement in 2024, it is said municipalities are the primary decision-makers for local communities.

"The Ministry owes it to you, our Council, to listen to the reasons for the policy decisions that you made for our community," said Wilson.

She explains that within the provincial policy-led planning system, planning authorities and decision-makers may go beyond these minimum standards to address matters of importance to a specific community, unless doing so would conflict with any policy in the Provincial Planning Statement.

"The province itself has stated that you are the primary decision makers for your local community. Provincial ministries, therefore, really need to listen to municipalities and their residents, not just to the aggregate industry. Now is not the time to stop," she said.

Resident Kate Hepworth pulled from Forks of the Credit Preservation Group in her own delegation, citing their often-used quote, "Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force, but through persistence."

"Maybe we can all please be that water that drips on the stone, and let's go back to the province and ask why," she said.

Town Staff explained during the meeting that the Province ultimately has the final say; they can continually negotiate and push for alternatives, but, in this case, they had little opportunity to do so.

Wilson pointed out a "groundswell" building around this topic beyond Caledon, saying that Caledon Council is fighting the great fight, with other municipalities turning to Caledon for leadership.

"We have to just continue the fight. And yes, they may turn us down, but we have to just keep pounding at the door and hounding them always, and at some point, they will listen," said Mayor Annette Groves.

At Caledon's January 27 Council Meeting, Council unanimously supported a motion brought forward by Councillors Lynn Kiernan and Christina Early to request support from the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) to seek amendments to provincial aggregate-related planning policies, also in an effort to push back from the Province.

Maskell, speaking to his motion, said that when the province came back with the "0 for 60" on their recommendations for OPA1, there was a collective sense of disappointment in the community and at Council.

"We went forward in good faith hoping that we might not get everything, but we'd get something. And in the end we got nothing," said Maskell.

He added that if they're going to come back to the Province with a distilled version of their asks for what's most important to the community, now is the time to do so.

Councillor Mario Russo echoed that they were "batting for the fences" with their original ask.

"The rationale now is to continue to fight the good fight and see where we can hopefully make a dent and make little baby steps forward, so that every single policy that, whatever number we put forward, we'll be continuously advocating for moving the needle forward a bit," said Russo.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Next was Mayor Groves' motion to direct staff to create a Town-wide by-law focused on health protection and air quality.

"We were struck down the first time when we brought the motion forward for air quality to be included in our OPA policies," said Groves. "However, if we don't succeed the first time, we try again."

Groves added that Fine Particulate Matter particles in the air, also known as PM 2.5, are a "huge problem."

"Every time we [Region of Peel] dealt with PM 2.5, our medical officers of health would always reiterate the impacts that this will have and has on people's respiratory systems," said Groves. "We can only take so much, and when you have these 22 pits and quarries, and a proposed quarry of 600 to 700 acres, that's a lot of dust."

Groves said it's important to "take control of our own destiny" and to include air quality in the by-law to be able to have more say when it comes to dealing with air quality.

The motion was also approved unanimously.

Caledon backs review of Salt Management Plan

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Less salt may be coming to Caledon's roads next winter.

In a motion presented to Council on February 24, Councillor Doug Maskell asksed that Town Staff review the Town's current Salt Management Plan and actively investigate methods and alternative products to reduce the use of road salt, as much as possible, while maintaining safety on roads, parking lots and sidewalks.

His motion states that road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act due to tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage.

It also says that increased numbers of slip-and-fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practice.

At Council, Maskell said Caledon uses 10,000 to 11,000 tonnes of salt per winter season on Town of Caledon roads.

"It's a significant source of pollutant which is going into our waterways and our watershed."

Within his motion, he also asked that the Town of Caledon urge the Province of Ontario to work with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management.

The motion also urges the Province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution.

"I do believe we have a salt management plan that was passed in 2020, and I'm just asking to make sure that it's being updated and also to actively investigate an alternative that we can use that's safer for the environment," he adds.

Councillor Nick de Boer suggested that this conversation should be in the hands of Public Works Staff, presenting an opportunity at the end of the snow season to discuss how they manage salt.

"It's important that we have firsthand knowledge before we go any farther as to what is going on," said de Boer.

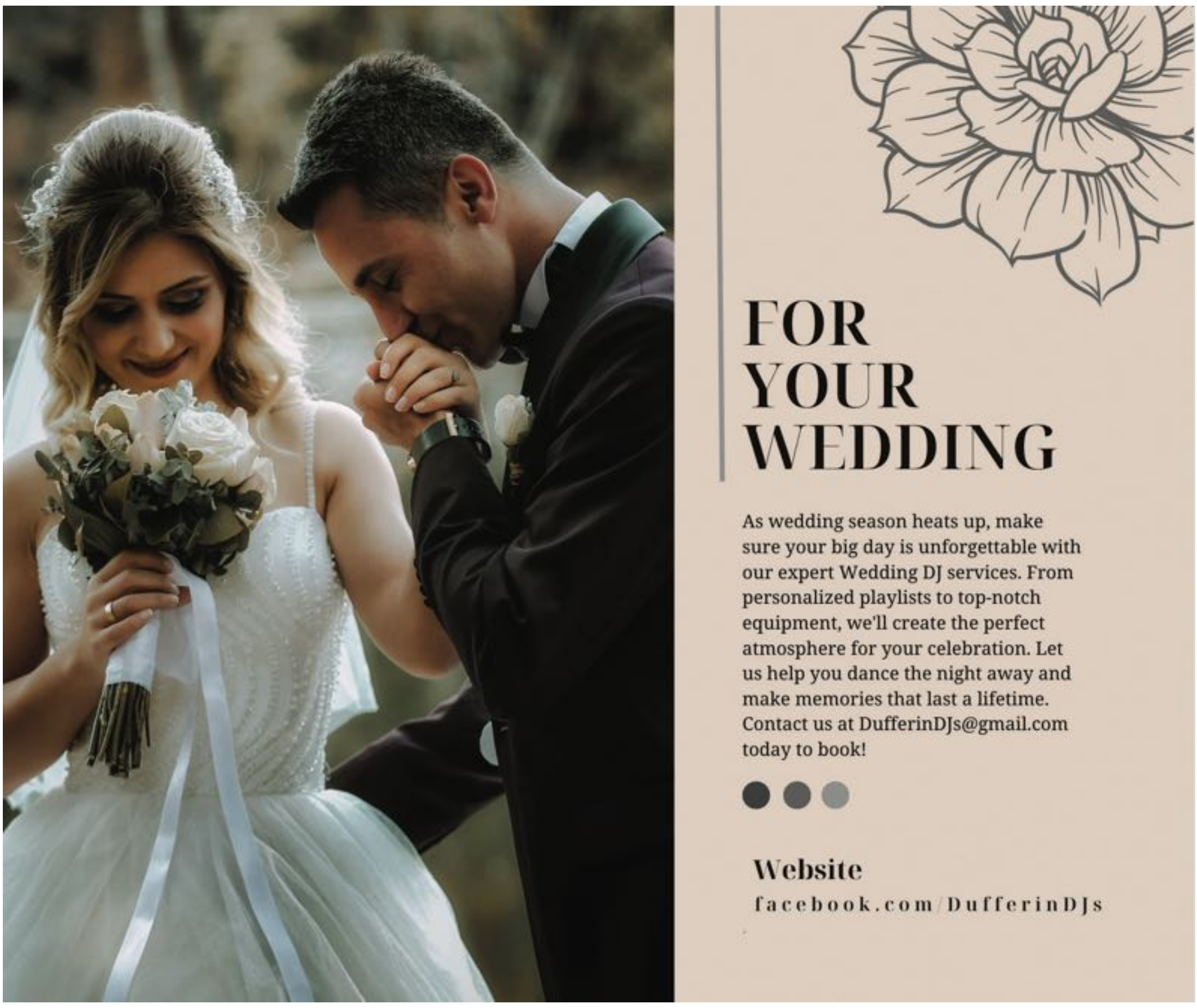
He presented a referral that the topic goes to Staff first.

"If we push the province for limited liability, we're going to end up having slips and falls, and if there was ever anything that's more detrimental to somebody's health than having somebody slip and fall in a parking lot on the ice," said de Boer. "I wouldn't support having any requests to reduce liability as part of the first clause that was part of that motion."

Councillor Dave Sheen added to the referral, saying that the process is "complicated" when it comes to salting the roads, taking into account the weather and other calculations.

"I think we'll get a surprise back from Staff. I imagine they're continually trying to improve their work and minimize the amount of salt usage," said Sheen.

After the referral was defeated, Councillor Mario Russo put forward a "friendly amendment" to the original motion, adding that when Staff reviews the Salt Management Plan, they provide a full report back to Council, and the motion was approved.



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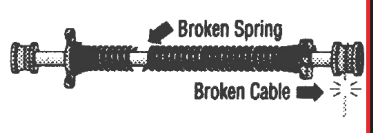
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Theatre Orangeville promises comedy and intrigue in latest production, "Murder at Ackerton Manor"



From left to right: Tyrone Savage, Jamie Cavanagh, and Christy Bruce will be taking on seven distinct and eccentric characters during Theatre Orangeville's production of Murder at Ackerton Manor, written by Steven Gallagher. A homage to classic murder mysteries by Agatha Christie, the tone is distinctly a comedy reminiscent of Mel Brooks. With plenty of laughs and lots of intrigue, Murder at Ackerton Manor has something for everyone to enjoy.
JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Fans of Agatha Christie and Mel Brooks should be marking their calendars for March 13, as Theatre Orangeville prepares to premiere its next production, Murder at Ackerton Manor.

Written by award-winning playwright Steven Gallagher, Murder at Ackerton Manor is a comedic homage to classic Agatha Christie-style murder mysteries. The plot is set in the depths of a Victorian-era manor, owned by the less-than-savoury Roger Ackerton, Lord of Ackerton Manor.

What begins as a dark and stormy night soon turns tragic as Roger Ackerton is found to be murdered. Promptly, a detective is called, who will have the challenging task of finding the culprit and recovering a missing diamond, all while dealing with five unique and eccentric suspects in the house.

Within all of this chaos is a cast of three talented actors, Jamie Cavanagh, Tyrone Savage and Christy Bruce, who will portray seven eccentric personalities in a fast-paced murder-mystery comedy.

Murder at Ackerton Manor is being billed by its cast as "Agatha Christie crossed with Mel Brooks," a combination that perfectly captures its tone.

"It's a very Agatha Christie, Mousetrap-style thing, but the plot feels like a fever dream of every murder mystery you've seen," Savage said. "That's the Mel Brooks element — we take all the tropes and reimagine them."

But layered over that murder plot is a sharp, irreverent comedy: big characters, bold choices, rapid-fire gags, and a cast constantly flipping between wildly different roles, accents, and even genders. The actors stress that while audiences will laugh — a lot — they'll also have a genuine mystery to follow.

"It's a ridiculous play — really funny — but it's also a true murder mystery," Savage said. "You can follow along the story and try to solve it, and if you pay close enough attention to detail, you absolutely can solve it. But you don't need to at all to enjoy the production."

The production process so far has been intense and fast. The company is only about five days into rehearsals, working six days a week on full-day schedules, then heading home to reread the script, learn lines, and dream up new bits.

Much of the show's magic will unfold backstage, where split-second costume changes and character swaps are being drilled over and over.

"It's very fast, very, very fast to the amount of stuff that we're doing," Bruce said. "So, it's like, you get thrown into the deep end, and you just start swimming. I find it more fun, but I'm an improviser, so I need things to distract me, to keep me on my toes."

The script by Gallagher is described as deliberately difficult, engineered to push the performers and stage crew to their limits, but the cast describes the experience as pure play. What they promise in return: a tightly crafted, high-energy, laugh-filled night at the theatre.

"Steven Gallagher, the playwright, has also written the play to really challenge our capacity to make those switches," Cavanagh said. "Steven has designed this play specifically to really make it hard on us. But that's part of the fun as well."

Despite the tight timelines for wardrobe changes and the challenging nature of the script, Savage said that writing is equally well planned as it is difficult. But everything planned can be achieved, and one of the fun elements of this production is figuring out how to pull it all off.

"Steven Gallagher's script is so tightly written that he's figured out all of those bits," he said. "There's some things when you read on the page, it seems improbable that one actor can leave, come back on as another person while having this conversation. And that's been a joy — discovering how we make all the little magic tricks work."

That joy is something the cast is excited to share with audiences on opening night. The cast praised the exceptional work of the production team, who are setting the stage for a beautiful visual of Ackerton Manor, which will help the actors transport audiences to a world where Agatha Christie and Mel Brooks are one.

"Watching this show is not going to be a struggle," Savage said. "It's going to be really fun and people will laugh a lot. It is a ridiculous play. It's really funny, but it also is a true murder mystery. You can watch it and laugh, or watch it and think, everyone can enjoy it no matter what."

"I think, post-pandemic, people got so into their screens and so isolated," Cavanagh said. "I certainly have noticed, especially in comedies, people leave with this different kind of gratitude for what they have, for what they got to experience with that show, because I think it's a shared dream with others, and you can't beat that."

As the cast and creative team race toward opening night, Murder at Ackerton Manor is shaping up to be both a love letter to classic whodunits and a gleefully unhinged comedy.

With only three actors juggling seven roles, a challenging script, and a storm-soaked manor packed with secrets, Theatre Orangeville audiences can expect a night of big laughs, genuine suspense, and one-of-a-kind in-the-moment experiences.

Murder at Ackerton Manor runs at Theatre Orangeville from March 12 to 29. For more information and tickets, go to theatreorangeville.ca/show/murder-at-ackerton-manor.

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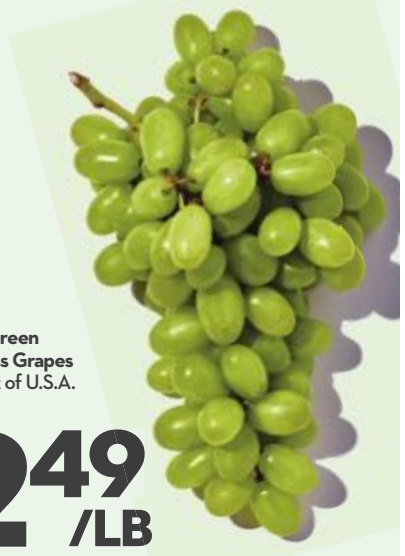
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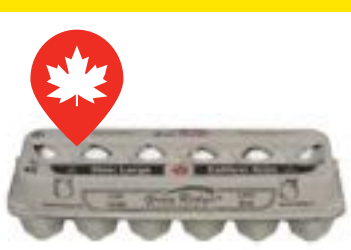
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