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## MAKING A MILESTONE SPLASH

The Saint John the Evangelist parish celebrated its milestone 125th anniversary in the community on Saturday, August 22, with a full day of family fun – including a dunk tank, which saw Father John hop in for a good cause. For more, see Page A3.

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# Registrations close for Municipal Election ballot with five-way race for Mayor

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The 2026 municipal election is slowly creeping closer and with August 21 being the last day to register as a candidate, those who made the ballot are off and running.

With several positions such as mayor, councillors and school board trustees up for grabs, there is a wide variety of candidates, each with their own background, experience and reasons for running.

Over the next two months leading up to the election the Caledon Citizen will be taking the time to speak to each representative in the race on their reasons for running and what makes them the best candidate for the role being sought and for the local community.

Here are the confirmed candidates for the 2026 Municipal Election

*MAYOR*

- Christina Early – Incumbent Regional Councillor for Ward 1, 2 & 3 , Caledon Community Services Board Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association Board Member, Region of Peel Diversity equity and Inclusion Chair.
- Alan Hart
- Mario Russo – Incumbent Regional Councillor for Ward 4, 5 & 6, Real Estate consulting and property management background, Vice Chair for Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament Committee.
- Jagdeep Sacha- President of Indian Overseas Congress Canada (IOC) and Real Estate professional.
- Manjit Bhondhi Saini – Chairman and CEO of Child Rights and Welfare Networking, President at Royal Capital Investment Group, Chair Registration Committee at College of Medical Imaging Technologists of Ontario.

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# Panel discussion highlights impact of women in agriculture

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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Members of the Caledon community attended the Women in Food and Agriculture event on August 25, hosted at GoodLot Farm from 5pm to 8:30pm.

The event featured a panel discussion with five women farmers who took to the stage to share their experiences, celebrate, and talk about the importance of women in agriculture.

The United Nations has declared 2026 the International Year of the Woman Farmer, a global initiative that recognizes women's essential contributions to the agrifood systems

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From left to right Amy Ouchterlony, Val Steinmann, Tralee Pearce, Jeanette French, Karen Hutchinson, Marci Lippman (back) and Gail Winters.
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# Pioneer Seeds and Humberview Farms present Peel District School Board with $1,400 for Vegetable Garden program

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Humberview Farms Ltd and Pioneer Seeds presented The Peel District School Board with $1,400 for the Caledon Public School's Vegetable Garden Project on August 20.

This initiative is used to bring hands-on learning opportunities and fresh food to students in the community.

The program includes over 16 public schools in Caledon and is led by outgoing Peel District School Board School Trustee Stan Cameron and run by the Albion Hills Community Farm.

Cameron and Manager of the Albion Hills Community Farm Karen Hutchinson, who was also present at the presentation, helped to get the project up and growing in 2022 and since then have seen how the project has blossomed since.

Caledon Public School's Vegetable Garden will teach students how food grows by getting students to plant seeds before the end of the school year and have volunteers take care of the plants until students return back to school in the fall to help harvest the vegetables and donate them to local food banks in the community.

This will not only teach the children about growing fresh food, but also show them how easy it is to lend a hand and help members of the community.

The idea for the donation came from Heather French and Allison French Sales Representatives at Pioneer Seeds who saw the vegetable gardens at the schools and wanted to help out.




PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

Together, they applied for a grant through their parent company, Corteva Agriscience Community Betterment program, that focuses on helping communities in need and funding projects related to food security, agriculture, education and community life and were granted the funds.

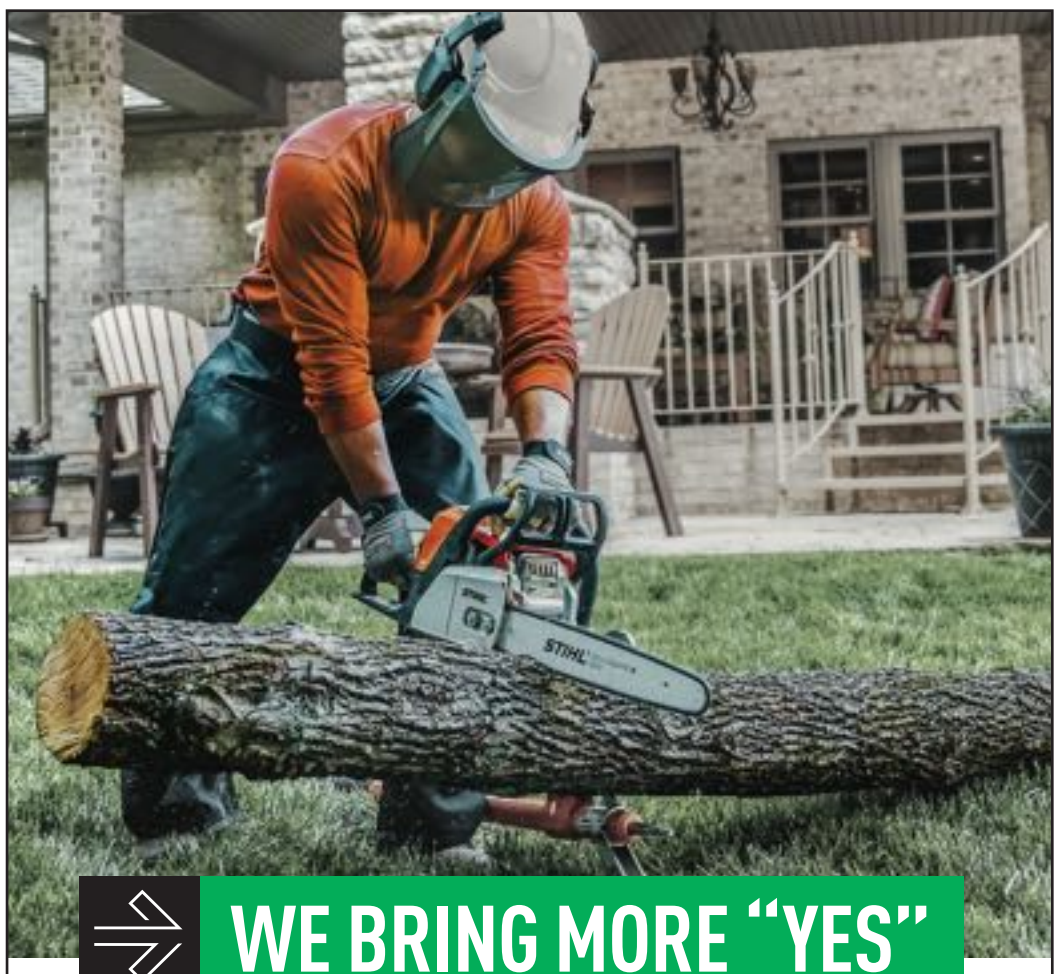
The vegetable program has also received many community supporters that have all had a hand in helping out the program.

Organizations such as Davis Feed and Farm Supply and Glen Echo provided seeds and seedlings, Bolton Home Hardware and Home Depot provided lumber, screws and other supplies, Humberview and Mayfield Secondary School Construction Tech student built the raised gardens, parent councils purchased organic soil and support from Town of Caledon and other grants helped to purchase gardening equipment such as hoses and rain barrels.

Since the beginning of the Caledon Public School's Vegetable Program four years ago to now, the project has impacted roughly 15,000 people in Caledon and continues to teach students the importance of teamwork, living healthy and how to care for others.

The donation from Humberview Farms Ltd and Pioneer Seeds will make sure that the school gardens continue to grow and teach children.

"Thank you to Allison and Heather French for submitting the grant application for us and for today's presentation", says Cameron. "And thank you Pioneer Seeds for this wonderful gift for our next step Caledon school gardens."




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# Renewed Hope will use grant money to renovate facilities

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
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On August 12, Renewed Hope was named one of five non-profit organizations receiving grant funding from the Caledon Community Council Golf Tournament Grant (CCCGT).

The 2026 grant will be used towards facility renovations for the building in areas such as the Thrift Store, Café and Mercy Mobile Unit.

Together this organization works to provide a multifaceted approach to helping families and individuals throughout the Caledon area.

Its goal is to have a growing network of programs designed to help provide practical assistance and to create a welcoming space where everyone can connect, find support and feel valued.

The Thrift Store at Renewed hope offers a wide variety in second hand clothing and other items at an affordable price, making it easier for people to find items and not stress from additional pressure on their household budget.

The RH Café is another highlight that Renewed Hope offers. The café focuses on providing customers affordable hand-crafted beverages, coffee and a variety of baked good.

Working together with local coffee curators and bakers, they wish to be able to let people enjoy a good coffee or treat that isn't an expensive experience.

The café also serves as an area where people can meet new people, form connections and enjoy the atmosphere.

Renewed Hope would like to express its deepest gratitude to the Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament (CCCGT) for its generous donation and support.

"That generosity is helping Renewed Hope expand its ability to reach people throughout the region and provide meaningful assistance week after week. Because of the support of the CCCGT, Renewed Hope is better positioned to reach hundreds of people in any given week through its various initiatives — from the Thrift Store and Café to food distribution and the MMU's outreach throughout the community," says Margarida Melnichuk, leader and co-founder of Renewed Hope.

"The impact of a donation is therefore much greater than a single cheque or a single event. It becomes clothing in someone's hands, food on the table, a welcoming place to sit and connect, or a mobile unit arriving at an organization that needs support. The CCCGTs generosity is helping turn resources into real opportunities to help people."

Renewed Hope's programs are made possible from the generous support that they receive from donors, business, volunteers and other organizations. Regardless of how big or small the donation or help, it all fits into a larger picture.

Renewed Hope is deeply thankful to the CCCGT, its leadership, organizers, supporters and donors for believing in the organization's vision and helping make this work possible reaching the region making it a better place for people to thrive.



# Saint John the Evangelist Parish celebrates 125th anniversary



Volunteers, including members of the Knight of Columbus, kept the celebratory barbecue going.
KATHRYN FRASER PHOTO

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
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The Saint John the Evangelist Parish marked the 125th anniversary of its church on August 22, celebrating with members of the community who came out to show their support.

Established in 1901 the Saint John the Evangelist Parish celebrated its first mass on August 4, led by Archbishop Denis O'Connor, the first member to lead a mass.

Since then, there have been several weekly masses and other ceremonies such as baptisms, weddings, first communion, confirmation and many more special moments have taken place in the church.

The event was held on the church property located at 16066 The Gore Road in Caledon, taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the activities and barbecue and then a celebratory mass at 5 p.m. that was led by Bishop Ivan Camillieri.

There was a wide variety of games and activities for children including face painting, a bouncy castle, blow up axe throwing, bean bag toss, and even more.

One main highlight of the event was the dunk tank where attendees were given the opportunity to hit a target with a bean bag and dump a bucket of water on a number of participants, including Father John, the past pastor of the parish, and Father Allyn Rose, the current pastor.

The celebration also included many groups, which hosted special booths to speak about their programs, including the EDGE leadership program, Knights of Columbus and the Young and Restless, a social spiritual service that is offered every second Sunday of the month for those ages 18 to 35.

During the event, many community members came in and out to support and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Parish.

At around 12 noon there was a barbecue where a variety of options were provided for attendees, from sausages to burgers to other items, including salad and vegetables.

While this was not the ideal plan as lunch was supposed to be catered by a food truck, the members of the parish were able to adapt and make sure that even though there was no food truck the other food that was originally being sold would be provided for free instead.

Dorota Bzdzikot, organizer for the event, said she was very grateful for the volunteers and other members that volunteered to help and take the time to help serve others or grill on the barbecue.

"We had quite a few people who volunteered to help out anyway they can once they heard what had happened", says Bzdzikot.

Despite the small mishap that none of the attendees seemed to mind, everyone who attended the event shared their love and appreciation that the church has brought to them.

Whether it was a sense of belonging, connecting with others, helping with grief or providing fun activities, it seems that every member, whether long time or new attendee, all are welcome and encouraged to become part of the Parish.

"St. John's is a beautiful and historic country church, and we are so thankful to have people come and celebrate with us to honour this building and the people who built it", says Bzdzikot.

# Peel-Dufferin's upcoming Plowing Match will mark 99 years

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On September 3, the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association with host the 99th Annual Plowing Match hosted at Drummearl Farm.

The event was last hosted at Drummearl Farm in 1977, and the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association is excited to welcome back members of the community and competitors for this event.

Registration to compete at the event will take place at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 9:30 a.m. before the first competition begins at 9:45 a.m. after classes have been drawn. Entry fees for all classes are $5 and participants are only allowed to enter one class.

The competition for classes one to nine will take place starting at 9:45 a.m. with a quick break for a barbecue lunch starting at 11am and then the competitions will resume at 1 p.m. to be completed for 2 p.m.

Those looking to compete in horse plowing will be placed in class one in either the Jointers Plow, Sulky Plow or Youth for those that are under 21.

Tractors will be placed in classes two to ten and will be separated between the following sections:

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## INGLEWOOD MAN CHARGED IN CHILD EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATION

Police have arrested and charged an Inglewood resident following a child sexual exploitation investigation.

"On Wednesday, August 12, 2026, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit (CSEU) executed a search warrant at a residence in Inglewood," say Police. "Assistance was provided by members of the OPP's Caledon Detachment and Digital Forensics Unit. Several electronic devices were seized."

As a result of the investigation, James Gilbert, 53, of Inglewood, was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of child sexual abuse and exploitation material, contrary to section 163.1(4) of the Criminal Code.

The accused was released from custody following a bail hearing and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

The charges have not been proven.

"The OPP will continue to identify and pursue individuals who use technology to exploit children," say Police. "Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by educating them on internet safety. Resources are available at cybertip.ca or protectchildren.ca."

Anyone with information in relation to this investigation or online child exploitation is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca. Information can also be reported through cybertip.ca.

## ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual following an assault investigation. Investigators are appealing to any witnesses who have not yet spoken with police to come forward.

"On Monday, August 24, 2026, shortly after 8:00 p.m., officers responded to a report of an assault outside a business near the intersection of King Street West and Queen Street North in Bolton," say Police. "Upon arrival, officers located the victim and, through the initial stages of the investigation, identified and arrested a suspect. The victim sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to hospital."

As a result of the investigation, Oleh Milchenko, 32, of Etobicoke, was charged with aggravated assault, contrary to section 268 of the Criminal Code.

The accused remained in custody pending a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

The charge has not been proven.

At the time of the incident, numerous witnesses were observed in the area. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122, referencing occurrence number E261227001. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca. peelcrimestoppers.ca.

## CHARGES LAID IN ROBBERY INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a robbery that occurred at a residence on Anderson Road in the Town of New Tecumseth.

"On May 28, 2025, at approximately 4:00 p.m., the Nottawasaga OPP responded to a report of a robbery at a residence on Anderson Road, in the Town of New Tecumseth," say Police. "Prior to officers' arrival, the suspects fled the residence on foot northbound towards Beattie Avenue.

"On August 19, 2026, shortly after 5:00 a.m. members of the Nottawasaga Major Crime Unit with the assistance of the Peel Regional Police Tactical Unit and the OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit executed multiple search warrants at addresses in Brampton and Caledon where two involved parties were located and placed under arrest."

As a result of the investigation, Gurjap Dhadda, 24, of Caledon has been charged with:

- Robbery with a weapon
- Pointing a firearm
- Disguise with intent
- Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under $5000.

The charges have not been proven.

The second accused, Pavittar Dhillon, 23, of Brampton, has been charged with:

- Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence

The charges have not been proven.

Both accused parties were held in custody pending a bail hearing.

If anyone has information in relation to the investigation, contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference occurrence number E250679174. To remain anonymous, you may submit your tips through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.crimestopperssdm.com.

## APPEAL FOR WITNESSES FOLLOWING MOUNTAINVIEW COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are appealing for witnesses following a collision on Mountainview Road.

"On August 18, 2026, at approximately 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a collision involving a motorcycle on Mountainview Road, between Escarpment Sideroad and The Grange Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "As a result of the collision, the lone motorcycle driver was transported to hospital with serious injuries."

Mountainview Road between Escarpment Sideroad and The Grange Sideroad was closed for several hours while the investigation was underway.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838 or online at www.cdvs.ca.

## HIGHWAY 10 COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are appealing for witnesses following a collision on Highway 10.

"On August 18, 2026, at approximately 7:30 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 10, south of Old School Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "As a result of the collision, one driver was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

"Highway 10 between Old School Road and Highway 410 was closed for several hours while the investigation was underway."

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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## IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual with numerous offences following a traffic stop.

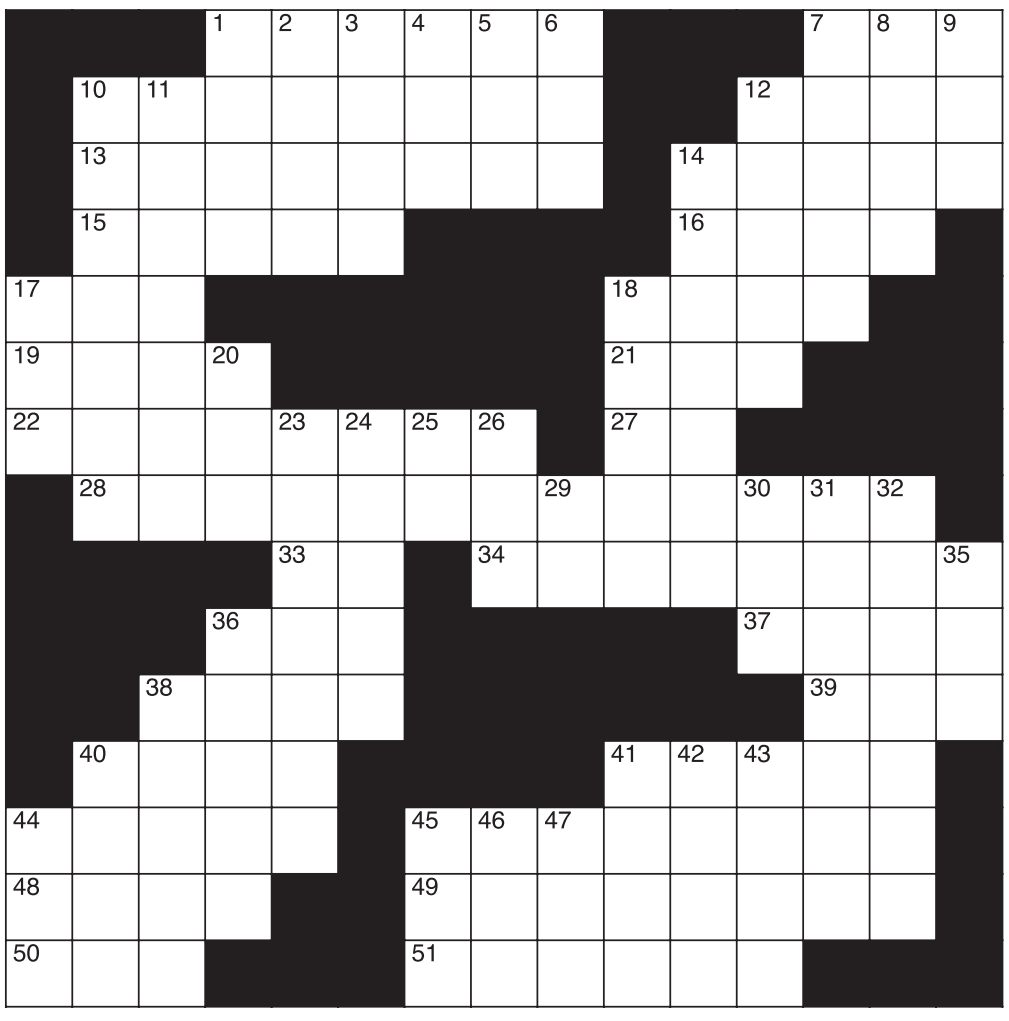
"On August 18, 2026, at approximately 12:00 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop upon a loaded Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) that was travelling upon a no truck route in the area of Mountainview Road and Escarpment Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "During the interaction, the investigating officer formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

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1. A vast desert in Africa
7. Reciprocal of a sine
10. Type of phone
12. Biblical figure
13. One who renounces a religious belief
14. Warren and Monroe are two
15. Wild ox
16. Dismounted a horse
17. Cave dweller
18. Where infants sleep
19. Popular type of shoe
21. Clumsy large person
22. Evil-like
27. Integrated circuit
28. Austin-based athlete
33. Postscript
34. Follows 18
36. People of Gambia
37. Popular actor Nicolas
38. Platform for a lectern
39. Taxi
40. American songwriter Sammy
41. Iranian city
44. Heavy clubs
45. One who is expelled
48. In bed
49. Lifelessness
50. Former CIA
51. Most slick

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1. Slovenly person
2. In addition
3. Hovels
4. Pie _ __ mode
5. Subway rodent
6. They __
7. Indigenous S. American people
8. Fine sand
9. Central nervous system
10. Nightclub entertainment
11. The perfect example of something
12. Supreme Islamic leader
14. Pain
17. Binary-coded decimal
18. Projecting corner of an angle
20. "Succession" actor Brian
23. Dinner table decor
24. Ancient settlement in modern Turkey
25. You can call Paul Simon this
26. Opposite of a pro
29. Atomic #28
30. Type of drug (abbr.)
31. Arrives at
32. Nullifies
35. Bird's beak
36. Partner to "oohed"
38. Ray-finned fishes
40. Taxis
41. Sat on and controlled
42. Sea eagles
43. Remain as-is
44. Chinese revolutionary
45. Tooth caregiver
46. Snakelike fish
47. Compensate

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# IMPAIRED CHARGES

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As a result, Chamkaur Sandhu, 33, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available;
- Disobey sign.

The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on September 24, 2026, to answer to the charges. Additionally, the driver's vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

The charges have not been proven.

"If you are driving a commercial vehicle, you must have no alcohol and no drugs in your system when you drive. You can face the impaired driving penalties like any other fully licenced drivers and further additional penalties. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it."

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

# OPP HOSTS BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are inviting Caledon residents to donate to our school supplies drive, helping to provide the back-to-school essentials to local youth.

From August 24, 2026, to September 1, 2026, community members are invited to attend Canadian Tire at 99 McEwan Drive East, Bolton, to purchase school supplies and make a donation in the designated drop-off bin near the check-outs. We are encouraging the donation of items such as pencils, notebooks, binders, markers, crayons, and any other essential school supplies a student might need.

Caledon OPP Detachment will also be accepting donations on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in our lobby at 15924 Innis Lake Road, Caledon East.

All donations will be provided to Caledon Community Services and The Exchange, a local charitable organization, for distribution to community members.

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# OPP RENEW APPEAL FOR WITNESSES ON ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF COLLISION

On the one-year anniversary of a fatal collision involving a pedestrian and a vehicle in New Tecumseth, investigators continue to seek answers with a renewed appeal for information.

On Sunday, August 24, 2025, at approximately 1:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle on 13th Line, near Adjala-Tecumseth Townline. A 23-year-old male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The vehicle involved, a 2020- 2025 Ford Escape, is believed to have fled the scene. A right rear air deflector was located at the collision site.

August 24, 2026, marks the one-year anniversary of this fatal collision and police continue to follow investigative leads in attempts to bring closure to the family.

Police are asking the driver involved to come forward, as they may not have realized a person was on the roadway.

Additionally, anyone who was in the area at the time or who may have dashcam or security footage is urged to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference E251145368. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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My plan for CALEDON'S FUTURE

Harpreet GREWAL

**I'm running for Regional Councillor because I believe residents deserve a regional councillor who is visible, accessible and willing to explain the rationale behind every vote.**

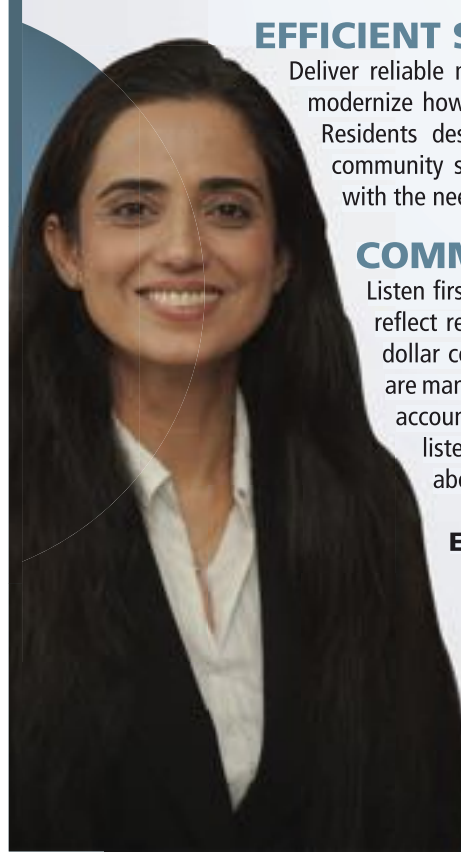
Caledon is growing, but growth must be planned responsibly. Every decision Council makes should improve the quality of life for residents. That means protecting our farmland and green spaces, ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with development, supporting local businesses, improving community safety, and making sure tax dollars are respected.

Throughout this campaign, I've spent my time listening to families, seniors, business owners, and community organizations. Their message has been consistent: residents want practical leadership, thoughtful decision-making, and a representative who is accessible, accountable, and focused on delivering results.

As your Regional Councillor, I will focus on four priorities:

**PROTECT & PRESERVE**
Protect Caledon's rural character, farmland, and natural heritage while ensuring growth respects our community and preserves the qualities that make Caledon unique.

**SMART GROWTH, STRONG COMMUNITIES**
Plan responsibly so roads, infrastructure, public services, and housing grow together, directing development to areas where infrastructure already exists or is planned.



**EFFICIENT SERVICES**
Deliver reliable municipal services, improve responsiveness, and modernize how residents interact with their local government. Residents deserve quality parks, recreational facilities, and community spaces that are well maintained and keep pace with the needs of our growing communities.

**COMMUNITY FIRST**
Listen first, communicate openly, and make decisions that reflect residents' priorities. I will carefully evaluate every dollar contributed by taxpayers and ensure public funds are managed responsibly, wisely, and transparently. Being accountable means staying connected to residents, listening to their concerns, and being transparent about how and why decisions are made.

**ELECTION DAY: OCTOBER 26TH, 2026**

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## 7th Annual Dawna Hunt Memorial Softball Tournament on August 22.

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This year, thanks to the incredible generosity of our participants, sponsors, and supporters, $13,000 was raised in support of Bethell Hospice Foundation.
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# Ripping off the Band-Aid

If you were struggling to find your get-up-and-go over the first few days of this week, I'm sure you're not alone. It was, of course, an eventful weekend for all of us as trade talks with the United States, such as they were, collapsed, with our negotiating team apparently deciding that no deal was better than a bad deal.

According to both parties, negotiations were going well into last week, a last-minute extension of the tariff deadline being granted, apparently just to fine-tune some of the details.

By the time Friday arrived, however, it became clear that the devil would truly be in the details.

Midday passed without any real movement towards signatures being announced. Nothing further by the time the stock markets closed that afternoon. By the time dinner rolled around, no matter how diligently both sides claimed to be working, my optimism began to wane.

Surely if there was something positive to report, no matter how small a movement in the right direction, it would have been heralded by both sides.

It was clear a long night lay ahead.

No matter how much I prepared to be in it for the long haul, an exceedingly busy workweek got the better of me, and, no matter how restless I was feeling about what lay ahead, I drifted off and woke up – still on the couch – to the news so many were dreading.

This sense of uncertainty is reflected in new data released Tuesday morning by the Angus Reid Institute which polled Canadians in the immediate aftermath of the trade deal collapse.

The poll found one-in-five Canadians expressed "frustration or anger after a year-and-a-half of tariffs, while anxiety, fear, and uncertainty (12 per cent), and disappointment (7 per cent) are also common."

The poll of 1,700 Canadians were asked to describe how they were feeling after these difficult 18 months and "frustration" and "anger" came out on top with 19 per cent of respondents; "anxiety", "worry", and "fear" following at 8 per cent; "disappointment" at 7 per cent, "pride" and "patriotism" at 5 per cent; "uncertainty" and "confusion" at 4 per cent, "anti-US" and "Anti-Trump sentiment" at 3 per cent, "exhaustion" and "fatigue" at 3 per cent; "disgust" at 2 per cent; "betrayal" and "distrust" at 2 per cent; and rounding out the list with one per cent each were "indifference," "apathy," "disbelief," and "shock."

"The data also shows Canadians across the country are preaching national unity over Provincial interest at a majority level," the poll found. "Seven-in-10 (69 per cent) Canadians want a 'Team Canada' approach from their province; majorities in every province agree, ranging from 57 per cent in Saskatchewan to 75 per cent in Manitoba.

"This, despite elevated concern from Canadians that this trade dispute will hurt their province. Two-thirds (66 per cent) believe the trade war will very or badly affect their province, including 68 per cent in B.C., 70 per cent in Ontario and 70 per cent in Quebec who say this. Those three provinces are expected to be the epicentres of any job losses caused by the latest round of Trump tariffs."

There is a lot to iron out domestically in the coming days, weeks, and months, and a lot of uncertainty, fear, and frustration will need to be weathered by just about every Canadian in just about every sector as we re-calibrate our collective direction amid the disintegration of one of the most reliable international relationships we have had in our history.

By the same token, however, I am surprised one word failed to make the Angus Reid cut: Relief.

It sounds counterintuitive to say "relief" was one of the myriad feelings that coursed through my veins on Saturday morning as we waited for the Prime Minister to detail some of the factors that led to the collapse of trade talks, but it is true.

Given Trump's propensity to continually change the goal posts in any talks, no matter the benefit to his people, it was clear from the outset that Canada was going into negotiations in anything but good faith. It was clear from the outset that we, as Canadians, would be expected to do all of the giving in this relationship, would be expected to settle for a deal that would inevitably be worse than what we've got, would be expected to settle for a deal that just one side could blow out of the water, whenever they felt like it, for whatever reason, and we would be expected to live with a deal that wasn't worth the paper it was written on.

"Our government understood, before many, that America would transform all its commercial relationships, that it would put a series of tariffs on its closest allies, and use economic integration as a weapon," said Carney in his Saturday morning address to the nation. "That its signature was written in pencil.

"While the U.S. has imposed a seemingly endless stream of tariffs and threatened more, Canada has, by contrast, taken several steps in good faith to find compromise and secure a comprehensive deal in the best interest of Canadians and Americans. Our negotiators sought not only to reduce tariffs, but also to restore a degree of certainty and stability – through a new, comprehensive agreement that Canadian businesses and workers could rely on."

This, of course, was not to be – and many saw the writing on the wall. While "relief" might be a strange word to use in this context, it's like a weathered Band-Aid, holding onto the remains of a wound with as much light as its adhesive allows, has finally been ripped off, we can no longer avoid what was clearly a reality, and now that we know where we stand, we can forge a new path ahead being masters of our own destiny as a nation.

It will take a lot of hard work, it will require enduring many tough days ahead, but we have the tools to build a strong economy with new partners and renewed relationships rather than hitching our economic wagon to a horse more than willing to kick us in the teeth whenever it's feeling the proverbial zoomies.

And, if there is any doubt that this would – and would always be – the case, one only has to look to missives sent out by the White House musing upon changing the name of Lake Ontario because they didn't get the deal they wanted. It was never about making a serious deal.

Those devilish details of what ultimately led to the collapse of trade talks are yet to be released in full. Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre is calling for a special Parliamentary session to get those details released to the public – and rightly so – but, if reports stating the United States wanted control over our foreign and trade policies to ink the deal, effectively annexing our nation, are true, that's really all we need to know.




# My blessings are not mine to keep

**by Mark Pavilons**




While flipping through my mental Rolodex of blessings I came to a stark realization – my blessings are not mine.

I am lucky to be surrounded by a loving family that includes my wife Kim, and children Lexie, Liam and Kyleigh. My extended family of in-laws and a handful of friends round out my circle.

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

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

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

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

I've always believed there's a lesson to be learned in meeting new people, and absorbing their energy and listening to their tales.

Many of us have stayed friends with our high school or college buddies. My small group was tight and we still keep in touch via social media.

I am blessed to have Jim, Geoff, Dave, Brendan and Ken in my life. While we may not be in close contact, I think of them often and they lift me up in many ways.

How and why we all clicked is still a mystery, but a good one.

My wife Kim is the most awesome woman I've ever met. She's smart, strong, compassionate and, like most moms, gives everything she has to keeping the family running smoothly.

Even after 31 years of marriage, I still can't believe she chose me and put up with me. Okay, she may have wanted to spike my morning coffee or push a pillow into my kisser a little too forcefully on occasion. But hey.

She and I have shaped one another, hopefully for the better. A strong relationship and partnership is necessary for keeping a family running at its peak.

While I can track just how Kim came into my life, the rest – the connection, bond and lifelong loyalty – are mysterious and somewhat inexplicable.

Did I deserve such riches? Was I such a good person that the powers that be sent Kim in my direction?

I don't know.

What I do know is that she is special, and one tough cookie. She's never caught off guard and always knows just what to do.

I haven't always been the best husband and most reciprocal in our relationship. So consider this an apology.

Such a blessing she is, and I didn't always know just how good I had it. But I do now. This old dog can learn a few new tricks.

My children are the most precious souls in my life and all have helped shape the person I am. They are who they are through DNA, genetics and the miracle of creation.

But they don't belong to me.

Sure, I had a hand in helping to mold my offspring. Together with my wife, we shaped these beings, giving them all we could and proving them with a strong set of ethics, morals, and values. Ok, our combined DNA may have contributed to their physical traits but they are unique, like snowflakes. They fostered their own talents, characteristics and features.

I think that's all parents can do. We know that one day we have to set them free to tackle the world, just as we did. All we can do is give them the skills and techniques to meet the challenges head-on.

I cheered them on in sports and academics, and drove them to appointments. I gave what I could. Loving them came easy.

As a dad, every "no" I dished out came from a place of deep love. Their pain hurts me more than my own. I always pray for their happiness and success.

These blessings – and the love they carry – are my gifts to the world. They are not mine per se, but they are individuals, who should be embraced by the world and cherished for their contributions.

Just how they will change the world remains to be seen. But they've already had a positive impact on their own small circles. That's on them – spreading their love, knowledge, sense of humour and strong values to those around them.

I couldn't be prouder and yet they must fly and spread their wings.

I will leave them one day, and that makes me very sad. I'm not afraid to go, but my heart with shatter, knowing I will never see them again.

That goes for everyone I know and those I'm proud to call my friends.

I think all of these – friends, family, acquaintances – act as a domino effect by exponentially growing blessings. It's like a bolt of positivity reaching out to the world and making it a better place. That's pretty cool if you think about it.

I recommend to everyone to hold your blessings near and dear. Do what you can to plant seeds and spread joy. Help, encourage, support and love.

How did your blessings come to be and are you willing to set them free?




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# Well, now we have ourselves a race!

Buckle up, Caledon, because now we have ourselves a race! In all but one category, a flurry of candidates either registered to run, or withdrew their candidacy and now we residents find ourselves with a plethora of choices in the upcoming election. These are interesting times and as I've stated quite categorically, I believe this election to be pivotal in terms of defining the future direction of our town.

So, start doing your research now 'cause it might take a while.

More than ever before, the message this year is to vote. It is our responsibility to become an informed electorate that actively participates in the democratic process and this year, that means taking the time to vet the candidates running according to what matters not only to you personally, but also with regards to how Caledon grows as a community. With mandates from the provincial government for growth, and other "vested interests" in certain aggregate materials, farmland that's in the way of a highway, and in housing and other development lands all influencing what happens here, we need a strong, UNITED, Council to stand up for what's right for Caledon.

Luckily, in almost every category, more than one person has put their name forward for our consideration, with the exception of the Regional Councillor 4,5,6 position where presumably Tony Rosa, as the only declared candidate, will be acclaimed. One mayoral candidate has withdrawn and elsewhere, some wards that previously had only one registered candidate, now have several to choose from.

The updated list even includes candidates who currently sit on council in another city (a position they are presumably not seeking re-election for) and who ran federally during last year's federal election. Closer to home, it's encouraging (from my perspective) to see long-time community advocates who already have a strong history of committing time and energy to various issues of great concern to Caledon residents now also putting their name on the ballot.

In my mind, someone who has already shown up for Caledon through their community volunteer work, or issues-based advocacy, is someone who is demonstrating that even without the benefit of a Council paycheque, they are interested in community well-being. We should also give credit where credit is due to those candidates who have already spent their summer learning about, advocating for, and actively listening to constituents because they registered way back in May.

A number of these candidates offer specific skill sets and expertise that would certainly be advantageous at the Council table. Of course, some candidates also bring their past experience as either a Councillor or Regional Councillor and this may or may not be considered a benefit in terms of the experience they offer. What it does offer with certainty, however, is the opportunity to peruse their voting records on matter of concerns such as MZOs, Swan Lake, the future of aggregate or the 413, in order to better understand where they stand (and with whom) on the significant issues facing Caledon now and in our future.

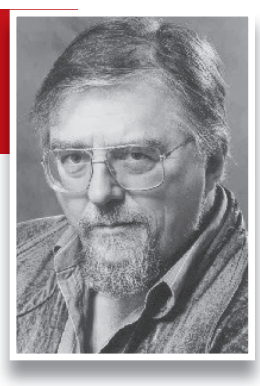
As positive as all of this is, unfortunately we are already seeing the downside of politics too. The name-calling, mud-slinging and even, sadly, some particularly racist commentary, is also picking up speed at an alarming rate. So too is misinformation, which seems to be happening to some candidates more than others. Whether any of this is intentional or not is, of course, difficult to say. It's why again, I urge residents to do their homework and by homework I mean reading credible news sources (like this paper), attending debates which are being scheduled to take place over the coming weeks, and to review past Council decisions to see who, and how, current incumbent candidates have voted in the past on the issues you are most concerned about.

Frankly, it also means we should be questioning everything we hear. If it sounds "too good to be true," or sounds "unbelievable," it probably is. Social media, even well-meaning community hosted pages who are doing things like proactively sending out questionnaires to all candidates (affording each candidate the same opportunity to respond) is still a tool that one must use cautiously, and preferably while avoiding altogether the "comments" sections which can, until the moderators step in, occasionally get pretty ugly.

There's a lot at stake in Caledon. We'll try not to harangue you about the election in every column between now and October 26, but this week it felt important to note that with the nomination period closing August 21, 2026 we now know for certain who is running in each Ward, for a Regional Councillor position, or for the role of Mayor.

In other words, we now have ourselves a race. It's time to buckle up, do your research, then motor on down to your local polling station on October 26th, 2026 to "Have Your Say Caledon."

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



# Ukraine: Democracy and Corruption

"Democracy cannot be held hostage by Russia," said Mihaylo Fedorov, until recently Ukraine's defence minister. "We must find a legal, safe and realistic mechanism which will allow Ukraine to renew its full democratic process even in the conditions of a long war." Seven years after the last election, some Ukrainians are demanding a new one.

The protesters who have been outside President Volodymyr Zelensky's office on Ivan Franko Square since Fedorov was fired last month were still there the day after his nine-minute video went out on 18 August. However, they were not more numerous than the day before.

It has been seven years since the election that brought Zelensky to power in a landslide powered by widespread revulsion at the rampant corruption in the government. His popularity soared after the Russian invasion (90%), and four-and-a-half years into the war it's still at 65%. That's why Fedorov's bid to mobilise the people against him has failed.

There's a lot of dissent and dissatisfaction out there, no doubt, because the corruption problem is real. No year passes in Ukraine without arrests and trials of high-profile thieves right inside the government.

Zelensky's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, resigned last year in the midst of a corruption scandal that also implicated the president's former business partner Timur Mindich (who fled abroad).

This year's premier outrage featured people connected to the state-owned nuclear power company who misappropriated $3 million to pay bail for a former energy minister accused of money laundering. They have been arrested, as have been two senior state bank officials, while the deputy head of Zelensky's office has been fired.

Shocking, shameful stuff, but it's Standard Operating Procedure in post-Soviet political cultures where officials and politicians act as if they have the right to plunder the state. At least in Ukraine some of them are being arrested or dismissed, and Zelensky himself seems clean.

How does Ukraine compare with other post-Soviet states on the international Corruption Perception Index? Transparency International ranks it at 104 out of 182 countries, in the same group as Brazil and Argentina – and steadily improving. Only 23% of public service users paid a bribe in the previous 12 months.

Russia, by contrast, ranks 157, near the bottom of the list, in the same group as Chad and Zimbabwe. 34% of Russian individuals paid bribes in the past year to public officials (health, education, police, etc.), and 71% of Russian companies bidding for state contracts get demands for bribes.

Ukraine is not good on the corruption front but it's getting better, and there's no strong case for "throwing the rascals out." But even if most people in the government are not rascals, seven years without an election is a long time. Surely democracy demands an election now – or at least the Russians and Donald Trump think so. They claim he has no legitimacy otherwise.

By the same logic, Winston Churchill should have called an election in 1940, when the United Kingdom was fighting the Germans all alone in the Battle of Britain, before either the Soviet Union or the United States had come into the war. The last election had been in 1935, so five years later Churchill had to hold an election or become illegitimate.

Nonsense. Parliament just passed laws each year posting the election by one year until peace was in sight in July 1945 (one month after D-Day) – and Churchill lost. The United States did hold an election in 1944, but the situation was different: no bombs, no refugees, no enemy country within reach. (Roosevelt won, then died within three months and Truman took over).

Circumstances alter cases. Countries a long way from the front line, not being bombed, with up-to-date voter registries can certainly hold elections in wartime: New Zealand did, South Africa did, Australia held two elections, Canada had two plus a plebiscite. But it's very hard to do it when bombs are dropping on the voters.

There could be a case for holding an election despite the nightly air raids on Ukrainian cities, the seven million citizens who have fled abroad or are living in occupied territories, and the very large number of soldiers in the trenches – but not many people in Ukraine are demanding it.

Polls say that 70% would prefer to wait for peace, even though seven years is a long time.

So Mihaylo Fedorov is wrong to demand an election now, although he has been badly treated by Zelensky. He would be doubly wrong to meet Donald Trump during his forthcoming visit to the United States, because the US president, after consulting with Vladimir Putin in Moscow, would be only too happy to set him up as an alternative to Zelensky.

## Our Readers Write

### Restore Canada with true democracy – and in doing so, restore hope: reader

Protect the environment – e.g.: get rid of Data Centres that drain water, the grid, and that kill off wildlife. Protect farmland and farmers.

Protect the Canadian masses from the Project 2025 Regime influences – e.g.: protect the economy and Canadian politics from the manipulations of the oligarchs, protect the unions and the workers that they represent giving them all fair wages.

Tax the Billionaires instead of allowing them to control and manipulate the stock markets and instead of replacing humans with robots.

Restore public healthcare, public education, and create and increase access to affordable housing.

**WENDY LOVEGROVE**
**BRAMPTON**

### Canadians shouldn't be asked to subsidize oil industry: reader

While communities battle floods, heat waves, and wildfire smoke this summer, oil and gas companies are posting record profits. That is not a coincidence. It is the business model.

Rather than taxing this windfall or holding polluters accountable, the federal government is handing the industry billions in public support for new pipeline projects. That is money that could fund healthcare, wildfire response, or a genuine transition to renewable energy.

Canadians should not be asked to subsidize the same industry that is driving the disasters we are living through. We need leaders willing to make polluters pay, not underwrite their expansion.

I work outdoors, and not long ago, it looked like the apocalypse. We couldn't go outside without masks. This is ridiculous. We've known for decades what the problem is, quit the pretense and get on this. Fix things instead of stealing from us and our futures. The time for half-measures is over. We need real action. No pipelines on a burning planet.

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## Caledon Agricultural Society receives Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
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On August 11, the Caledon Agricultural Society would be receiving almost $128,000 in funding through the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant, funding overseen by the Ontario Government.

This grant is different from the others that Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS) has been receiving, which are are going towards the construction and planning for a new Community Centre located on the Fairgrounds.

The money from the OTF Capital Grant will be allocated towards replacing the leaking CAS Exhibits Hall roof to prevent further damage and extend the life of the building.

The project will last six months, and CAS is looking forward to the changes ahead.

With Caledon's Agricultural Society's Exhibits Hall being over 100 years old, it is important to continue to take care of the area and make sure that the building can be around for even longer.

"The Caledon Agricultural Society is grateful to the Province of Ontario and to the Trillium Foundation for approving our grant application for 2026," says Ed Taccone, President of CAS. "The OTF grant will pay to provide a new roof on our 120-plus-year-old Exhibits Hall, which has been on the Caledon Fairgrounds for 100 years. This building is a centrepiece for the Caledon Fair and for the Caledon Canada Day Strawberry Festival, and having a new roof will let it remain in good condition and provide an indoor venue for community activities for many years to come."

The OTF Capital Grant is used to help organizations improve infrastructure and, in doing so, is continuing to deliver programs and services that are needed for the community.

Some of these improvements can include building new spaces, repairing damages and renovating areas.

MPP for Dufferin-Caledon Slyvia Jones was at the announcement with members of CAS and shared her thoughts on the funding that CAS will be receiving from the OTF Capital Grant.

"This funding will preserve the Caledon Agricultural Society's rich history and support our community for future generations to come," says Jones. "Restoring the Exhibits Hall roof will give the Caledon Agricultural Society a space where the community can continue to gather and connect, all while maintaining this cherished heritage building."

Glenda Simeone, a member of CAS, shared her thoughts on receiving this grant and what it means for CAS.

"The Caledon Agricultural Society is grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for providing a grant this year for our Fairgrounds," she said. "Our Agricultural Awareness Hall on the Caledon Fairgrounds is over 120 years old and has been in its present location for 100 years," says Simeone. "It is the primary structure on the grounds and has hosted fair competitions, community events, weddings and even movie shoots during its long life.

"The hall roof has been leaking and endangering the structure, so this Trillium Grant will pay to replace the cedar shakes and the deteriorating boards under them and allow the building to be a useful and welcoming fairgrounds mainstay for many more years. MPP Sylvia Jones, thank you for presenting the giant cheque to us last Friday, August 11, 2026. We're thankful that Ontario supports community-based volunteer groups and values the work that they do. "

CAS is one of multiple organizations that will be receiving the OTF grant as the Ontario Government continues to invest in supporting local organizations and community infrastructure across the Province.

## COMMUNITY events

*This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling* ***(905) 857-6626*** *or emailing* ***admin@caledoncitizen.com*** *if you wish to have an announcement published.*

**Monthly Dinner – Friday, August 28, 2026**
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Monthly Dinner on Friday, August 28, 2026. The menu is Stuffed Chicken Kebab, Tzatziki, Pilaf, Lemon Potatoes, Greek Salad & Lemon Ice-Cream Dessert. Cost is $16. Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for $2.
Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 by Thurs. August 26 at 3:30 pm to buy your tickets!

**Lunch & Learn – Thurs. September 3**
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Lunch & Learn on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 11:00 am.
Topic: Cognitive Aging & Dementia Interactive Experience.
Presenter is Melanie Yeboah, Life Enrichment Coordinator at Amica Peel Village.
This session focuses on supporting individuals living with cognitive decline or a reduced ability to care for themselves. It provides practical strategies and tools for caregivers and family members to better support those in their care.
Pre-registration is required. A sandwich and dessert lunch will follow the presentation. Cost is $7.
Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register!

**Sip and Paint Night**
Friday, September 11th, Caledon Seniors Centre
You don't have to be creative to join us for our paint night, you just have to want to have fun.
Instructors will guide your creativity while you create a beautiful hibiscus painting.
All the supplies will be provided and your ticket includes a beverage of your choice.
Tickets are $35.00 for members or $38.50 for non members.
This is a fundraiser for the Caledon Seniors Centre so everyone is welcome, you don't have to be 55+
For more information please visit our website at www.caledonseniors.ca

**Caledon Harvest High Tea - Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 2 to 5 pm**
Join us for an elegant afternoon of tea, treats, community, and giving at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton, to support CAFFI Housing's initiative to provide accessible, supportive housing and a stronger future for people with disabilities in our community. Enjoy delicious refreshments and snacks, opportunities to win exciting prizes, and wonderful company, all while making a meaningful difference.
Tickets are $35/person (advance purchased required) and can be requested by contacting caffihousing@gmail.com or 905-857-5191. Come raise a cup of coffee or tea and help support a great cause!

**Mom & Babes Yoga Fitness**
**Starting on September 14, 2026 at 11 am – free program**
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**Psychic Tina Curtis with Monthly Dinner**
Friday September 25th, 2026 Dinner 5:30 PM Psychic 7PM-9PM
Join us for a group reading and monthly dinner starts at 5:30 PM at the Caledon Seniors Centre, this event is open to anyone in the community, you don't have to be 55+ to attend any of our fundraising events.
Members with dinner $50.00
Non-Members with dinner $58.50
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Call the centre at 905-951-6114 to register

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# Panel discussion highlights impact of women in agriculture, farming




Attendees listen to the panel discussion on Tuesday evening. PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

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and drawing attention to the challenges that they have and continue to face in this role.

Panellists included Jeannette French from Lennox Farm in Melancthon, Amy Ouchterlony from Fiddle Foot Farm in Mulmur, Karen Hutchinson from Albion Hills Community Farm in Caledon, Val Steinman from Heartwood Farm in Erin and Gail Winters from GoodLot Farm and GoodLot Farmstead Brewing Co. in Caledon.

While each farm is unique and has their own different crops, products, programs, and ways of running, the panellists provided a variety of insights not on what each farm has to offer but also what it means for them to be female farmers and what they hope to see in the next generation of women in agriculture.

From 500-acre vegetable farms to community gardens, regenerative farming, agricultural events and on-farm craft brewery, the panellist conversation explored many topics including the roles women farmers have as food producers, mothers, teachers, community builders, and stewards of the land.

The panel was moderated by In the Hills Magazine Publisher Tralee Pearce who asked the panelist several questions and moderated the Q&A session after the panel discussion.

Money raised for this event will go towards Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance's Farm to School Program, which has been providing food and farming education to elementary students throughout the Dufferin County and Caledon area for the last decade.

Before the panel, attendees are participants were provided light refreshments and a complimentary drink. All food and drinks were provided by Crowded Table and Carney Country Catering.

One important conversation during the panel was about the challenges that are faced as a woman farmer and panellists said they were often asked where the farmer is, or look for their husbands when they are farmers as well.

"Whenever someone has a question, they always look for the farmer and I'm standing right there and they ask, like, 'where's your husband?' and it's taken me a long time to feel confident enough to know that I am the farmer and although my husband and I work as a team and we need to work together, we all have different skill sets. Until we acknowledge all of those different skill sets and how important they are, then we won't be acknowledged as the farmer," said Jeanette French.

The panel also discussed the term "farmer's wife" and how we have come a long way from using it as a label.

"I like that we're a long way from the term 'farmer's wife'. It's never been a term I adopted and there's a woman here who told me, 'Farmer's wife – that's BS. We knew my mom was running the show' and I love that line", said Amy Ouchterlony.

Looking to the future, all the panelists expressed their hope for the next generation, continuing the work that has been done, and bringing more women into farming.

"I'm connecting a lot with younger people and younger women, so I do feel the gravity of being in that role now of speaking to people who might be wanting to get into farming," said Steinman. "I think if I were to sum it up, I'd say, 'Good on you. Follow your heart,' and, 'It's not going to be easy, it's going to be a wild ride,' and reach out and connect with others who are carrying that same passion and concern, because it's countercultural, and it's really important.

"I would just, again, reinforce that we need to be rebuilding or rural communities to support farmers of all types, because farmer mental health is a massive national crisis, and it's all the same stuff that's needed to nurture new farmers to support farmers of all kinds in our communities. We can do this by building stronger communities and being curious together."

# *Caledon Walk of Fame to induct Barrie Shepley on September 12*

**CONTRIBUTED**

The Town of Caledon is proud to announce Barrie Shepley as the 2026 Caledon Walk of Fame inductee, recognizing his extraordinary contributions to sport, wellness and community building, and his lasting impact on generations of residents.

Barrie's accomplishments as a nationally and internationally recognized triathlon coach, athlete, author and broadcaster are well documented, but his influence in Caledon extends well beyond sport. Through initiatives such as Kids of Steel, the Egg Nog Jog, and recreational opportunities at C3 James Dick Quarry, he has helped bring people together, promote active living and create a welcoming community for residents of all ages and abilities. His book, Chasing Greatness: Stories of Passion and Perseverance in Sport and in Life, has also shared his message of perseverance and resilience with audiences around the world.

"Barrie Shepley represents so much of what the Caledon Walk of Fame is about. His accomplishments on the national and international stages are outstanding, but his ongoing commitment to our community is what makes his legacy so very special," said Mayor Annette Groves. "Barrie has inspired generations of Caledon residents to be active, believe in themselves and support one another. He has also become a familiar face at our annual Caledon Sport Hall of Fame ceremony, where he has been an outstanding emcee. It seems only fitting that we give him a permanent stage of his own on the Walk of Fame!"

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*by Graham Churchill, Stewardship Coordinator*



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As a single local mom, Sarah* knows the stress of stretching every dollar.

"Without [Caledon Community Services (CCS)'] Exchange, I'd run out of groceries before I had money to buy more," she shares, recalling a time when that fear became painfully real.

The new school year was just days away and her son's backpack had a broken zipper. Her daughter needed a lunchbox and a water bottle. The list kept growing and so did Sarah's anxiety. How could she possibly choose between groceries and school essentials?

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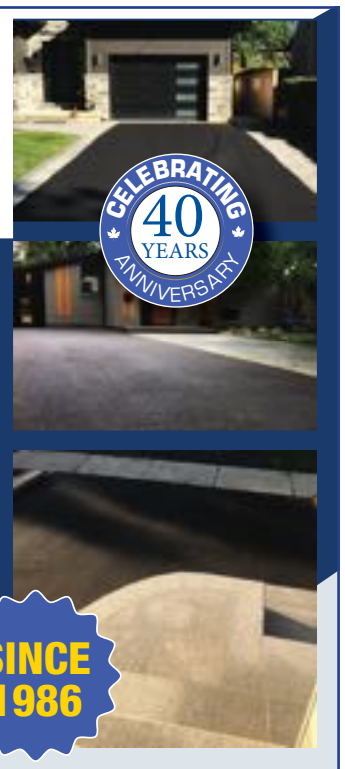
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# Brewers bounce Baysox from North Dufferin Baseball League playoffs with decisive 7-2 home field semifinal victory



Bolton Slugger Justin Malanan is all smiles as he crosses the plate after a mammoth home run versus Owen Sound. Malanan wore out Baysox pitching as the Brewers eliminated Owen Sound from the NDBL playoffs.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

## Malanan hits two homers and Cota delivers masterful CG performance to eliminate Owen Sound

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers defeated the Owen Sound Baysox 7-2 on Friday night at Taylor Fields to win their best-of-five NDBL semifinal series three games to one.

It was the biggest upset of the 2026 NDBL Senior Division playoffs. Not only did Owen Sound (17-5-0) finish four spots ahead of Bolton (13-8-1) after the regular season, but the Baysox swept a double-header on May 16 by beating the Brewers 8-2 and 12-7.

However, as S.E. Hinton entitled her famous work of fiction, "That Was Then, This Is Now."

Clean-up hitter Justin Malanan put the team's emphasis on "now" and relegated those early season losses to Owen Sound into the distant past by hitting two home runs and driving in three to pace Bolton's blistering offence.

Player Coach Mike Wallace marveled at Malanan's moon shots in Game 4.

"With both his home runs, I think they're still travelling, to be honest. His first one was a liner that would have been in the first deck of the Rogers Centre. Justin's second one would have been in the second deck. It was similar to the one he hit in Game 2—it got out of Taylor Fields in a hurry. Ben Sterritt drove in a pair of big runs for us, too, in Game 4. Brett Chater continued to get us big hits with two outs when he drove in Amin Juarez who had two more hits."

In addition to the hitting heroics of Malanan, Sterritt, Chater, and Juarez, Coach Wallace also praised his starting pitcher's complete game, eight-strikeout performance versus the pennant-winning Baysox.

"Paul Cota had his stuff working. He had a lot of guys 0-2 and he induced weak contact and ground ball outs. He could have had even more strikeouts if batters hadn't rolled over. He's very smooth, mechanically. The ball jumps out at the hitter. His sliders and curveballs set up the fastballs all night."

Cota's masterful pitching allowed him to escape a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam in Game 4 with the game tied 3-3. Coach Wallace asserted that it was the turning point in the club's decisive victory over the favored Baysox.

"Paul started a 1-2-3 double play after Owen Sound had loaded the bases with none out. It was 3-3 and the Baysox could have got some momentum if they cashed those baserunners. After Paul started the double play, he K'd the next batter to get us out of it. We came back with two runs at the bottom of the inning. Juarez singled and Chater drove him in. Sterritt just missed hitting a home run and Chater came around all the way from first to score a big run. Then Justin put one out of the park."

Even though the Brewers' offense produced 22 runs in four games, Coach Wallace credited his pitching staff for being the difference in the stirring upset of the first-place Baysox.

"It came down to starting pitching—it was excellent. The efforts they gave were incredible and our defense was on point, too. Earlier in the season, Paul wasn't ready to start and Charlie wasn't ready to start. But by the time the playoffs rolled around, our starters have made all the difference versus Orillia and Owen Sound."

Another key factor behind the resurgence of the Brewers, according to Coach Wallace, is the return of veteran outfielder Chris Fafalios.

"He was a piece we didn't have for most of the season. He had a serious bone bruise on his foot. Chris loves the game and he was chomping at the bit to get back in the lineup. He's one of our stable outfielders and drove in a big run for us in Game 4."

Fafalios's RBI out of the seven-spot revealed how long and dangerous the Brewers' hitting lineup has become.

In the decisive game on Friday night, Coach Wallace got RBIs from the 1-spot, 2-spot, 4-spot, and 7-spot in his lineup and seven of the nine batters picked up at least one hit versus the first-place Baysox.

The veteran bench boss addressed the depth of the Brewers' attack.

"We're not relying on one player or one group. Our first four hitters can't be kept down for very long. We continued to be tough outs."

Although the Brewers dropped a 5-1 decision to the Baysox in Owen Sound in Game 3 on Thursday, the same formula of excellent pitching and powerful hitting that characterized Game 4 was on display in Game 2 at Taylor Fields on Monday night.

Bolton clobbered Owen Sound 6-1 on the strength of Charlie Hughes's dominant five-inning performance and Matteo Stothers' two effective innings of relief.

The Brewers hard-hitting lineup continued to feast on Baysox pitching as Carson Burns hit two home runs over the right-field fence and Malanan hit a solo shot over the left-field fence.

Coach Wallace addressed the keys to victory in the pivotal Game 2.

"It all starts with the starting pitching of Charlie Hughes—he's developing quite the reputation in the league. Matteo's going to throw you strikes and I put him out to close the Orillia series. He's at his best when he's landing his curveball and changeup as he did tonight."

In addition to praising the "serious power" of Malanan, Coach Wallace lauded the power of his second baseman Burns.

"I'm seeing Carson on deck when I'm hitting behind him. He was dialed in on everything. It reminded me of another great game he had when he hit two home runs against New Lowell two years ago."

The Brewers' excellent pitching was supported by a pair of spectacular defensive plays by veteran Brett Chater who took away a pair of runs from the Baysox with fine footwork and fielding up the middle.

Coach Wallace applauded his shortstop's range and value to the team.

"He's just a great player. We have to be careful not to take him for granted after seeing him do these things for twenty years. His Baseball IQ is off the charts—he knows the tendencies of hitters after being in the league for so long so he's ready for it and it showed tonight."

Brewers starting pitcher Charlie Hughes acknowledged the value of the defense behind him and praised his club's potent bats: "The offense was cooking tonight. We're getting great hitting and it takes the pressure off me so I can focus on throwing strikes and letting the defense make plays. The key to our recent success is that we're having fun as a team and enjoying every game. Good things are happening and we're becoming a tough team to beat. I've made some adjustments this Summer, too. I've been trusting myself and attacking the zone."

Hughes attacked the zone in Game 2 and struck out seven Baysox—yielding only one run to give the Brewers another quality start in the playoffs. Hughes was the pitcher of record in two victories over Orillia in the quarterfinals.

The surging Brewers will take on the New Lowell Knights for the NDBL championship starting on September 12.

The Knights eliminated the Rangers from their semifinal series with an 11-6 victory at Ivy on Tuesday night.

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# Registrations close for Municipal Election ballot with five-way race for Mayor

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***WARD 1 COUNCILLOR***

- Jeffrey Halsall – Small business owner, volunteer and community activist
- Kate Hepworth – President of the Caledon Village Association
- Keri Parfitt – Local food entrepreneur, Environmental and Water Specialist at Regional Municipalities of York and Peel, led and supported the resistance against Swan Lake proposal.
- Aanya Shahi
- Tom Sweeney – Longstanding involvement with the Caledon Lions Club, previously ran for Regional Council positions

***WARD 2 COUNCILLOR***

- Yogi Chahal – Realtor for Homelife Miracle
- Hunar Kahlon – Business owner and community builder, founded Humanity Sewa and led many food drives, blood donation etc.
- Rakesh Madhok – CIBC Mortgage Advisor and Real Estate Agent
- Jagraj Sekhon – Real Estate Broker for 17 years.

***WARD 3 COUNCILLOR***

- Stan Cameron – Trustee for the Peel District School Board, former Psychology teacher at Centennial College, Caledon Public School Vegetable Garden Project lead. Recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship.
- Doug Maskell – Incumbent Ward 3 Councillor, Board of Directors of Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Caledon Council representative, retired teacher.

***WARD 4 COUNCILLOR***

- Cheryl Connors – Founder of non-profit Palgrave Residents Association, Past Director of Caledon Chamber of Commerce, Community Advocate.
- Pat Fortini – Brampton Regional Councillor for Ward 7 and 8
- Heather French – Teacher and volunteer. Recipient of Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, Town of Caledon Civic Award and OASS Meritorious Service Award.
- Paul Parete – 25 years professional experience as a physical scientist, devoted career to environmental stewardship, protecting water quality and safeguarding community health.

***WARD 5 COUNCILLOR***

- Anthony Caputo – Local business owner, community leader and volunteer, past Chamber of Commerce president.
- Diana Mollicone – Licensed Professional Engineer, community organizer, award winning local business owner of Coffee Time Bolton, BrightStart Caledon Board member, Downtown Bolton BIA Board Member, Town of Caledon Distinguished Citizen 2026 Recipient.
- John Muir – Served on the Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club Board of Directors for nearly a decade, experience in telecommunications, retail property management, marketing, sales and advertising, long-time volunteer with youth organizers.

***WARD 6 COUNCILLOR***

- Cosimo Napoli – Incumbent Ward 6 Councillor, co-owner of successful security company, Chair of the Caledon Council Charity Golf Tournament, Library Board Committee member, Bolton BIA Committee.
- Carmela Palkowski – Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy President

***REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, WARDS 1, 2, 3***

- Harpreet Grewal – Community Advocate, Business Owner, President of the Peel Multicultural Council.
- Dave Sheen – Incumbent Councillor for Ward 2, Governance Review Committee Chair, Audit Committee Vice Chair, Appointed Alternate Member of Peel Regional Council.
- Mauro Testani – Business Owner and Entrepreneur, member of the Caledon Lions Club.

***REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, WARDS 4, 5, 6***

- Tony Rosa – Incumbent Ward 5 Councillor (ACCLAIMED)

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- Pamela McGugan – School administrator for 11 years for students with developmental disabilities ages 14 to 21, teacher, mentor graduate students at University of Toronto.
- Gagan Sandhu – Founder of StarG Events, organized and supported hundreds of community programs, cultural advocate, media collaborator.

***French Separate:***

- Genevieve Grenier – ACCLAIMED

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# Rosa acclaimed back to Council

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Registrations to be on the ballot for the upcoming 2026 Municipal Election closed on August 21 all candidates have been finalized – and one candidate has been acclaimed back to the Council Table.

Tony Rosa Councillor for Ward 5 and candidate for Regional Councillor for Wards 4,5 and 6 does not have any opponents for this election therefore he will be acclaimed back to Council.

Rosa was first elected as Councillor for Ward 5 in 2018 and was re-elected for his second term in October 2022.

Rosa took to social media on Saturday expressing his thoughts on becoming Regional Councillor for Wards 4,5,6.

"I am truly humbled and honoured to be acclaimed as the next Regional Councillor for Wards 4,5 & 6 in the Town of Caledon," says Rosa. "Thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged me throughout this journey. Your confidence means a great deal to me, and I look forward to serving residents of Wards 4,5 &6 in this new capacity."

Looking to the future Rosa expressed his excitement about this opportunity and the unity he hopes to continue in Caledon.

"Together we will continue working to build unity and community across Caledon, strengthen our villages and hamlets and ensure that the voces residents and business owners are heard and represented", says Rosa. "I am excited about this opportunity ahead and remain committed to serving with dedication, integrity and a strong focus on the future of our municipality."




# Dufferin libraries to offer cognitive kits in collaboration with Alzheimer's Society

**BY JOSHUA DRAKES**

Three Dufferin County libraries are giving local families a new way to support cognitive engagement through a partnership with the region's Alzheimer Society.

Libraries in Orangeville, Shelburne and Grand Valley are collectively supporting a new Cognitive Kit program offered by the Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County.

The organization's executive director, Teresa Waldner, said the program provides themed kits that can be borrowed through the libraries and used by people living with dementia or cognitive challenges, as well as their caregivers and families.

"It's a pilot project within the three libraries," she said. "We worked with them to come up with themes that they thought would be the best suited for their community members. They're self-contained and full of complete instructions about how best to use them to engage with people who might have a cognitive decline."

The first three themes are animals, music and farming, with plans to update the themes as the program develops.

The kits build on a program the Alzheimer Society has already been using with clients.

Internally known as Montessori kits, they are based on Montessori principles and have traditionally been customized for individuals based on their interests, past experiences and abilities. Staff have used them in homes and hospitals to provide meaningful activities and engagement.

The library version required adapting that individualized approach for a broader audience. Recreation therapist Amy Syme, who has experience working with the kits both in hospital and at the Alzheimer Society, helped develop the new versions along with her co-worker and fellow recreation therapist Nina Lirio.

"These kits that are in the libraries will be a little bit more general because they'll be looking for more people to be able to use them," she said. "It was definitely a little bit of trial and error; it was very important to make sure that we hit all different levels because everyone is at a different point in their journey, and same with the caregivers and what they can provide."

The team drew on its experience with clients to create kits containing a variety of activities and difficulty levels, while keeping the instructions simple and accessible. Materials are laminated for repeated use, and written components use large, bold text.

Each kit contains roughly 12 to 15 items, offering different ways to interact. The music kit, for example, includes a radio, miniature musical instruments, familiar songs, photographs, a matching activity, colouring and a painting project that doubles as a music box. The animal kit includes a stuffed animal to provide a tactile experience.

There is no single correct way to use the kits. Someone might listen to music, examine photographs, read, colour, hold an object or work through a matching activity. Activities can take only a few minutes, but a kit can also provide enough material for an extended visit. The goal is to spark memories, conversations and connections, rather than complete a particular task.

That flexibility can also benefit caregivers by providing a starting point for interaction and a shared activity. A familiar photograph, song or object can lead to memories and conversations that might not otherwise arise.

"The fun of a Montessori kit is that everything is meant to be flexible," Syme said. "So, if they want to just look at the photos of the matching game, then they can just look at the photos… But for someone who's maybe a bit higher functioning, they can match the words to the pictures. There's no right or wrong to any of the activities; there are a lot of different ways to use them."

The program also aims to make cognitive support more approachable. The kits avoid Alzheimer Society and dementia-related branding on individual items, helping reduce stigma and making them something that can be borrowed from a library like any other community resource.

The original partnership grew from discussions about expanding Alzheimer Society services beyond Orangeville. Library staff received training on introducing and using the kits, while the libraries helped shape the program and its materials.

"From my view, living in Dufferin County for this long, the Alzheimer's Society tended to be a bit more Orangeville-centric, and our mandate is to serve the entire community," Waldner said. "So, a lot of my focus is around how we best support the whole community, and any time that we can partner with other community organizations, it's a win for all of us."

"My staff is meeting with the libraries consistently to see if there's some feedback around something we can do differently, and then to change those themes up as the program grows to meet different needs."




**INCREASING COGNITION:** Recreation therapists Amy Syme and Nina Lirio worked to adapt the specially designed cognitive kits to a broader reaching system, allowing the kits to be rented out at local libraries across Dufferin County. This new program is still in its infancy, but the team is hopeful the kits will offer additional support to those living with Alzheimer's and Dementia, including caregivers.

The rollout comes as demand for dementia support continues to increase.

The Alzheimer Society reports that referrals have doubled compared with the same period last year, adding urgency to efforts to make services more accessible across Dufferin County.

By bringing the kits into familiar community spaces, the program aims to make cognitive engagement, caregiver support and connections to dementia services easier to access throughout the county.

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DAVID SUZUKI
OPINION

# Is rapid AI development a smart move?

We've been lulled into believing that all technological advancement is good — or at least inevitable. Of course, much depends on how we use and regulate it.

Many of us remember pre-internet times. It was supposed to speed things up, to make life easier for everyone. But most people are working the same number of hours as before, and spending more of those hours glued to screens. We've become connected to our devices and computers and disconnected from real life.

Now we're being told to accept the inevitability of artificial intelligence, or AI — computer technology that performs tasks once requiring human intelligence. Like the internet, it will ostensibly make life easier, speeding up access to information and reducing the routine work required to create "content" and accomplish other tasks.

Will that lead to reduced work hours or better quality of life for a majority of people? If the rapid development of the internet is anything to go by, probably not. There are undeniably positive applications: "It is helping doctors detect diseases earlier, enabling scientists to analyze enormous amounts of data, improving transportation, making education more personalized, and allowing businesses to work more efficiently than ever before," Science News Today reports.

But AI also creates many social and environmental problems. Without thoughtful implementation and regulation, it can lead to job losses, misinformation spread, algorithmic bias, cybercrime, overdependence on technology, security risks and diminished human learning and creativity, among other problems.

As for environmental issues, the massive data centres being built to facilitate it require enormous amounts of energy and water. In a world already reeling from the consequences of fossil-fuelled overheating, that should give us pause.

"The world's data centres used about 485 terawatt-hours of electricity last year, similar to that used by Germany, and the International Energy Agency expects that to double by 2030," a Nature article reports, adding, "Five technology companies — Amazon, Alphabet, Microsoft, Meta and Oracle — are expected to spend a total of more than US$600 billion on AI infrastructure this year; a decade ago, the same five companies spent less than $40 billion. Data centres concentrate this extraordinary energy demand on the electricity grids of the specific communities where they are built, despite concerns about water use, noise and equity."

Opposition is growing. A recent Gallup poll found 71 per cent in the United States oppose data centres in their areas, with 48 per cent "strongly opposed."

A proposed $70-billion, nine-gigawatt facility covering 65 square kilometres in drought-stricken Alberta faces opposition from First Nations and locals. The nearby Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation has expressed concerns regarding the Alberta government's decision to exempt the Wonder Valley project from an environmental impact assessment and has applied for a judicial review regarding its water licence.

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## Public Notice | Peel Region

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

**Form 2**

*Expropriations Act,* R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by The Regional Municipality of Peel for approval to expropriate the lands, as set out in Schedule "A" herein, in the Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel being:

**Temporary Construction Easement:** Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, exclusive, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, for the purposes of entering upon, occupying, passing, repassing over, and re-entering the easement lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers with all necessary vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies, material and equipment required to facilitate the installation of a 600mm watermain on Hurontario Street from Dougall Avenue to Hutchinson Farm Lane, grading and other works ancillary thereto **("Temporary Construction Easement")**, for a term of two (2) years commencing the earlier of (i) no less than three (3) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the third anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the **"Commencement Date")** and expiring no later than five (5) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation **("Temporary Construction Easement")**.

For the municipal purpose of facilitating the installation of a 600mm watermain on Hurontario Street from Dougall Avenue to Hutchinson Farm Lane in the Town of Caledon together with works ancillary thereto.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that application has been made for approval to expropriate the interests herein described in the lands described in Schedule "A".

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;

(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

**The approving authority is:**
The Council of The
Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

**Name of expropriating authority:**
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**The Regional Municipality of Peel**
Dina Lundy, Deputy Clerk

**THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 27, 2026.**

**SCHEDULE "A"**

Those lands in the Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel described as follows:

1. **Temporary Construction Easement**
   Part of PIN 14252-0955 (LT)
   Part of Lot 21, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42246

2. **Temporary Construction Easement**
   Part of PIN 14252-0113 (LT)
   Part of Lot 21, Concession 1, West of Hurontario Street (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42245



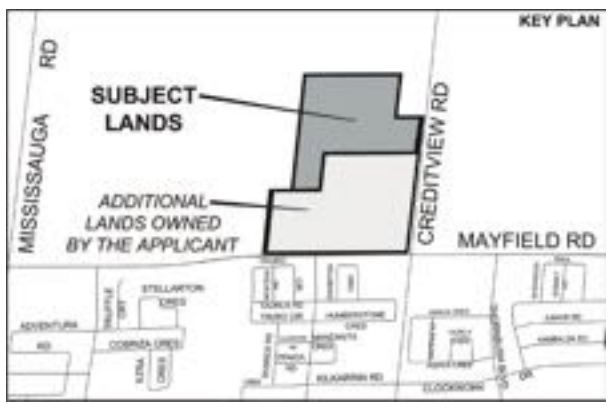

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

# Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

**FILE NUMBER: 21T-26009C**
**RELATED FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2024-0004, POPA 2025-0001, B 010-25, B 011-25, B 012-25**

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

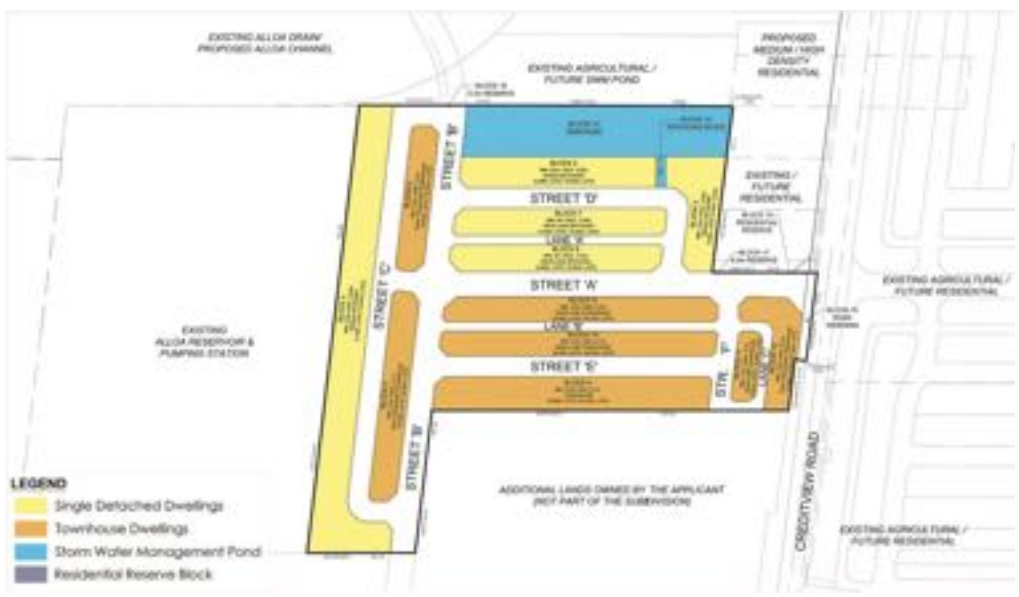



**APPLICANT:**
Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (c/o Herman Wessels) on behalf of 12100 Creditview Developments Limited

**LOCATION:**
12100 Creditview Road, Part Lot 18, Concession 4, West of Hurontario Street (Chinguacousy); Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-41957

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The applicant has submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application to facilitate a residential subdivision consisting of between 271 to 364 dwelling units, a stormwater management and servicing block, a residential reserve block and municipal roads.




** 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.*

**LEAD PLANNER:**
Tanjot Bal
Senior Planner, Development & Design
Planning and Development Department
905-584-2272 ext. 4418
Tanjot.bal@caledon.ca

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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

**APPEAL PROCEDURE:**

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**HOW TO STAY INFORMED:**

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

**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.

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**Notice Date: August 27, 2026**

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August 31, 2026, 4–6 p.m.
Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre

# Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee to host event for Drug Poisoning Awareness Day

**BY JOSHUA DRAKES**

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee (DCDSC) will host a Drug Poisoning Awareness Day event on August 31, bringing community members together to remember lives lost to drug poisoning, hear from people with lived experience and learn about local supports.

The event runs from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Tony Rose Centre in Orangeville.

Raman Hansra, co-chair of the DCDSC, said that it is open to anyone interested in learning more about drug poisoning and its impact on individuals, families and the wider community.

"Drug poisoning means becoming seriously ill, having a negative reaction of some kind, or dying after consuming a toxic substance," she said. "After the event, we'd hope people better understand the impact of drug poisoning, the importance of reducing stigma, and more information about resources and support."

The afternoon will begin with a land acknowledgement, followed by an opening ceremony and a presentation led by Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health's associate medical officer of health, examining local data and the evolving unregulated drug supply.

Guest speakers, including people with lived and living experience, will share perspectives on the realities and impacts of drug poisoning.

Jacob MacKinlay, fellow co-chair, said that those personal experiences are an important part of understanding an issue that cannot be fully captured through research and statistics alone.

"The purpose of holding these events each year is not only to increase community awareness of the unregulated drug supply, but also to create meaningful and supportive spaces for those who may need them," MacKinlay said.

"It is important that these events include the voices of people with lived and living experience who can speak to the realities and magnitude of the current situation. While we have access to research, data, and best practices, hearing directly from people about their experiences can bring a level of understanding, connection, and impact that information alone cannot always provide."

The event will also feature naloxone training and opportunities to connect with community partners working in addictions and mental health, child and youth services, gender-based violence prevention, women's services, health, housing and other sectors.

Rather than traditional organization-by-organization booths, this year's event is designed to put people and their experiences at the centre. Shared resource tables will provide information about available programs and services while allowing more space for conversation and connection.

Interactive activities will include collaborative zine-making, bracelet-making and a short multiple-choice knowledge activity focused on substance use. Participants can use writing and art to reflect on the impact of drug poisoning, respond to prompts and share their thoughts.

family transition place

MacKinlay said that they are using the term "drug poisoning" rather than "overdose" as part of an effort to reduce stigma and more accurately reflect the unpredictable nature of the unregulated drug supply.

"The shift from 'overdose' to 'drug poisoning' is also intended to reduce stigma by moving away from language that can imply someone simply took 'too much' or made a personal mistake," he said. "Similar to how we say alcohol poisoning, not 'alcohol overdose', the term 'drug poisoning' focuses on the harmful effects of a substance, especially in an unpredictable drug supply, rather than placing blame on the person who used it."

The committee hopes attendees leave with a better understanding of drug poisoning, less stigma and greater awareness of how they can support people and families in their community.

Hansra said that the event is intended for the entire community, not only those directly affected by substance use. Organizers say no personal connection or expertise is required.

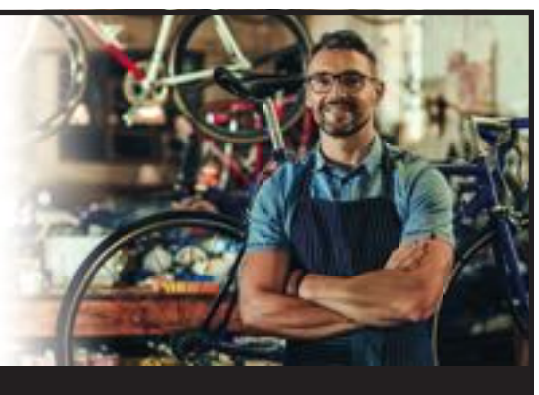
"You don't have to personally feel connected to the issue to attend," she said. "Drug poisoning affects so many individuals and families in our community, and we are all part of that broader community. This is an opportunity to learn, understand and support each other."

The afternoon is an opportunity to learn, reflect, remember those who have died and build more open and compassionate conversations about drug poisoning, prevention, harm reduction and community support.

As the unregulated drug supply continues to change, organizers say awareness and education remain important tools for helping Dufferin-Caledon respond to the ongoing impact of drug poisoning.

For more information and updates, visit: familytransitionplace.ca/2026/08/drug-poisoning-awareness-day-event

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# Cows, corn stalks and community: Orangeville Fall Fair returns Labour Day weekend

**BY SAM ODROWSKI**

The Orangeville Fall Fair is back for its 2026 edition, running Friday, Sept. 4 through Sunday, Sept. 6 at the Orangeville Agricultural Society fairgrounds, with organizers promising a weekend built around this year's theme: "Cows and Corn Stalks."

Fair coordinator Patti Dickins said the event will feature a photo opportunity with a large cow prop, cow-print tablecloths in the Oak Room, and corn stalk decorations spread throughout the fairgrounds. The Lego Club will also make an appearance on Saturday.

One of the biggest changes this year is the return of a two-night demolition derby, presented by Mom's Motor Sports, running Saturday and Sunday at 5:30 p.m. The truck and tractor pull takes over Friday night.

New to the fair this year is Kathryn Burrell, author of Our Orangeville Colouring Book, who will be on hand to meet visitors. Entertainment includes the Mazel Band on Friday, Guitars Cadillacs on Saturday afternoon and the Edge Band on Sunday afternoon.

Michelle Hartley, the newly appointed coordinator of the Kid's Zone, is bringing new activities to that area of the fair, Dickins said. Among the returning favourites is a barrel train built by Dickins' husband, which proved a hit with young kids last year.

"The kids loved it, absolutely loved it," Dickins said of the ride.

Now in its third year, the Kids Zone sits just steps from the admission gate and will run Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., according to Hartley. The area, geared toward children up to age 12, includes free activities such as a ball pit, bouncy animals, lassoing and hula hooping under a large arch. A corn husking competition for three age categories is set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Groups confirmed to take part include the Orangeville Outlaws U16 football team, Otters Swim Club, Skate Canada, Girl Guides, Scouts, the Ontario SPCA's Orangeville branch, and the Orangeville Hallowe'en Haunt Patrol and Christmas Nite Lites Patrol. The Haunt Patrol is expected to hand out more than 300 freebies and run a craft table where kids can make a cloth ghost for a 25-cent donation, with proceeds going to the Dufferin HART Hub and the food bank vending machine at the Orangeville Library's Mill Street Branch.

Outdoor space in the Kids Zone remains free for non-profit groups, with a few spots still open, Hartley said.

Dickins, who has volunteered with the fair since 2018 and is now in her sixth year as coordinator, said the sense of community is what keeps her coming back.

"I just love seeing the community come together," she said. "You see friends you have seen forever, and just the smile on the kids and parents' faces – it's just lovely. That's my take-away: bringing the community together."

Dickins is hoping to see a rebound in home craft entries this year, an area she said has been declining as fewer people take part in what used to be a fair staple.

"Home craft entries have really gone downhill because the home fair is starting to be a thing of the past," she said, encouraging residents, especially kids, to submit an entry. Winners can take home prize money along with the recognition.

The fair's midway, supplied by a Chatham-based company, will return with a lineup of rides, though Dickins said fairs the size of Orangeville's are increasingly squeezed out of booking larger operators. Many midway companies sold off equipment during the pandemic, she said, and long-term contracts with larger fairs have made it difficult for smaller events to book bigger attractions.

Agricultural programming remains a cornerstone of the weekend. The 4-H Dairy Club Show and the Dufferin Wellington Holstein Show both take place Friday, while the Miniature Horse Show runs Sunday morning. Dickins said those events, along with the home craft hall, offer a rare chance for city kids to connect with where their food comes from.

"For city kids, it's very exciting to come see a cow, see the animals," she said, adding the home craft hall similarly shows children "how your bread is made from grains."

Supporting local agriculture remains a priority for the fair, Dickins said, pointing to her own background as the daughter of a farmer.

"It's so hard to be a farmer nowadays," she said. "We want to encourage farmers and let the kids experience the farming experience."

Roughly 40 volunteers help run the fair each year, Dickins said, adding the event could always use more hands, including students looking to complete volunteer hours. She credited volunteers, especially students, with keeping the atmosphere lively.

"They bring energy and happiness to the fair because it's new to them," she said. "It's just so nice to work with the young ones."

Fall fair attendance topped 6,000 last year, weather permitting, according to Dickins.

For those who have never attended, she pointed to the home craft exhibits, including the biggest pumpkin and zucchini competitions, as a highlight not to be missed.

Dickins also credited the fair's community partners and sponsors for helping keep the event running year after year.

"We really appreciate all our partners out in the community," she said.

Gates open at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, with the fair running until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and youths aged six to 14, and free for children five and under.

# Peel-Dufferin's upcoming Plowing Match will mark 99 years

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- Class 6 Antique Mounted Plow Antique Tractor. Opening split required. 2 or 3 furrow. Sponsored by Salford Farm Machinery
- Class 7 Garden Tractor. Open 1 furrow. Operator must be minimum 10 years of age.
- Class 8 Antique Single Furrow Mounted
- Class 9 Lady's Open Sponsored by: Heather Little Royal LePage Realty
- Class 10 Open

In addition to these classes there will also be two other classes that participants have the chance to compete in.

The Mayor's Invitational is class 11 and each competitor placed in the class will have the chance to plow two rounds with provided equipment.

The Queen of the Furrow is class 12 and is open to all Peel and Dufferin residents between the age of 17 to 30 years old. Selection for Queen of the Furrow is based on plowing skills and ability, a short quiz, an interview with the judges and a 3-minute speech.

There are a number of prizes that the Queen of the Furrow Contestants will be able to compete to win including The Barbara Cunnington Trophy, a sash, tiara and case as well as monetary prizes including the Branch Associate Special of $100 and the Peel Mutual Insurance Company prize of $300.

Those looking to enter must contact Mel Karpenko for an entry form at 647-229-3326 or email at pdplowmens@gmail.com.

The Queen of the Furrow plowing for Class ten and eleven will take place from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Many cash prizes will be up for grabs in each class with their own monetary amount. The 1st prize winner for Horse Classes will take home $250, 2nd will get $225 and all remaining contestants will receive $200.

For classes two to ten 1st place will take home $175, 2nd place will take home $165 and 3rd place will take home $155 while the remaining contestants will receive $145.

There will also be a number of other awards for those competing such as best plowed land, youngest competitor, best plowed land by an amateur and many more.

Glen Early, President of the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association, says he is excited for this upcoming event and is grateful for those that have supported the program.

"This plowing match is a celebration of agriculture, friendship and the many traditions that continue to support rural life in our community," says Early. "We know how much time and effort goes into making a day like this possible and we are sincerely thankful to everyone who has played a part in organizing and preparing for this event. Your hard work is greatly appreciated."

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Tuesday, September 8
**Southfields Community Centre**
225 Dougall Ave, Caledon
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## Caledon Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony

Join us on September 12 as we welcome **Barrie Shepley** as our 2026 Caledon Walk of Fame inductee!

**Saturday, September 12, 2026**
**1-2 p.m.**
Walk of Fame Pavilion on the Caledon Trailway in Caledon East
(Just west of Airport Road)

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## Final Property Taxes are Due

Property taxes are due **Thursday, September 3, 2026.**
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For payment options visit: **caledon.ca/tax**.

## Movies in the Park



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Lloyd Wilson Arena



**Zootopia 2**
September 19, 2026, 8 p.m.
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# Kids Help Phone launches new service for Indigenous Mental Health

**BY BROCK WEIR**
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The Kids Help Phone is aiming to "End the Silence" on the Indigenous mental health crisis in Canada.

The organization kick-started the conversation on August 18 with the launch of their End the Silence Movement, the first-ever recognition day shining a light on the mental health of Indigenous boys and men, an issue that is often shrouded by silence and stigma alike.

End the Silence is designed to "confront a long-standing and urgent crisis – joining the ranks of established awareness days like Bell Let's Talk and Have a Heart Day."

"Indigenous men and boys in Canada face profound mental health challenges and remain significantly underrepresented in both research and programming," said the Kids Help Phone. "Data from Statistics Canada underscores the depth of the crisis, with 19.2 per cent of Indigenous males aged 18 to 24 having seriously contemplated suicide. Among younger demographics, 12.2 per cent of Indigenous males aged 15 to 17 have seriously contemplated suicide.

"End the Silence invites Indigenous boys and young men to take the first step toward support, encourages communities to break the silence around a crisis that has gone unspoken for too long, and asks organizations across the country to help carry the message forward by advocating for more research and more culturally-informed resources."

In a statement, Deanna Dunham, Kids Help Phone's Director of Indigenous Initiatives for Kids Help Phone, said that despite these statistics, of Indigenous people who have reached out for services, only 16 per cent identified as male.

"It's time to change that," said Dunham. "That is why we're launching this campaign in partnership with Indigenous communities to put a greater spotlight on this issue, and to let them know that support is here, it's okay to reach out, and you can talk to someone about how you are feeling."

Kids Help Phone believes that greater mental health supports are needed for all Indigenous peoples, regardless of gender identity, and, over the years, there has been "limited attention in research, programming, and resource development" in this field.

"The impacts of colonization, intergenerational trauma, racism, and systemic inequities continue to affect wellbeing, while social expectations around masculinity can make it harder to seek help or speak openly about mental health," they say. "At the same time, there is a growing need for culturally-relevant research, services, and resources that reflect the unique experiences, strengths, and realities of Indigenous boys and young men."

According to statistics provided by Kids Help Phone, Indigenous men die by suicide at 2.4 times the national average while Indigenous men experience two to five times more years life lost due to suicide than non-Indigenous men in Canada.

Male Inuit youth are especially vulnerable in this area, they say, and are estimated to have suicide attempt rated 10 times higher than non-Indigenous male youth.

Statistics also show 19.2 per cent of Indigenous males between the ages of 18 and 24 have contemplated suicide in the last 12 months, while 7.4 per cent did so.

***The End the Silence Campaign has compiled an expansive set of online resources designed to do just that, including first-hand testimonials, messages "from Indigenous guys, for Indigenous guys," articles, and more. Visit endthesilence.com for further information.***




## DAVID SUZUKI OPINION

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Utah State University physicist Robert Davies, commissioned by the First Nation to assess the project, warns it would be "one of the largest single-site heat sources on the planet."

He wrote that the project, led by celebrity investor Kevin O'Leary, would layer "an enormous new thermal, acoustic, air-emissions, and water demand on top of an environment already fragmented by resource extraction — across territory in which the Cree Nation exercises Treaty and harvesting rights."

"This is a massive project with significant emissions, water use and, most alarming, [would] create a heat island in an area already ravaged by wildfire, drought, and climate change," Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Chief Sheldon Sunshine said.

As well as water and energy use, AI and its data centres can worsen climate change and other environmental impacts by making it easier for the fossil fuel industry to find and exploit oil and gas wells, Bill McKibben writes.

Fears have also been raised about threats posed if AI acquires enough autonomy to harm humans. A United Nations report cautions that AI's "capabilities are outpacing scientific understanding and governments' ability to adapt." But the immediate threats alone show the need for caution.

The Nature article notes that data centres, while extremely profitable, aren't the only option. "Researchers must pioneer the adoption of open-weight AI models that run locally on institutional servers," they write.

There may be no stopping the AI juggernaut, but we must at least demand regulations and oversight to reduce its environmental and social impacts and to slow or stop developments when risks outweigh benefits.

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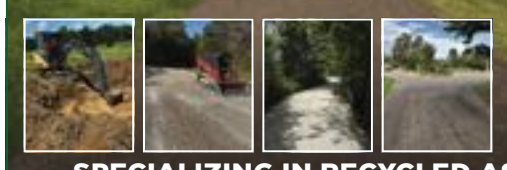
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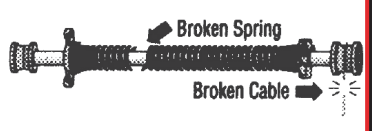
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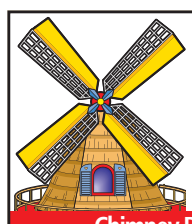
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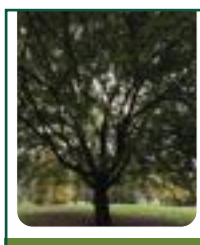
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