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# "Once-in-a-generation" storm doesn't dampen spirits at 99th Plowing Match

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
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On September 3rd the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association hosted its 99th Plowing Match at the Drummearl Farm.

After dealing with what President of the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association Glen Early called a "once in a generation storm" the night before, many members of the community and even participants from outside of the Peel-Dufferin area gathered to attend the event.

Despite having a few small hiccups in the beginning with tractors getting stuck, the weather dried up and the event was able to go on as originally planned.

With a total of 25 tractors taking their places at 9:30 a.m. and plowing to their hearts content until they broke for lunch at about 11:30 a.m., spectators were given the opportunity to wander the fields and watch as participants raced to see who could plow the most.

The Queen of the Furrow event was then held where the contestants were invited to give speeches and answer rapid-fire questions.

Beth Wallace, despite being the only contestant, gave it her all and impressed the crowd with her speech and was crown Queen of the Furrow by last year's Queen, Victoria Kolb.

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# Shepley to be inducted into the Caledon Walk of Fame

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Long-time Caledon resident and athlete Barrie Shepley will be inducted onto the Caledon Walk of Fame on September 12.

He will be enshrined at a ceremony set for 1 – 2 p.m. at the Walk of Fame Pavillion in recognition of his long-lasting contributions to sport, wellness and community building and the impact that he has had over many residents throughout the years.

"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," says Mayor Annette Groves.

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Shepley, right, is pictured with Town Crier Andrew Welch at the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame induction ceremony earlier this year. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

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Members of Headwaters Health Care Centre's Laboratory team were joined by Kim Delahunt, hospital President and CEO and Frances Duiker, the hospital's vice president of People Experience and CHRO. The group celebrated Headwater's designation as a Using Blood Wisely hospital by Choosing Wisely Canada and Canadian Blood Services. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

# Headwaters earns Using Blood Wisely designation, renews EQI accreditation

**BY SAM ODROWSKI**

Headwaters Health Care Centre's Laboratory department has earned a national Using Blood Wisely designation, while its Diagnostic Imaging team has renewed its Echocardiography Quality Improvement (EQI) accreditation.

The Using Blood Wisely designation is awarded by Choosing Wisely Canada and Canadian Blood Services to hospitals that demonstrate appropriate blood transfusion practices. The EQI Program assesses a facility's ability to perform high-quality echocardiography testing and supports quality improvement, standardization and patient safety.

"We are incredibly proud to be recognized through both the Using Blood Wisely program and EQI Accreditation," said Kim Delahunt, Headwaters President and CEO. "These achievements reflect the dedication, expertise and compassion of our staff, physicians and volunteers, and their commitment to delivering safe, high-quality care for our patients and community."

The Using Blood Wisely program is intended to ensure blood transfusions are used when clinically necessary. Appropriate use of transfusions can improve patient outcomes while helping to preserve Canada's blood supply.

"Blood transfusions are often life-saving treatments but transfusing more blood than necessary is not beneficial and can sometimes cause harm," said Dr. Theodora Ruijs, Director of Headwaters' Laboratory. "The Using Blood Wisely program helps hospitals compare their practices against national benchmarks and ensures patients receive the right care at the right time."

The designation places the hospital among nearly 200 hospitals across Canada that have demonstrated consistent, optimal and appropriate transfusion practices through the program, according to Headwaters.

"Using blood wisely is embedded in our daily practice, from careful inventory management and monitoring usage trends to ongoing education and review to ensure every transfusion is appropriate and patient-centred," said Colleen Hillier, Manager of Laboratory Services. "For our team, this designation is an important acknowledgement of our expertise and commitment to providing high-quality care, and it reinforces how our behind-the-scenes work directly impacts patient safety and outcomes."

Headwaters transfused 972 units of blood to patients requiring transfusion support in 2025.

The hospital's Diagnostic Imaging program has also renewed its accreditation through Accreditation Canada's Echocardiography Quality Improvement (EQI) Program.

The renewed accreditation confirms that Headwaters continues to meet Accreditation Canada's requirements for high-quality echocardiography services. For patients, the accreditation provides reassurance that echocardiograms are performed by qualified professionals using nationally recognized standards, supporting safe, accurate and reliable cardiac diagnostic testing.

During the 2025-26 fiscal year, Headwaters' echocardiography team performed 1,775 echocardiograms, providing diagnostic information to support patient care and clinical decision-making.

"We are proud to receive EQI Accreditation at Headwaters," said Sherry Farrow, Senior Diagnostic Imaging Technician. "This achievement reflects the dedication of our echocardiography team to excellence, continuous quality improvement and delivering the highest standard of patient care. Most importantly, it provides reassurance to patients that they are receiving safe, high-quality care from a skilled and experienced team."

Headwaters first achieved EQI accreditation in 2021. The renewed accreditation is valid until November 2029.



# Legacy Golf Classic carries on new legacy of community giving




Ed Taccone, President of the Caledon Agricultural Society, and Anne Thompson, co-founder of the Legacy Golf Classic, are pictured on the 18th hole of the Hoot Course at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley. **PHOTO BY GG COLE PHOTOGRAPHY, CALEDON**

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The second annual Legacy Golf Tournament at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley on September 2.

Community members came out in droves to participate and spend a fun day out enjoying rounds of golf.

All funds for this event are being donated to the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), as they are the 2026 Grant Recipient.

This was a two-year grant for CAS, and all proceeds will go towards the planned expansion for the area, including the new Community Centre building that is to be built on the Fairgrounds.

The idea for the event came from friends of Anne and Allan Thompson, former Mayor of Caledon, who recommended that they hold a fundraiser. Instead, they decided to hold a tournament and work with sponsorships to help raise funds.

They decided to support CAS as the Association announced the launch of their capital campaign last year, and the Thompsons said it felt like the right choice at the right time.

"It seemed like the perfect choice because, for Allan and I, this is his forever community. I came from a different farming community, but for each of us, our leadership skills, that sense of service to community, was rooted in our families who taught us that, but also just in the culture of the agricultural and farming community," says Anne Thompson. "It seemed like the perfect launching pad last year, and because our intention has been that we would choose a different major grant each year."

As last year's event was quite large and sold out in 12 days, it was decided by Legacy Golf Classic that they would offer two courses this year instead of one.

Despite not being able to have the event fully funded like last year, there were still many members of the community who came out in support of the event and were able to enjoy time out on the course.

"We're very grateful for the support of the community, the sponsors, both agriculturally, the local businesses and big corporations that have investments in Caledon, saw value to invest into us to make this thing a success. We're very grateful and, you know what? [It's a] work of progress and is something that we can work forward to next year and building it bigger and stronger."

The day was filled with many rounds of golf and even included special competitions, including a hole-in-one, beat the pro, and even a new addition this year: a golf cannon that golfers had to compete against to try and get their ball into the hole first, which was enjoyed quite a bit by the participants.

"The atmosphere was electric. It was positive. With all the nonsense that's going on in the broader political world, it's great they can get out and have fun. But, despite that all going on, everybody came out and had a great time," says Allan Thompson. "We had a wonderful experience and, to me, that's what it's about bringing the community together, having fun for a great cause. Everybody enjoyed the moment, and that's what we wanted to do. We wanted to crave something that was positive, especially right now. It's needed."

Looking to 2027, Anne and Allan Thompson are looking forward to the next event and hoping to see the community come out once again and golf.

"We are incredibly 100% humbled and grateful for the support and the response, and, as Allan said, everybody needs something positive to look forward to. I think, for us, especially with an agricultural component to it, certainly we reached out to our suppliers, the people that we buy our product from. Farming is changing in this area," says Anne Thompson. "Allan's family's been here since 1820 farming in this area, and except for our three fairs, which are multi-day events, the only event we have left in our community is the ploughing match as a one-day event. We no longer have our beef cattleman's barbeque, or we don't have our black and white show, or the things that used to pull the farm community together as well. We know we live in a great community, and we know that we have good people who live in our community, and so it's really exciting to see the community come together for a positive experience to, together with us, make a positive impact in our community.

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## CHARGES FOLLOWING ALLEGED ATTEMPTED CHILD ABDUCTION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual following an attempted child abduction and are asking for any additional victims or witnesses to come forward.

"On August 29, 2026, at approximately 7:20 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP were dispatched to the area of Dotchson Avenue and Sparrowbrook Street, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The complainant reported that a lone male operating a motor vehicle approached a group of children and attempted to persuade them to get into his vehicle. The children refused and the male drove away from the location. The suspect was described to be elderly, of South-Asian descent, operating a white Honda Civic sedan with extensive front-end damage."

Following the investigation, a 74-year-old from Toronto was charged with abduction of a person under 14, contrary to section 281(a) of the Criminal Code.

The accused remained in custody pending a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

The charges have not been proven.

Investigators believe there may be additional victims and are appealing for parents or guardians to speak with their children regarding the possibility of similar instances.

Any witnesses or anyone else who may have information regarding this investigation is urged to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122, referencing occurrence number E261253182. You can also provide information anonymously via Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

If you do not wish to make a report to police or need more support to make that decision, Caledon-Dufferin Victim Services is available to help by phone at 905-951-3838 or online at www.cdvs.ca.

## ASSAULT VICTIM SUCCUMBS, ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID

An assault investigation in Bolton has resulted in an additional charge after the victim succumbed to their injuries.

"On Monday, August 24, 2026, shortly after 8:00 p.m., members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) 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. "The victim, identified as 54-year-old Oleksandr Grabyn of Bolton, was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries and pronounced deceased on Sunday, August 30, 2026."

On August 24, 2026, police laid charges in relation to this investigation.

On Monday, August 31, 2026, Oleh Milchenko, 32, from Etobicoke, was arrested and charged with manslaughter, contrary to section 236(b) of the Criminal Code.

The accused remained in custody pending a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

The charges has not been proven.

"The Caledon OPP Crime Unit is conducting the investigation, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service," say Police. "Assistance is being provided by OPP Forensic Identification Services."

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.

## SEARCH CONTINUES FOR SONIA VARASCHIN'S KILLER

It has been 16 years since Sonia Varaschin was killed and police continue to investigate and urge the public to come forward with information.

"On Monday, August 30, 2010, the former Orangeville Police Service (OPS) launched an investigation after Sonia's white Toyota Corolla was discovered abandoned behind a business on Broadway in downtown Orangeville," say Police. "Sonia, who was 42 years old, was last seen on Sunday, August 29, 2010, leaving her parents' home in Bolton. At the request of the OPS, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was called to support the investigation.

"On Sunday, September 5, 2010, Sonia's remains were located in a wooded area just off Beech Grove Sideroad in Caledon. Investigators believe that she was targeted. Despite extensive efforts to identify the person(s) responsible for Sonia's murder, the investigation remains active.

"A $50,000 reward, offered by the Government of Ontario, remains in place for any information that can lead to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Sonia Varaschin."

The case remains ongoing by Orangeville OPP, under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with support from the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

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

"We have never waivered in our search to find Sonia's killer," says Deputy Inspector Shawn Glassford, OPP CIB. "Our determination remains as strong today as it was when this investigation began. Investigators continue to review information and follow up on leads. Someone knows the truth. It's time to come forward."



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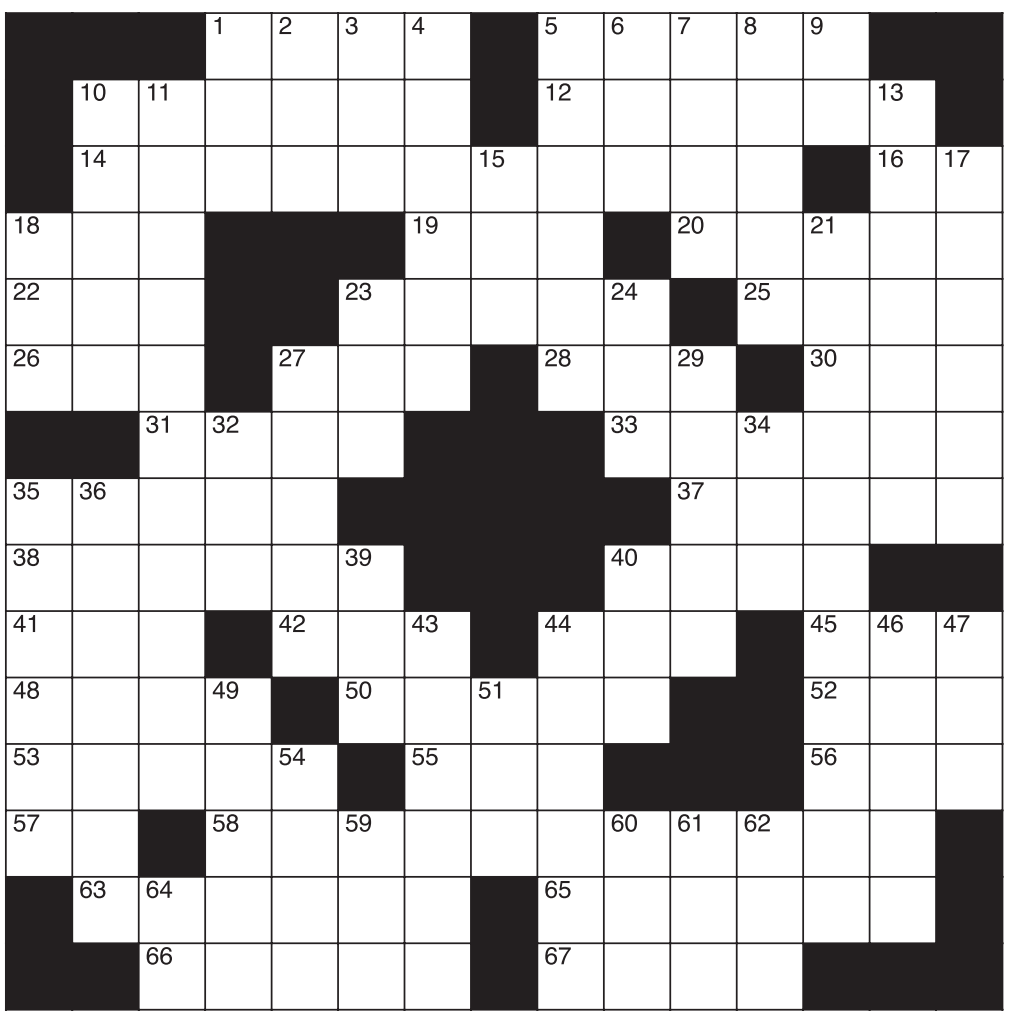
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# motionBall's Marathon of Sport returns to Caledon on Saturday supporting Special Olympics

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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On September 12, motionball Caledon will host its 5th annual Marathon of Sport event, a day of friendly competition where teams will compete in a variety of sports to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics.

The event will take place at the Caledon East Community Complex and will run from 9 a.m. to 3pm as participants compete in a variety of sports and activities including soccer, football, ultimate, bocce, giant pong, and bench ball.

This year, organizers are hopeful they will be able to reach their fundraising goal of $30,000 through the event.

The inspiration for this event came from Special Olympic athlete Jason Scorcia, who had attended other Toronto Motionball events and wanted to see similar activities happening in Caledon.

Co-Event Organizer Lucrezia Chiappetta says she is looking forward to the event and is hoping to see even more growth in the number of participants this year.

"That's what makes motionball so special – it's that it's not just about building awareness and raising funds, but all events are inclusive so that you're participating alongside Special Olympic athletes. Sometimes you go to events and fundraisers, and those that are being impacted by the funds or the knowledge that you're bringing to the table aren't always necessarily involved, whereas this is the opposite of that," says Chiappetta. "It is across the country, numerous cities and universities participate or are part of the motionball family, and they run their own events like Marathon of Sport in their cities and on their university campuses."

Even though Caledon may not be the biggest Marathon of Sport event across the country, Chiapetta says it is still a strong event with many members of the community participating, and it especially focuses on how important having inclusive events like this are for Caledon.

"For me personally, it's the inclusion piece. I love seeing our community come together with our special Olympics athletes for a day of fun where our Special Olympic athletes are really the stars off the day," she says. "I know that it means a lot to the parents of the Special Olympic athletes to have this event, to see their children celebrated and included.

"The idea behind motionball is really to create a sustainable funding source because all of this money goes back into Special Olympics, and a huge chunk of it goes to our Provincial chapter and that gets distributed amongst the different chapters across the province, another chunk goes into the Canada Foundation to ensure that there are programs provided to Special Olympic athletes across the country, and then a small portion of it goes to our No Good Way campaign. It really is a way to create that sustainable funding so that Special Olympics can continue to have referees and training spaces and equipment and opportunities to go to larger competitions."

The event will have people registered either as standard teams, corporate teams, or as a free agent for those looking to play without a group.

Each registered participant will receive a motionball hat, t-shirt, opportunity to earn motionball incentives, a ticket to the after party, and much more.

Sponsors for this year's event include the Ontario Provincial Police, Sportscorp Travel and Charrisma Travel, who will all be competing in the Motion Sport Day.

Registration for this year is closed, however all those wanting to check out the event and watch the Marathon of Sport Event are welcome to come and cheer the teams on.

"Whether people sign up as an individual participant with a group of friends, within their business, where maybe they don't enjoy playing sports and they just want to come out and volunteer, we have all different opportunities for people to get involved," says Chiapetta. "It's one of these things that you really have to experience to understand the magic behind it. Everybody that you talk to that has participated in the event goes away saying, 'Oh my God, that was the most fun I've ever had,' so really, it's just all about the fun, all about the community. If there's people that want to just come and check it out and see what it's all about, we're happy to have spectators and cheerleaders. So, don't not come because you didn't register or volunteer. Just see what it's all about because you know what? You may really enjoy it and want to come next year."






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# Back to Reality?

Here it is.

It was unavoidable.

We tried to stave it off as long as we could.

We knew it was coming, so we tried to make the most of it while it was here.

For many, we're well and truly into fall. It's always been a curious concept to me that Labour Day is often considered the end of summer and the beginning of autumn, much like Victoria Day is viewed as the kick-off to summer – despite what the calendar says.

Most people, of course, are eager to get the summer party started, understandably so, but, at the same time, by the time Victoria Day arrives, there's generally a month so before the solstice and you've wished away almost 30 days (more or less) of your springtime, a debit you can't get back once the snow flies.

If you prefer to think summer grinds to a halt as soon as Labour Day appears on the horizon, whether at the start of the month, or a week into September as was the case this year, you're generally discounting at least a couple of bonus weeks of sunshine.

I'm not in any hurry for the fall or winter, so forgive me if I put my blinders on for a little bit and steadfastly refuse to get autumnal until at least September 21 – maybe September 22, just to be on the safe side – and, despite being a fan, no semblance of pumpkin spice will pass my lips until then.

Stubborn? Maybe, but I think it's sensible.

Is summer over? Not yet. Is fall here? Well, we can see it on the horizon, but it hasn't yet turned onto the off ramp.

So, where are we?

Taking the change of seasons out of the equation, maybe one thing we can all agree on is the end of Labour Day signals a return to reality – however you might define it.

For some of us, it's a return to a more intense round of work, where it's harder to steal away a few hours in the afternoon to do something fun or practical, wangle an unexpected long weekend, or simply have a bit more flexibility.

For those of us in the newsroom, it's really a kick-off to a particularly busy period ahead as our communities' municipal election campaigns truly kick into high gear. Although, it must be said, those who are vying to be a part of our 2026 – 2030 Councils hardly paused long enough to let even a single blade of grass grow under their feet, and that is something truly commendable.

For our leaders who aren't spending September and October jostling for a seat at the table, it's the resumption of business that impacts all of us at Queen's Park and on Parliament Hill, the latter being in particular focus this week as Ottawa responds to American tariffs.

At the same time, while I doubt any of our local small business owners found much time to find their proverbial Zen over July and August given all the uncertainty that this month is sure to bring, it's now a crunch time as the realities of what they will have to deal with for the foreseeable future become clear. Pivots might also be on the horizon, but, as was the case the last time we all had shift and bend, we're all in this together.

For parents, it might be a welcome return to reality as they're able to go about their day jobs without having to worry about finding something for their kids to do all day to stave off couch rot – unless, of course, you're a teacher by profession, and now it's a matter of keeping 25 – 30-plus students occupied and focused rather than just the few you might have at home.

Which brings me to students. It's a return to reality for them as well, but a reality that is undoubtedly going to be productive, an environment where you can expand your mind and horizons, and hopefully find the wherewithal to fit a few further pieces in place in the jigsaw puzzle of your future.

As the new school year begins, however, I can't help but hope that as students, teachers, and support staff alike return to this familiar "reality" that it actually reflects the real world.

"The Government is putting more resources directly into classrooms," said Ontario's Ministry of Education in a back-to-school statement on Tuesday morning. "For the first time this school year, eligible elementary homeroom teachers have direct access to $750 annually to purchase classroom supplies, in addition to existing funding that school boards receive for classroom and school supplies. Following an open and competitive procurement process led by Supply Ontario, Staples Canada was selected to deliver the new Classroom Supplies Fund. An online portal for eligible teachers includes 220 core products identified through feedback from more than 23,000 Ontario teachers. These core products are offered at prices significantly lower than those found at Staples in-store and online. If a teacher happens to find a product that costs more on the portal, Staples Canada has set up a dedicated customer service line to respond to any price differences and will ensure prices are matched."

This is all well and good, and a step in the right direction, but no matter how discounted the products in the portal might be, in a classroom where there are 30-plus students to one teacher, a situation that is far from exceptional, this breaks down to roughly $25 per student. Good luck with that.

It's nothing to sneeze at, don't get me wrong, but having spoken to numerous teachers since in-class lessons resumed in our post-COVID world, perhaps a $750 grocery gift card from one of the Weston-owned businesses that are so popular with the Provincial government would maximize classroom impact.

When we're talking about a return to reality, another reality – albeit one that some might find rather uncomfortable – is teachers these days, particularly those in elementary school, can't limit themselves to teaching the traditional Three Rs, no matter how much the Ministry of Education pushes the idea of a "back to basics" classroom environment.

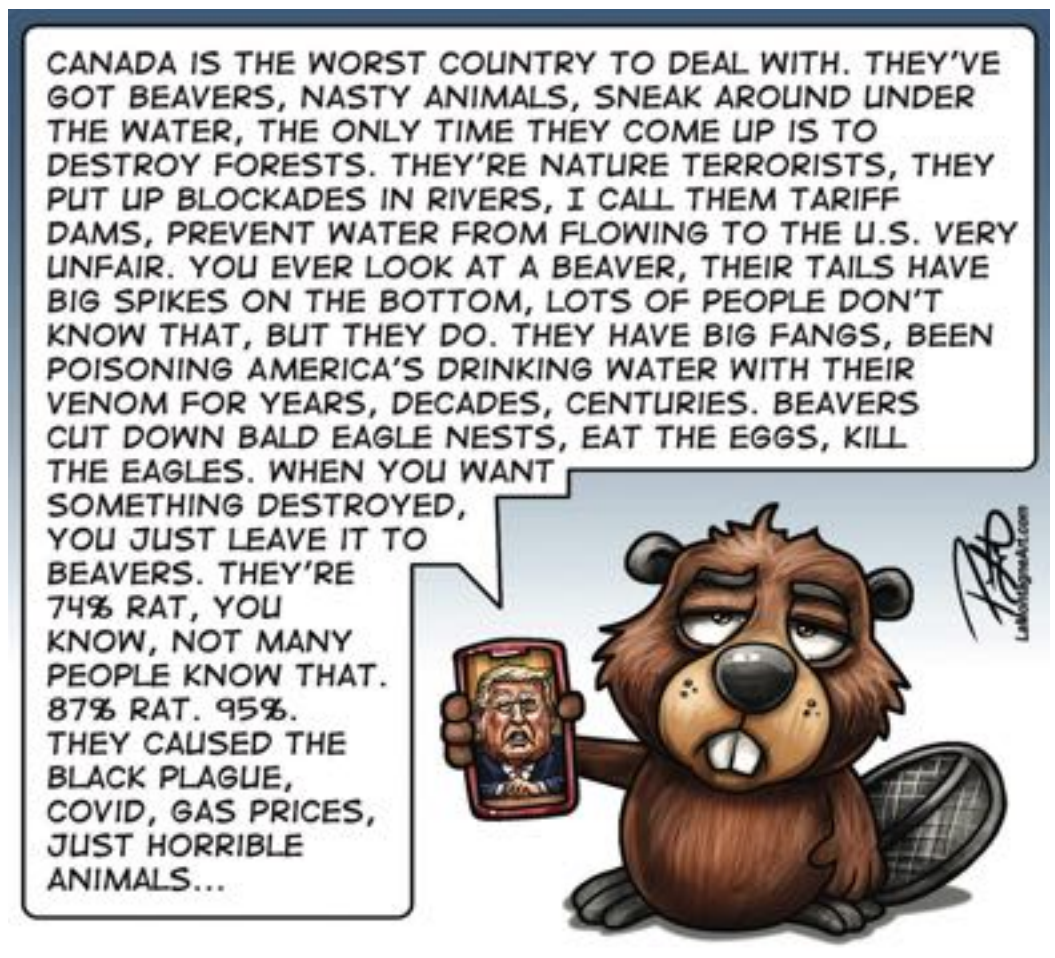
Students are facing challenges from every direction, whether in school, at home, or in the community at large. As a result, teachers are increasingly being called upon to help students navigate these new realities and find the resources students need to take on the challenges that await them. They have students arriving to school hungry and without the fuel they need to absorb the "basics," however they are defined, leaving it up to educators, support staff, and the wider school community to band together to provide this additional layer of student support.

And given the challenges that lie ahead for all of us, it seems unlikely to me that this reality is going to ease up any time soon.

Summer is still here for the next little while, but this week's return to reality is inescapable.

At the same time, however, the reality each person is returning to this week is anything but uniform – and recognizing that reality is the first step towards a brighter future.

Then what?




# Share your memories like a home-cooked meal!

**by Mark Pavilons**




During my pensive moments, as I contemplated my mortality, I have been hand-held by some fond memories.

I was reminded about the best memories of a person's life, like the birth of a child, a wedding, family vacations and teaching our kids to ride a bike.

While I recall faint details when each of our children entered the world, a lot of it is a blur. Of course, my wife remembers each one, down to the last intricate detail, like it was yesterday.

Moms. God did go overboard in giving them some amazing qualities!

My hearing is fading and my memory of certain things isn't as sharp as it once was. I can still rhyme off trivia and historic information like a Jeopardy champion.

I know that grief and loss can wreak havoc on someone's mental health. A friend lost his wife to cancer roughly a year ago, and he isn't the same. It shows on his face and the tone of his voice. He's a shadow of his former self.

And what about those who are about to lose someone or who face an impending doom?

Many people are plagued with life-altering or debilitating illnesses. Every day is a challenge and a chore. They struggle to see the sunlight through the clouds. They are in reluctant survival mode.

My cancer journey has robbed me of my best memories. Sure, I still recall certain pleasant moments, but the flavour, the zing, has been softened, lessened to a degree.

That's because cancer is a thief, a cold-hearted killer that steals, absorbs and destroys memories.

That's the reality of the disease. It doesn't just invade cells, tissues and bones, but it takes over our minds, our memories our emotions. And there's the key.

People always ask me how I'm feeling and comment that I look good, considering my condition. Haven't we been told that looks are deceiving?

Life isn't something we necessarily joke about when we reflect on it. Even during this very challenging journey, I can still crack a joke, and recall so many fond moments. I'm not only my own personal library by the gatekeeper of my family's history.

I recall a few incidents in my teens when I mouthed off to my dad and he ran after me but couldn't catch me. When we stopped, he smirked, knowing that had he caught me I'd have gotten a smack upside the head. The message was clear. I don't know why that makes me smile today, but it does.

Memories serve to strengthen us, as we grab onto them with a smile. The best moments of our lives are like food, fuel in our tanks.

Fortunately, we live in a data-driven world and our smart phones hold much more than emails and texts. They hold magic, in the form of photos and videos – the best of the best.

When feeling down, we pull out our phones, scroll through our libraries and replay those special moments. Recordings of my kids' laughter makes me chuckle. Photos of the dogs bring smiles to this old kisser. Candles being blown out remind me of the passage of time, and how our offspring bloom. I recently doused a few candles on my birthday cake.

According to Muhammad Tuhin (Why We Remember Some Moments Forever), memories are not static but dynamic. They're not stored like books; they're reassembled like stories.

Each time you remember something, you don't pull it off a shelf, you recreate it.

Your brain reconstructs the memory by stitching together fragments of sights, sounds, emotions, sensations. Memory is an act of imagination built on fact.

That means remembering is a remix. It's creative, interpretive, and deeply influenced by who you are now.

Neuroscientists have found that emotionally charged experiences trigger the amygdala, a small almond-shaped structure deep in the brain. The amygdala acts like a spotlight operator, shining attention on critical details. It helps activate the hippocampus, which is crucial for encoding memory. Together, they signal the brain to sear the event into long-term storage.

In a physical sense, we are made up of skin, flesh, blood and bones. In a more poetic and psychological sense, we are made up of memories. Memories are powerful and they are influential in how we are shaped as individuals. For example, memories from our childhood can still affect our psyche and behavior as adults.

Parents tend to be the custodians of family legacies. Their memories become our first memories; the two intertwined to become our histories and identities.

Parents also tell us the stories of their parents and ancestors to help us understand where we come from and who we are. They remind us of our potential to achieve anything and be anyone. They humanize the past with stories of our ancestors written into world history. Our parents, too, laughed and cried, loved and lost.

We are the sum total of our memories, which are stories of our life. As we travel the many roads that make up the maps of our lives, we continue to make and store memories. We take pictures and videos; we tell and record stories; we write messages and emails and caption images. All this so our children can then read our maps, understand our stories and, in doing so, better understand themselves.

We become the custodians of our children's legacy.

So, are all of my memories who I am? Of course they are. Who would I be without them?

"Life is all memory," according to Tennessee Williams and the present goes by so quickly you can hardly catch it.

Memory is also the mother of all wisdom. Use it wisely, and don't discount its importance.

Like kindness, memories are meant to be shared with others. It's all part of the same fruit salad – fresh, tasty and colourful.

Don't keep this marvellous concoction to yourself – serve it up to everyone around you!




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# Six degrees of separation

No doubt in the final weeks leading up to September you began to notice an uptick in the number of politicians and/or their teams knocking on doors, dropping off pamphlets or even advertising here in our paper. Expect to see and hear a great deal more of it in the days to come, including election signs and by ensuring you schedule time to hear from all candidates during the debates, meet and greets and locally hosted events scheduled over the coming weeks. Why is it so important you take the time to get informed? Because, like the old expression (and the movie) "Six Degrees of Separation" suggests, no one ward experiences a single issue. Rather, we are all much more closely linked to, and impacted by, many issues across Caledon and across each of our neighbouring municipalities too.

This election, and whom we choose from amongst the candidates is pivotal to Caledon's future development, yes. But we are also surrounded by decision-makers in nearby municipalities whose choices will also impact us, and vice-versa. It's safe to say that when it comes to the various issues of concern to Caledon (such as water, the environment or trucking and traffic safety) just six (or perhaps even fewer) degrees of separation exist between us and our neighbours to the north, south, east and west. That means we need to elect a Council that not only works for Caledon, but that works well with others too. Collectively, it's these hyper-local, municipal decisions that will help to shape our future.

I've been thinking about this specifically because recently I heard a comment referring to some candidates as "single-issue candidates." The over-simplification annoyed me. I don't believe such a person exists. Sure, there are candidates in every ward who bring particular expertise to the table, whether that's previous experience as an elected representative, as a community activist or long-time volunteer, or even experience gained while serving in a different kind of elected capacity. Others offer expertise gained through business careers that represent a wide spectrum of experience, or have deep, rural, agricultural roots and understand our shared history.

Regardless of background, however, nobody ever brings just one skill to the table. They bring the collected accumulation of a lifetime of skills and knowledge. More importantly, it is how they will use this cumulative wisdom, and capitalize on their particular area of expertise, to help manage our municipality and work together with our surrounding neighbours. At a time of provincially-mandated growth, and when it sometimes seems like the province isn't interested in working with municipalities, it's especially important that municipalities work with each other.

Right now, water and the environment are of grave concern in Ward 1 and the decisions we make today will impact not only us, but every community downstream. Truck traffic and road safety are an enormous concern across all wards, but particularly so in Ward 1, 2, 5 and 6. That means the work we undertake to address it will, by necessity, require us to cooperate with other municipalities like Vaughan, Erin and Brampton, too.

The downloading of regional roads by the province will absolutely impact Caledon and so too will all the sewage trucks from Erin currently using our local roads to travel to and from Orangeville. As well, there are myriad concerns related to all the quarry trucks (whether filling or extracting) that are travelling to and from neighbouring communities like Hillsburgh. Who pays for all the damages to our roads? Caledon residents or other communities? Who is impacted by the risks to our water and to the environment?

The short answer is that we all are. There are no degrees of separation when it comes to the long-term consequences of harms to the environment or water supply. That's why we need people around the Caledon Council table who are not only fully familiar with the issues, but who are also able to work collaboratively and cooperatively with our neighbouring municipal Councils.

Across all our borders, there are no single issue candidates because what's happening here and in our surrounding communities impacts us all. Calling a person, or slapping a label on something as a "single issue" is naive. People may have stepped up to spearhead much-needed community conversations, but those conversations don't take place in a vacuum. They take place together with many other concerned citizens, and around council tables in our neighbouring communities, involving people who have demonstrated they are well positioned to understand the nuances of the challenges we face.

To summarize, there's a lot going on. There are water issues in Erin and quite likely water issues coming soon to Caledon (and that's excluding the potential provincial privatization of water!).

Massive new home development and related sewage treatment issues in Erin also impact Alton and Orangeville residents. There's a truck and traffic crisis in Vaughan and Caledon, and all the while, Peel Region's downloading of regional roads will cost each of these municipalities millions of dollars. If Highway 413 does indeed get built one day, the provincial government will expect us to use gravel located close to source, again having direct safety, noise, environmental and water related impacts not just on Caledon, but on every neighbour we have.

Nothing occurs in isolation. Ask your local candidates the big picture questions. Ask them how they might apply their specific knowledge, skills or expertise to working together with others not just around our Council table, but also by working with our neighbouring communities to resolve the many issues directly impacting us all. It's not an exaggeration to say we might be just six degrees of separation from disaster, or success, and it's up to all of us to help elect the best people to ensure it's the latter.

DAVID SUZUKI
OPINION

# How do we ensure that common animals remain common?

What do the common nighthawk and the common hoptree have in common? They're both assessed as being at risk of extinction under Canada's Species at Risk Act.

At-risk animals have been in the news lately. For example, concerns have been raised about the impacts of increased tanker traffic on the ability of the remaining 75 southern resident orcas off the British Columba coast to survive. Attention to these species is warranted, but human activities don't just affect at-risk species. They also affect "common" species.

These are the ones we often see in daily life, such as Canada geese and raccoons. Humans have a habit of labelling things "common" if they're perceived to be widespread or abundant. How does a name influence our perceptions of commonality, and are we noticing their declines?

Common loons, common terns and the common shiner all live in Canada and have "common" as part of their name. But how many "common" animals are actually in decline? Canada's Species at Risk list contains three: the common nighthawk, common hoptree and common five-lined skink. Other species, such as the common poorwill, are listed as "data deficient," meaning they can't be designated as their status is unknown.

Many classic cases illustrate that some animals that were once abundant and widespread are now either extinct or have seen their ranges substantially shrink.

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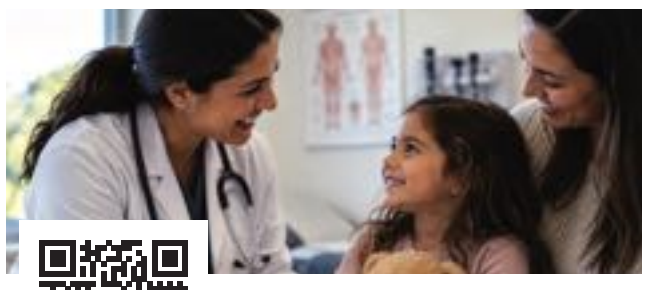


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# ARTS & CULTURE

## "How We Got to Jersey" brings the story behind Jersey Boys to Theatre Orangeville

**BY JOSHUA DRAKES**



How We Got to Jersey: A Tale of Two Frankies creators and stars Jeff Madden and Adrian Marchuk perform at Theatre Collingwood during a recent run of their show. The production will soon take the stage at Theatre Orangeville, and will follow the two actors as they tell their stories of how they both landed the roll of Frankie Valli in the hit Broadway production, Jersey Boys. This original production will show personal, beside the scenes details about their experience, and of course, will feature hit songs from Jersey Boys. **PHOTO BY SAM MOFFATT MAVERICK MEDIA COLLECTIVE**

Two Canadian performers who spent years stepping into the shoes of Frankie Valli are bringing the stories behind their journey to Theatre Orangeville this month.

How We Got to Jersey: A Tale of Two Frankies, created and performed by Jeff Madden and Adrian Marchuk, will take the stage at Theatre Orangeville from Sept. 25 to 27.

Part concert and part personal storytelling, the production takes audiences behind the scenes of Jersey Boys while exploring how Madden and Marchuk, two performers from small-town Ontario, each found themselves playing one of early rock and roll's most recognizable voices.

"How do two guys from small-town Ontario end up touring the world, playing one of the greatest rock and roll singers of all time?" Marchuk said. "And how do they do it, having the time of their lives, and being good buds, and then best enemies, and then back to good buds."

"I think if anybody wants to know what it's like to be an actor in Canada, this show will give them a great insight into that," Madden said. "It'll show you how taking on a job can change your life in many ways — ways that you wouldn't necessarily anticipate — good ways, challenging ways. It's got something for everyone. It's got incredible music. It's got nostalgia, and it's got this hopefully heartwarming story that is very human that connects us to the audience and connects to their own lives."

The show features music made famous by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, including Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like a Man and Can't Take My Eyes Off of You, alongside stories from Madden and Marchuk's careers and experiences performing in Jersey Boys.

Neither performer originally expected the role of Frankie Valli to become such a significant part of their careers. Their paths to Jersey Boys began like many acting jobs — with an audition — but quickly became a whirlwind that included travelling to New York for fittings and Nashville to work with original Four Seasons member Bob Gaudio before rehearsals began.

The two would go on to perform as Frankie Valli during the Toronto production of Jersey Boys, with the experience continuing to follow them long after the production ended. Both continued to be asked to perform the music at concerts, corporate functions and other events, occasionally crossing paths with each other.

The idea for How We Got to Jersey emerged years later when Marchuk was asked to pitch concert ideas for a venue. Remembering that both he and Madden had played Frankie Valli, he proposed a show where the two could perform the music while sharing stories from their experiences.

"They were asking for ideas, so I said, okay, you could do this idea, and then you could do this idea, and then I was like, 'Oh, third idea, third idea, third idea – Jeff and I were both Frankie in Jersey Boys," Marchuk said. "We could come up and sing songs and tell stories from that.' They're like, 'Great, let's do that idea.'"

Madden joined the project, and the production came together in just three months.

Rather than simply recreating Jersey Boys, the resulting show became their own story.

Through music and personal memories, Madden and Marchuk explore what it was like to unexpectedly land a career-changing role, perform before thousands of people, meet the artists they were portraying and navigate the demanding realities of life as working actors.

Their individual experiences also give the production its central twist: audiences get to see two performers who understand the unusual experience of playing the same demanding role sharing the stage together. This production is one of its kind, unique to their journeys together, and how they were shaped by the experiences they shared.

"No two other people could do this show," Madden said. "You could find two other Frankies, and they could put together their own show. But it wouldn't be this show, it wouldn't be this perspective. It wouldn't be what it was like to do it in Toronto in the winter of 2008 and through 2009 and into 2010. It's ours and only ours. That makes it special. Getting to relive these moments, these high moments of our lives, on stage, together in front of the audience - it's thrilling. It's absolutely thrilling."

For Marchuk, the Orangeville performances also mark a return to familiar territory. Early in his career, he appeared in several Theatre Orangeville productions, including Anne of Green Gables, and is excited to return to the community with a production built around a journey that has followed him and Madden for nearly two decades.

With a mix of familiar music, humour and stories from behind the curtain, Madden and Marchuk hope How We Got to Jersey gives Orangeville audiences more than a trip back through the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

At its heart, the production is a story about two performers looking back on the unexpected opportunity that changed their careers, the challenges that came with it and the friendship that ultimately brought two Frankies together on the same stage.

***To buy tickets, visit: theatreorangeville.ca/show/how-we-got-to-jersey-a-tale-of-two-frankies.***

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**Caledon Harvest High Tea - Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 2 to 5 pm**
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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!

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Psychic 7PM-9PM
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Members with dinner $50.00
Non-Members with dinner $58.50
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Date: Sat, September 26th from 11 am to 6 pm
Registration fee including art supplies, lunch and snacks: $225
To register, visit https://wholepepperstudio.com/workshops
Email art@wholepepperstudio.com or call Janine at (519) 496-4008

**Walk for Healthy Living**
Sunday September 27th, 2026 10 AM
Join us on **Sunday, September 27** for the **CSC Walk for Healthy Living**—a community fundraiser where every step makes a difference.
This 1, 2 or 5km walk is for **everyone**. Whether you're walking with family, friends, neighbours, coworkers, or your community group, your participation helps create a healthier, more connected Caledon.
Register your team at https://caledonseniors.ca/fundraising-events/csc-walk-for-healthy-living/

You are invited to Orangeville Show Chorus Fall membership Series. Come and learn to sing with Orangeville Show Chorus. Perform with us in our November 7 show. 5 week program (Wednesdays). Wed. Sept. 30 - Wed. Nov. 4. *Excluding October 14* 6:30-8:00 p.m. Cost - $50. 247 Broadway, Orangeville . Lower Auditorium. osc.choirgenius.com. Contact membershipchair@osc.choirgenius.com. Contact membershipchair@osc.choirgenius.com


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## Residential Rental Licensing program launched

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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On September 8, the Town of Caledon announced the launching a new Residential Rental Licensing Program.

This initiative is designed to improve safety, quality and accountability of rental housing in the community.

"The Residential Rental Licensing Program is about ensuring rental housing in Caledon is safe and meets established standards," says Judith D'Souza Soares, Commissioner of Community Services. "This program provides greater clarity for property owners, helps protect renters and supports strong, healthy neighbourhoods across the Town."

The program aims to protect tenants and neighbourhoods in addressing a number of issues, including overcrowding, illegal units and poor property maintenance while also supporting responsible landlords.

Those that can apply for the RRLP must meet the following requirements:

- A property owned by a corporation cannot be granted a short-term rental license;
- The accommodation and operator's primary residence must be the same;
- No owner of a property may have more than one short-term rental accommodation.

Properties providing a short-term rental accommodation will require a license while hotels, motels, group homes and students' housing that have completed the required planning approvals from the Town will be exempt.

All licensed properties must comply with Ontario Building and Fire Codes and Town property standards and may be subject to inspections.

The program officially launched on September 8 for short-term rentals and will continue to launch in phases with long-term rentals being followed in 2027. Introductory licensing rates will be available for limited time after the launch.

The Introductory rate will be available until November 6 at a cost of $250 and starting after November 6 the cost will be $500.

Those looking for full program details and looking to apply for the Residential Rental Licensing Program can visit caledon.ca/rentallicensing.




**COMMERCE FOR A CAUSE –** Some of Cataract's youngest community members are hosting a lemonade stand to support the efforts of the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group. Ella, Max and Liv asked their parents the meaning behind the many "Say No to the Quarry" signs they saw throughout the village. It prompted a discussion about preserving nature, helping the animals and protecting water and the environment. The children wanted to do something to show their support! With the help of Doug Soules and his team, their idea for a lemonade stand (complete with hydraulics to raise and lower it!) became a reality. Also featuring cookies and pizza during the grand opening, a total of $1,141.25 was raised and the children plan to stay open through the fall, capturing the attention of visitors to the region. Pictured here from left to right are: Doug, Linda, Ella Talotti, 7, Max Wilson, 9, Liv Talotti, 5, Heather, and Shannon. **STORY & PHOTO BY SHERALYN ROMAN**

## Farm Tour returns for 27th year

**BY SAM ODROWSKI**

The Dufferin Farm Tour will return Saturday, October 3, giving visitors an opportunity to visit five working farms across Dufferin County.

The self-guided tour runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free, rain or shine.

Participating farms will offer visitors an opportunity to learn about modern agriculture, meet farm families and see how products including beef, chicken, grain, lavender, maple syrup and Christmas trees are produced.

The tour is marking its 27th year. It began in 1998 and has welcomed thousands of children and adults, helping connect rural and urban communities.

"Most people only experience farming from the grocery store shelf," said Kent Campbell of the Dufferin Farm Tour committee. "This is a rare opportunity to meet the families behind the food, ask questions, and experience agriculture firsthand."

This year's participating farms include:

- A fifth-generation family farm that has expanded into grain handling and storage.
- A modern Holstein dairy operation showcasing modern dairy farming.
- A Christmas tree and maple syrup farm.
- A lavender and sunflower farm that produces handcrafted natural skincare products.
- A family farm raising sustainable beef, lamb and chicken.

Visitors can meet farmers, see farm equipment, interact with livestock, watch demonstrations and purchase locally grown products at participating farms.

Dufferin County is home to more than 700 farms, which contribute to the local economy and produce food for consumers across Ontario.

Admission is free. Visitors are encouraged to make a voluntary donation of a non-perishable food item to support local food banks. Refreshments and local food and products will also be available for purchase at participating farms.

Advance registration is recommended.

For more information and registration, visit: dufferinfarmtour.com.

Public Notice

Peel Region

**Environmental Assessment Study**

**NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION**

**Bolton Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvements**

**Schedule 'C' Class Environmental Assessment**

**Background**

Peel Region has completed the Bolton Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study. This MCEA builds off a Feasibility Study completed in 2023 by the Region which outlined conceptual water and wastewater projects that service the additional development proposed with n both the intensification and greenfield growth areas n the Community of Bolton. Additionally, the MCEA has completed a comprehensive evaluation of alternatives to develop optimal water and wastewater servicing solutions to meet existing needs and growth within the Bolton study area.

**Your Input is Important:**

You are invited to review the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Bolton Water and Wastewater Servicing Optimization Strategy, to provide the project team with feedback and comments. This ESR documents the planning process undertaken, potential impacts and mitigation measures, and the following recommendations (**Figure 1**):

1. New sanitary pumping station,
2. New sanitary twin forcemains along Emil Kolb Parkway,
3. New sewer and watermains along Emil Kolb Parkway, Mount Hope Road and Highway 50,
4. New watermain along Columbia Way, and
5. Water and wastewater system optimization measures, including pressure zone adjustments, new Bolton SPS forcemain, and continued inflow and infiltration reduction program and monitoring of system performance.

Subject to comments received following this Notice and the receipt of approvals, the Region intends to proceed with construction of the recommended project as outlined in the ESR.

**Environmental Study Report (ESR):**
The ESR will be available for a 30-day public review period from August 31st to September 30, 2026. An electronic copy of the ESR will be available for public review on the project website. You can access the website using the link below or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone: https://peelregion.ca/construction/environmental-assessments/bolton-water-wastewater-capacity-improvements

**Comment Submission:**

If you wish to submit comments and/or concerns on this study, please contact the Project Manager listed below. If you have concerns related to Indigenous treaty rights which cannot be resolved, you may send your Section 16 Order request to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch at the addresses listed below. A copy of the request should also be sent to the Region's Project Manager. **All requests must be received by the Project Manager within the 30-day public review period by September 30, 2026.**

**Ministry Contacts:**

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**Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**
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**Director, Environmental Assessment Branch**
**Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**
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**Project Contact:**

**Italia Ponce, P. Eng.**
**Project Manager, Region of Peel**
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Peel Region is committed to ensure that all Regional services, programs, and facilities are inclusive and accessible for people with disabilities. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any accommodation to provide comments or feedback for this study.

*This notice was first issued on August 31st, 2026*

*With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. This study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.*

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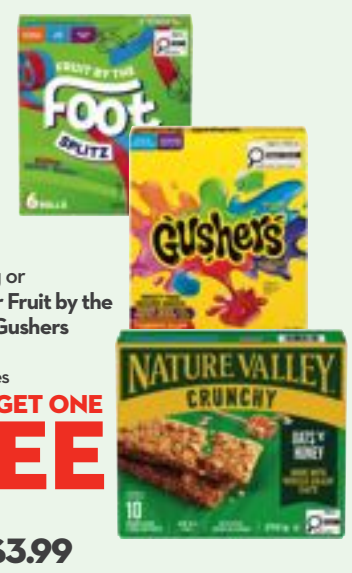
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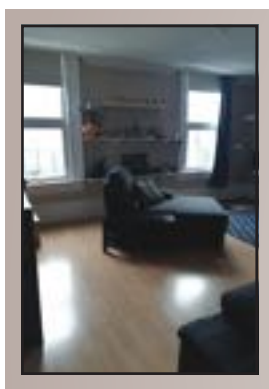
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# SPORTS

# September is when North American football fans can fill their plate from an all-you-can-view buffet

**BY JIM STEWART**
COMMENT

For North American football fans, September offers an exquisite three-course meal.

The appetizer has been served all Summer with the CFL putting on its traditional brand of entertainment with numerous last-minute victories telecast on TSN. CFL fans were revved up throughout the Labor Day Weekend with three classic showdowns to enjoy.

The Roughriders hosted their much-hated Prairie adversaries—the Winnipeg Blue Bombers—in Regina at Mosaic in what turned out to be another Labour Day Classic. The latest installment resulted in a Riders' edge-of-your-seat 32-26 OT victory. It featured all that is great about the CFL including a last second game-tying TD and conversion by the Blue Bombers to push the game into overtime. The two squads renew their long history of hostilities at Princess Auto Stadium on Saturday for another rendition of The Banjo Bowl.

The Hamilton Tiger Cats' playoff hopes took a beating when they hosted their historical rival, the Toronto Argonauts, on Labor Day on Monday afternoon and dropped a 37-22 decision to the Boatmen.

The Battle of Alberta—matching the surprising, first-place Edmonton Elks visiting the last-place Stampeders in Calgary – closed out TSN's Labor Day Monday doubleheader. The Elks eked out a 38-28 come-from-behind win. The Elks outscored Calgary 24-3 in the fourth quarter to steal the win on the road.

Those three games, plus the Alouettes' comeback 37-30 win over the Lions in Montreal on Friday night, gave fans of three-down football a full slate of Labour Day Weekend games to set up the path of their favorite team to the 113th Grey Cup on Sunday, November 15 at McMahon Stadium in Calgary.

For fans of four-down football who have been embracing the CFL as a placeholder until their favorite NFL teams take to the turf, this month serves as the entrée—a variety of dishes to choose from on the viewing menu.



The Hall Wolfpack look to replicate their quadruple championship season this fall, including their stirring 42 - 0 win over Chaminade to capture the Metro Bowl at Varsity Stadium in November 2025.

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Opening Day for the NFL is Wednesday, September 9, when the Seattle Seahawks host the New England Patriots at 8:20 p.m. and the LA Rams host the San Francisco 49ers in this season's first installment of Thursday Night Football. Sunday, September 13, features a buffet of Week 1 matchups with 13 games on the schedule.

Prominent among those opening games will be Game 1 for the star-crossed Buffalo Bills. The Western New York franchise is still looking for its first Super Bowl championship after so many close calls, but hope springs eternal in The Queen City and for local fans of the Bills. Buffalo's first game of the new season is in Houston at Reliant Stadium at 1 p.m. on September 13 on CBS. The Bills will roll into Game 2 of their schedule just four days later when they host the Detroit Lions at brand new Highmark Stadium on Thursday, September 17, commencing at 8:15 p.m. on Prime Video.

For the truly-obsessed football fan, a rich dessert of US College games kicked off on September 2 and will culminate in multiple Bowl games in December and January. Local universities began their OUA seasons last weekend with the York Lions edging the Carleton Ravens 35-34 in Toronto before getting decimated 78-7 by the perennially-powerful Western Mustangs on Labour Day Weekend. Ouch. The Lions' cross-town rivals, the University of Toronto Blues absorbed a couple of beatings at the hands of Queen's 28-12 on August 30 and Ottawa 44-3 on September 5.

There's plenty of pigskin action to go around and the energized atmosphere of secondary school sports serves as a nice espresso after a three-course meal.

Caledon has an embarrassment of high school football riches for local fans to support. Two local schools in Caledon East and Bolton provide free afternoon entertainment in September and October. The powerhouse Robert F. Hall Wolfpack—coming off a magical season during which they won four Bowl games including the Metro Bowl at Varsity Stadium in Toronto followed by a pair of regional and provincial championships—will look to duplicate last year's historical success.

The Humberview Huskies take to their turf field this month to avenge a semifinal loss at regionals last Fall after committing three players to OUA football scholarships in the off-season.

Both schools feature coaching staffs of volunteer teachers who are committed to the numerous benefits of running a full football program and churning out next level athletes.

Case in point: Hall Wolfpack grad Jesulayomi Ojutalayo made his home debut at BMO in August as a wide receiver and special teams player the Calgary Stampeders and #82 was featured in many plays during the TSN national broadcast.

Bon appetit, football fans.

# *Young's 44-save performance leads Caledon to 3-0 win over Niagara Falls to open 2026-27 OJHL season*

**BY JIM STEWART**

Rookie goaltender Justin Young turned aside all 44 shots he faced to impel the Caledon Admirals to a 3-0 win over the Canucks in Niagara Falls on Friday night.

Young's spectacular play between the pipes was supported by Admiral goal-scorers Rory Paquette, Braylon Masulka, and Jonah Gareau.

After a scoreless first period during which Young made 19 saves, Paquette got the Admirals on the board at 14:01 of the middle frame. Assists were earned by Ethan Cutbrush and Noah Wlodarczyk on Paquette's game-winning goal.

Five minutes into the third period, Masulka finished Cameron Gout's pass to beat Canucks' goaltender Thomas Puhalla. The rugged winger gave the visitors a 2-0 lead.

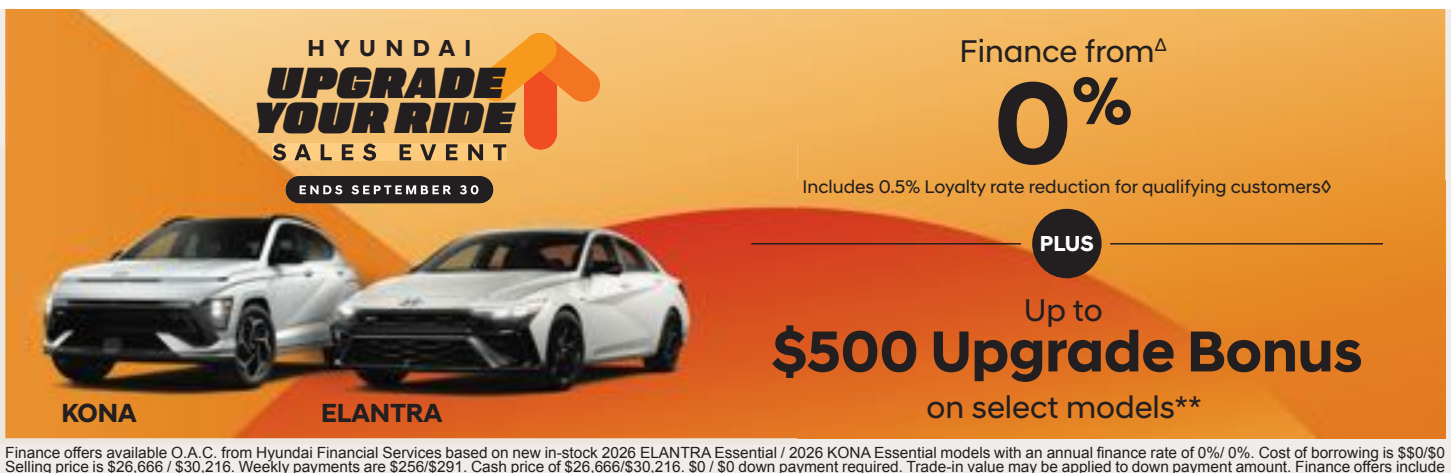
Gareau scored into an empty net with three ticks left on the clock to provide the margin of victory. Layton Strongman and Alex Pegaras picked up helpers on Gareau's clincher.

The Canucks outshot the Admirals 44-40 in front of 320 fans at the Gale Centre.

Niagara Falls opened the OJHL's season on Thursday with a convincing 7-1 win over the Blades in Oakville.

The Admirals' first home game of the new season is Sunday, September 13 when they host the Canucks at the Mayfield Recreation Complex at 2:30 p.m.




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# Shepley to be inducted into the Caledon Walk of Fame

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"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!"

Through his work in initiatives such as Kids of Steel, the Egg Nog Jog and especially his work at C3 James Dick Quarry, Shepley has been able to bring people together and create an open environment for all.

Shepley says he was so surprised by the announcement email that when he first received it he believed he was being pranked by his business partner of 35 years as it was sent on April Fool's Day – and Shepley had been on the receiving end of many pranks in the past.

"It happened on April 1, and my business partner of 35 years is the King of April 1, so, I put the email in my junk box because I had been on the wrong end of about a dozen of his jokes over the years so I gave it no more thought," says Shepley "Until about three days later when I received a follow up from the Town wondering why my underwhelming response to their kind acknowledgement was not really being given any love. So, only at that point, did I take it back out and reread it, and realize that, in fact, this was not my business partner, but the Town sending it to me".

Shepley is grateful for the town's recognition of his work but says that nothing could be done without all the volunteers and members of the C3 community that have given so much to help and make a difference.

"There's absolutely zero that I could do, without the C3 army, who have donated more than $10,000, who have put in hundreds and hundreds of hours of volunteer time, who have worn the uniform and gone on to great things. I am simply just a visual perception of this army, and so it's a bit embarrassing being the one recognized when without any of those 100 teammates, none of this would happen significantly," says Shepley. "The James Dick family, if we weren't allowed to have developed the property and the fashion that we have, the thousands of people who use that space now regularly for camps and family outings, swimming, and summer, just getting away with grandma to the beach, would never have happened. So, it's our volunteers. It's the James Dick family. It's Kim Nelson and Steve Benson, two massive sponsors in Town and Newville Iron, all of those people have come together, show up."

Not only does the induction to the Walk of Fame mean a lot to Shepley but the location of the stone is what makes it even more special.

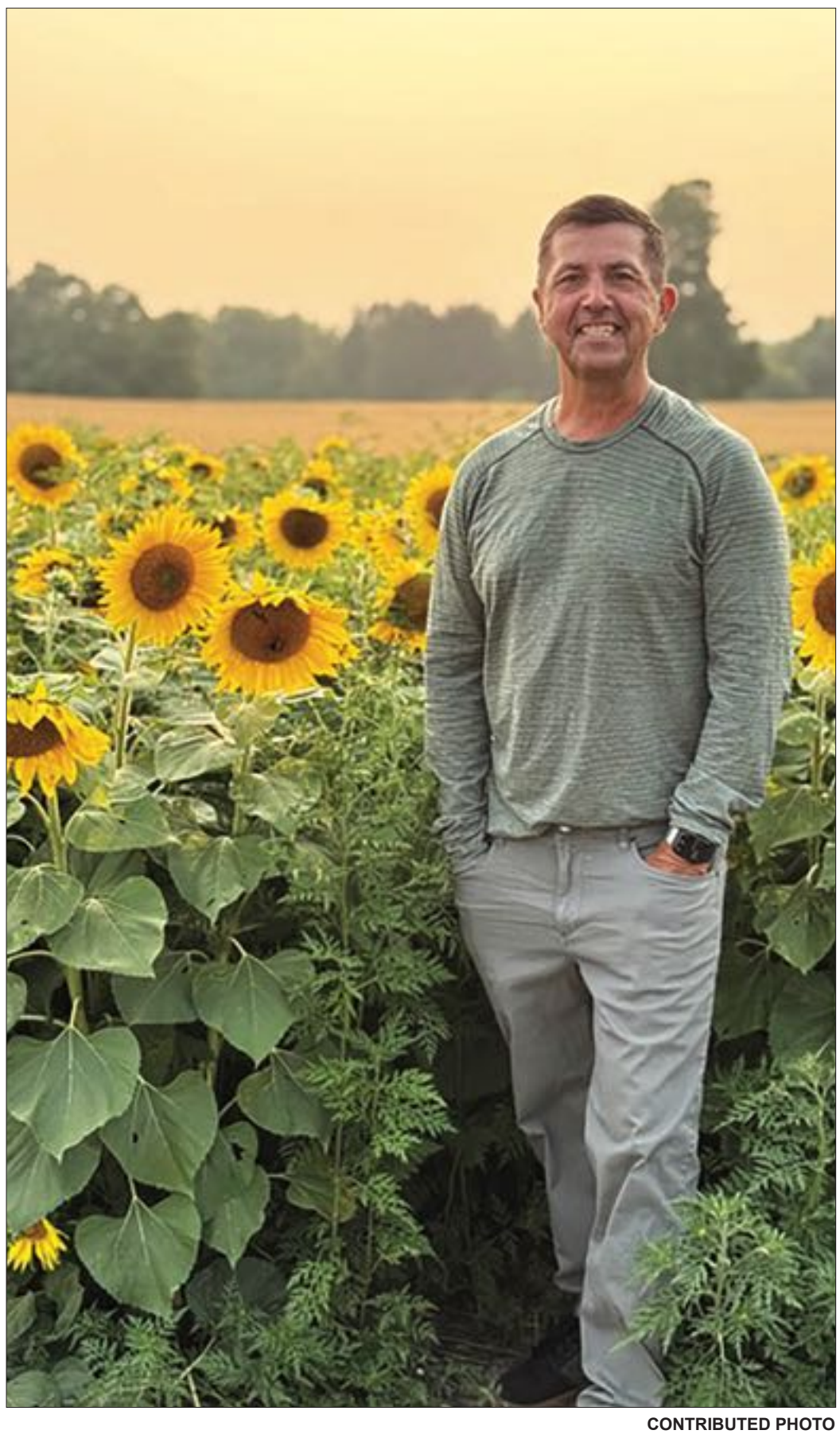
Six years ago, one of Shepley's teammates was killed in a car accident and, in remembrance, the C3 team had a bench named and placed in her honour. Shepley's stone is located 25 meters from the bench, and it means a lot to Shepley to have his stone so close to the tribute.

"We have our bench there and it's a tradition every Sunday morning – we tap our bench. Some of us leave our Gatorade bottles or our jackets on the bench and say, 'Hi, Patricia,' and recap it on the way back at the end. To have my stone 30 yards from her bench on a trail that we use every single Sunday for 30 years, there isn't a more sacred piece of land. [It's] literally it's 25 metres apart. There isn't a more sacred place for me in all of Caledon then at that spot," says Shepley.

Looking to the future, Shepley says he hopes that future teammates and C3 members will walk past the Caledon Walk of Fame and remember all the hard work that everyone has done to get to this moment.

"I hope that our teammates over time, when they run, walk, bike past, and hopefully they'll stop in and say part of that rock was from all those years that we donated time or money or volunteered and remember," says Shepley.

*For more information about the induction visit www.caledon.ca/en/news/caledon-walk-of-fame-to-induct-barrie-shepley-on-september-12.aspx.*



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The Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel is providing notice that it intends to pass or amend a fees and charges by-law. The by-law or amended by-law would authorize Peel Region to impose fees and charges to recover the costs of services or activities in response to a direction or order issued under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* in relation to a drinking water system not owned by Peel Region.

Regional Council meetings are open to the public, and residents may attend. The meetings will also be live-streamed on peelregion.ca.

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

The Regional Council meeting to discuss and amend fees by-law 43-2002 is scheduled for:

**Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
5th Floor, Council Chambers
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

The by-law may be approved in whole or in part at the above-noted Regional Council meeting or any subsequent Regional Council meeting. If the matter is considered at a subsequent meeting of Council, no additional notice will be provided unless Regional Council directs otherwise.

**Contacts**

Kealy Dedman
Commissioner of Public Works

Aretha Adams
Regional Clerk

Dated this 10th day of September 2026

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.


# *Over Here Community Arts Centre set for Arts by The Pond, tree recognition*

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Over Here Community Arts Centre will host its 3rd Arts by the Pond event at Hillsburgh Library on September 19 from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The event is free for all and will celebrate with a mix of art, music dance and food all surrounded by a nature backdrop.

The show is hosted in collaboration with the Erin Tree Trust and is a vibrant celebration of art and the environment while also honouring the Town of Erin's first "Tree of the Year".

This "Tree of the Year "is the first inaugural winning tree with over 60 per cent of votes cast is a 160-year-old American Elm named Henry.

An official honouring of the 2026 Tree of the Year will take place at 1:45 p.m.

In celebration of Henry, artists were given the opportunity to submit original works that interpret Henry's beauty, resilience and presence in the community.

Donna Bigonzi, a painter from Orangeville, is among many of the artists that sent in her piece of Henry.

"Henry captures a vibrant sunlit moment along a country road in the Town of Erin, celebrating the enduring presence and quiet majesty of one of the community's cherished mature trees", says Bigonzi.

This exhibit will feature the 32 submitted pieces from 28 artists all with a variety of mediums from both the Town of Erin and across Ontario.

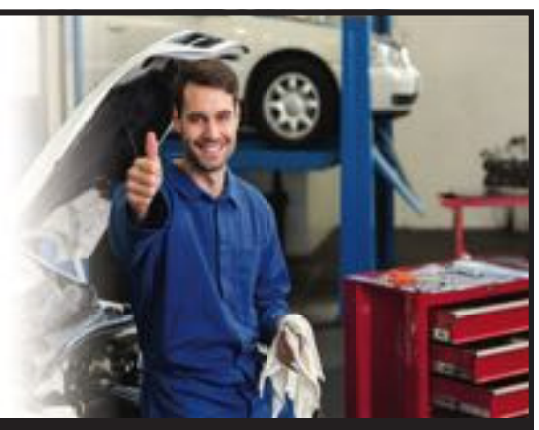
"My piece was influenced by William Wordsworth's poem 'The World is too Much with Us'. He lived through the First Industrial Revolution and feared how inventions were changing our respect for nature," says Mixed Media Artist Juanita Landon from Guelph, ON. "How far we have come since then! So, what is next? May we never replace trees like Henry".

Many of the pieces will be available to purchase for those interested at the show.

Both Over Here Arts Adventure and Erin Tree Trust are not-for-profit organizations and are thankful to all their sponsors and supporters who have passionately and generously helped to make the event special.

Those interested in finding out more information about the event can visit treetrust.ca/erin/ and those looking for more information about the Arts by the Pond event can check out www.overhere.ca/artsbythepond.

Come support local artists and learn more about Henry the Town of Erin's 2026 Tree of the Year by attending Arts by the Pond on September 19.

# "Once-in-a-generation" storm doesn't dampen spirits at 99th Plowing Match

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"It was amazing to be crowned Queen, says Wallace. "I love chatting to people and I am excited to see where this year will take me and who I get to meet."

Beth has been a past junior and senior ambassador for the Shelburne Fair and said she was excited and grateful to have been given the opportunity to become this year's Queen of the Furrow.

As part of the Queen of the Furrow event, Wallace also had the opportunity to plough with a tractor, which was very new to her as she has only ploughed with horses in the past.

"I told the gentleman who was explaining it to me, I said, 'I've done this with horses,' and he goes, "Oh, gosh. you got it, then. It'll be waiting," says Wallace. "It was so easy compared to the horses and the horses – you've got two minds that want to do different things. Whereas a tractor, you're the only one. You're in charge".

Many incumbent Council members and candidates were also present during the event to show their support, and all got the chance to compete at the Mayors Invitational, which was won by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post.

Early says that one of his favourite parts of the event was seeing Post accept her trophy and she even mentioned that the trophy was going to be placed on her mantle in the mayor's office.

"Seeing the smile on Lisa's face told me she really appreciated being able to attend and being able to plow to win the trophy," says Early.

Reflecting on the event, Early says he is grateful for all the support that the community has shown over the years by attending the events even after a day of disastrous weather the day before.

"It reminded me that we must not take these long-standing community, traditional get-togethers, for lack of a better word, for granted. They need to be cherished. In our case, we're the current caretakers of this celebration, which started way back in 1925, so, maybe I shouldn't have been surprised that the people were going to come out and support, even after a once-in-a-generation storm, but it was sure a relief to see it," says Early. "As a small personal note, at this event, there were several sixth-generation family members in attendance walking the same ground that their ancestors worked with horses, so many, many years ago. In today's world, that needs to be considered as special."

Early also noted that this event would not have been made possible without the sponsors, such as Hambly insurance brokers, ALUS Peel, Peel Rural Water Quality Program, Equipment Ontario, Vaderstad and Kubota equipment and volunteers that were at the event.

"Events like this don't happen without the support of the volunteers and directors, all the local folks, everybody pulling the right direction, especially after the horrible weather the previous day," says Early.

At the end of the event the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association announced the winners of each match:

***Class 1A – Horses- Jointer Plow***
- 1st – Terry Linton
- 2nd – John Dekroon
- 3rd - Scott Thomas
- 4th - Ashlynne Harquail

***Class 1B – Horses- Sulky Plow***
- 1st – Steve Bickle

***Class 2 – Tractors – Mounted Plows. Utility Open***
- 1st – Greg Timbers
- 2nd – Ken Ferguson
- 3rd – Ryan Wright
- 4th - Harry Humphrey
- 5th – Colin French

***Class 5 – Antique Trail Plow. Open.***
- 1st – Ken Clarke
- 2nd - Richard Pepper
- 3rd - John Robinson
- 4th - Kent Robinson
- 5th - Bert Speirs

***Class 6 – Antique Mounted Plow***
- 1st – Ken O'Brien
- 2nd – Keith Wright
- 3rd – Fred Richardson
- 4th – Roy Wright

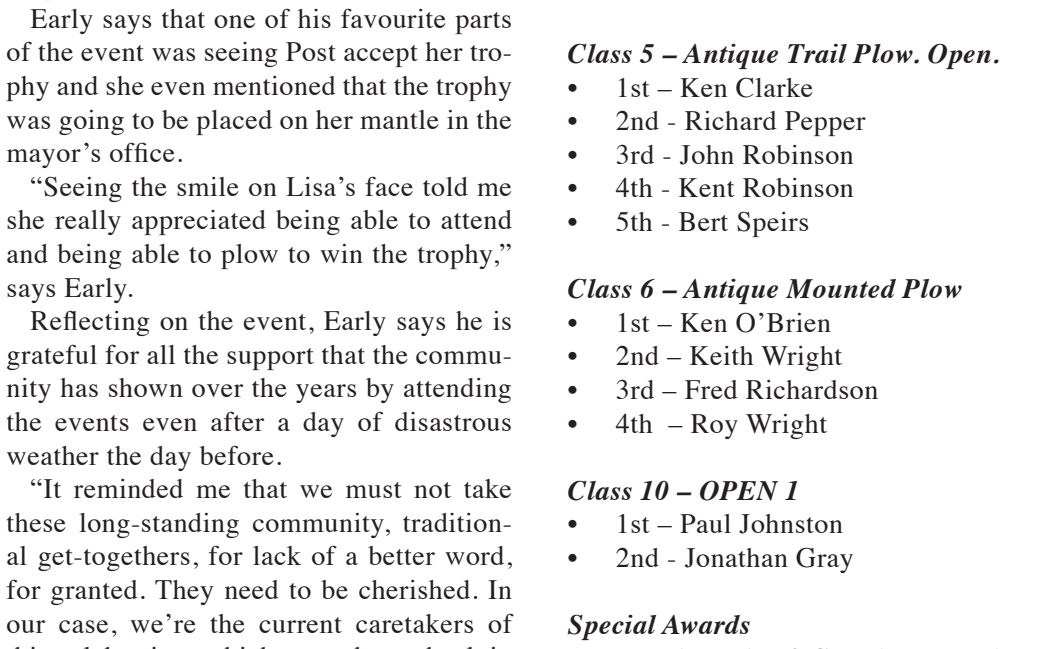
***Class 10 – OPEN 1***
- 1st – Paul Johnston
- 2nd - Jonathan Gray

***Special Awards***
- Royal Bank of Canada – Trophy – Best plowed land by a Peel or Dufferin resident – Ryan Wright
- Paul Dean Memorial Special – Ken Clarke
- Peel-Dufferin Horse Special – Steve Bickle
- Peel-Dufferin Tractor Special – Richard Pepper

Looking to the future, Early says he is excited to see what the 100th annual Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's tournament has in store.



Queen of the Furrow Beth Wallace is pictured with Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, who won the Mayor's Challenge. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Attendees line up for some grub in between matches. PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

# Proposed Official Plan Amendment, and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications

**FILE NUMBERS: POPA 2026-0010, RZ 2026-0014**

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

**APPLICANT:**
Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd. (Anthony Sirianni) on behalf of Satwant Deol

**LOCATION:**
0 Humber Station Road
East Side of Humber Station Road,
North of King Street
Part Lots 11 and 12, Concession 5 (Albion)
Ward 6

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The purpose of the applications is to facilitate the development of a mixed-use residential/commercial high-rise development, consisting of two 20-storey apartment buildings and eight commercial buildings with indoor and outdoor amenity space.




**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:**

Alex Mior, RPP, MCIP
Senior Planner, Planning Services & Zoning
Planning & Development Department
905-584-2272 ext. 4528
alex.mior@caledon.ca

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, additional information and material, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**HOW TO STAY INFORMED:**

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon for the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law amendment applications, please submit a written request to the Planning and Development Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON, L7C 1J6.

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

If you require an accessibility accommodation to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format, please contact Legislative Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x2366 or email at accessibility@caledon.ca.

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

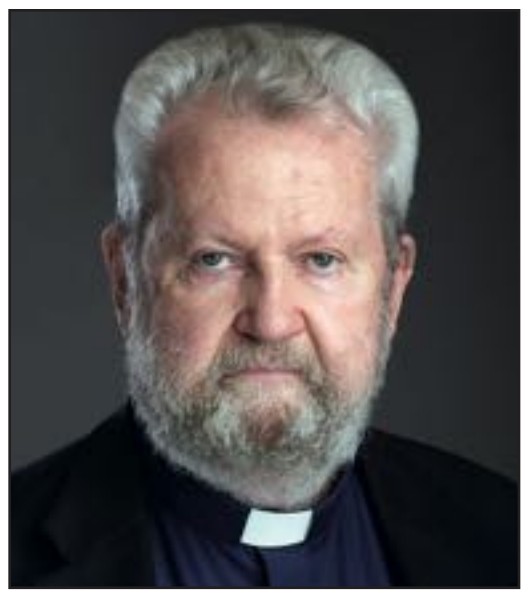
**Notice Date: September 10th, 2026**

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MSGR. FRANK MCDEVITT
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# Former St. John the Evangelist pastor recognized by Pope

**BY BROCK WEIR**
EDITOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Rev. Frank McDevitt has been bestowed a new title within the church by Pope Leo XVI.

On Friday, Frank Cardinal Leo of the Archdiocese of Toronto announced that McDevitt, a former pastor at Aurora's Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and Caledon's St. John the Evangelist Parish, had been appointed "Chaplain of His Holiness."

The new position grants McDevitt the title of Monsignor within the Catholic Church.

"This distinction is an honorary title incorporating him into the papal household and a well-deserved recognition of Msgr. McDevitt's many years of faithful and generous service to the Church and the people of the Archdiocese of Toronto," said Frank Cardinal Leo in a statement. "Throughout his priestly ministry, he has served with great dedication and humility, offering a steadfast witness to the Gospel and a deep commitment to those entrusted to his care.

"Ordained in 1984, Msgr. McDevitt is currently the pastor for Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Toronto. He has also served as a pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish (Scarborough), St. John the Evangelist Parish (Caledon), St. Mary's Parish (Barrie), St. Paul's Basilica (Toronto) and Our Lady of Grace Parish (Aurora).

"We are also immensely grateful for Msgr. McDevitt's ministry, since 2018, as the Archbishop's Delegate for Misconduct, ensuring our safe environment policies are fully updated and implemented."

A special Eucharistic celebration of McDevitt's appointment will be held Sunday, September 27, at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

## 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:**
The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

**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

## Caledon Votes 2026

# Meet Your Council Candidates: Carmela Palkowski, Ward 6



CARMELA PALKOWSKI

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**BY KATHRYN FRASER**
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Carmela Palkowski is stepping up to provide a voice for her community as she runs for Councillor of Ward 6 in the upcoming 2026 election.

Throughout her time in Caledon, Palkowski has been very involved in the community, most recently as Director of the Caledon Community Road Safety Association (CCRSA) and part of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce. She says she feels running for Council is the next step for advocacy.

She says she believes that Ward 6 needs a Councillor who listens, acts and delivers, and that she can be the person Ward 6 needs.

"If I get elected, I'll be the strongest voice at that table. We have some really major changes happening in Bolton right now, and we need some strong voices to make sure that the residents get what they need, and they're getting heard," says Palkowski.

Palkowski is focused on representing Ward 6 and working towards advocating and supporting the community by focusing on her four main priorities which are being community focused, fiscally responsible, transparent, and making sure every resident feels secure and supported.

Through her hard work and experience with the CCRSA, Palkowski says she understands first-hand the importance of road safety, and that is one of the key issues she is hoping to address.

"Everybody is worried about this right now, because we are a freight town. We've become a freight town, and we are dealing with an increased influx of residents, and that means more cars on the road, where we already have a problem with trucks on the road. That would be a major thing that I would make sure that stays on the table… and also illegal truckyards," says Palkowski. "That's a huge problem in the Bolton, especially of Highway 50. We continue to advocate. I'm still on the CCRSA, so that is something I'm doing well. I'm going through an election, I am still advocating for the residents, for an improvement of Highway 50.

"We need to work with the other municipalities to make sure that these improvements are made."

Palkowski's other main road safety priorities include ensuring new legislation can be implemented regarding illegal truck yards and land use, advocating for a more visible MTO presence, and prioritizing road repair and resurfacing on deteriorated streets in Ward 6.

In addition to road safety, Palkowski also wants to support businesses, local programs and local organizations and make sure that they thrive and continue to for many years.

"We need to make sure that our local businesses thrive, and continue to thrive, in this Town. I'll definitely work with supporting local programs, local organizations and not-for-profits, just making sure that they can continue to thrive, because it's really hard in this economy for them to thrive when nobody's donating to them," says Palkowski. "That's something that we need to keep letting residents know that these organizations exist, and they do so much for the community, and they need to thrive."

As she hopes to stand up for others, Palkowski is focused on staying transparent, honest, and accountable every step of the way and giving opportunities for residents to communicate with her to raise concerns and ask questions.

Strong communication between the Town of Caledon, OPP, residents and other areas of government is very important to Palkowski as she hopes to be able to use the connections and work together to make change.

As the election continues to approach, Palkowski says she wants members of the community to put their trust in her to speak up and advocate for Ward 6.

"Don't give up. I hear a lot of times, 'It's a waste of time.' I've heard it many times. People saying, 'I'm just going to move,' because they're frustrated. I really am trying to push everybody to say, you know what, these next four years are huge. It's a make or break. That's what I keep on saying. It's a make or break for the Town of Caledon, the next four years," she says.

"We need to ensure that there are vocal people at that table to advocate for the good of this Town," says Palkowski. "[This is] a fantastic community of amazing people, and people are giving up. I would say to voters right now, don't give up. This is the right time to step up and vote and vote for vocal people and people who will speak up for their needs."

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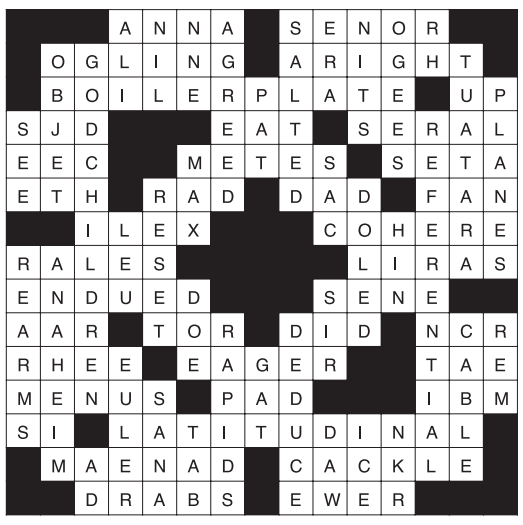
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# Caledon Votes 2026

# Meet Your Council Candidates: Paul Parete, Ward 4



PAUL PARETE

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As we continue our election journey, we would like to introduce Paul Parete, who has thrown his hat in the ring to be Ward 4's next Councillor.

After moving to Caledon 25 years ago and deciding this was the place where he and his family would make a home, Parete wants a chance to give back to his community in a bigger way – and that is by running for Councillor of Ward 4.

With his time as a physical scientist working for the federal public service slowly coming to an end, Parete says he is hoping to use his experience, knowledge and leadership skills to help Caledon.

"I think we're at a point in Caledon's life where there are some significant changes coming, it is not the same as it was 20, 30, 50 years ago," says Parete. "I felt that I couldn't just sit on the sidelines and see what happens. I feel that I can put my professional experience and skills into serving the community that I live in and plan to retire in".

Using evidence-based solutions, real accountability and modern approaches to municipal governments Parete wants to be the new voice for Ward 4.

"I think real municipal governance requires moving beyond passive notice boards and word of mouth to active open communication. I think a real outreach and engagement plan for the Ward and for Caledon as a whole is necessary to modernize municipal politics, modernize municipal governance," says Parete. "Grounded in my 25-year public service career, I bring that experience already, proven transparency. This is how we focused our work at the federal public service. It's always outreaching engagement in what is happening, what decisions are being made, what results have produced."

To achieve this goal Parete says he wants to focus on collaboration between all members including Council, Regional representatives, and the Province.

"We need some sort of larger strategy with the other Councillors, but, of course, focused town halls, dedicated Ward 4 meetings. before major zoning and bylaw policies are passed or budgets, getting folks to understand what it is we're doing, and then their perspective on that. Accessible outreach – an interactive, digital tracking of people's perspectives, challenges, thoughts, so we can have a logic model to how we made decisions," says Parete. "We've got this information on that challenge. We've collected your information on what you think about it, and here is our decided result of our decision. Then, of course, proactive updates: regular clean language summaries on Council decisions, budgets. People don't have time to read large documents. Quick to the point summaries, I think, would help with that communication."

One of Parete's main challenges that he sees Ward 4 facing is funding for local infrastructure, roads, emergency services, and community facilities with growth.

"It's something we can't get away from. Growth is dictated to us by the province. We hope we have the right to table, to turn that into infrastructure and amenities for our residents.

We're building, we want to build communities, not just a house, right? You want to have infrastructure attached to that house. You want to have parks. You want to have facilities, everything that a community needs to be a flourishing community, not just development," says Parete. "We want to be at the table with the right voices and the right information and the right position, perspective to help that happen, that's best suited for the communities."

Running for Councillor of Ward 4, Parete believes that through his experiences and understanding of what the ward needs he can be the voice that is needed to bring change.

"I'm not a politician. I am a public servant at heart. There's no political rhetoric, empty promises just to [get] votes, hard lines focused on a singular issue that maybe more nuanced or complex than one makes you believe. I have a unique combination of professional experience at the federal public service and lived experience as a rural resident in Caledon, which I think relates to Ward 4 deep to its roots, with the other residents as rural residential, living amongst farmland, living amongst trails and green spaces. I think a lot of candidates are connected politically, are coming at from a business perspective, community activism. My entire professional career is based on public service. This is at the core of what I bring," says Parete.

"I understand working within the environment of tax dollars. This is not a business. These are folks' hard-earned tax dollars. Having that at the root of your decision making, some people don't always understand that, especially those coming from the business world. It's a little bit different."

Looking to the future, Parete wants voters to put their trust in him and help make change in Ward 4.

"Trust is hard to earn and it's easy to lose. I've always been respectful of residents and provided leadership and guidance rooted in curiosity and a culture of care. Now, curiosity, meaning asking the right questions, gathering important information needed to an informed decision sound decision making. A culture of care is, am I doing what's right for the community and not getting lost in politics of the day? Providing leadership, understanding the human element, caring for the human aspect of it all, right? Am I doing the right thing for my neighbours, for my community?" says Parete. "This is where I feel that I can be trusted with this, because this is where I've spent a lot of my time as a public servant, working in that environment, always having that that measure in my mind, am I doing the right thing, efficiently, respectfully? This is where I feel I can earn that trust."

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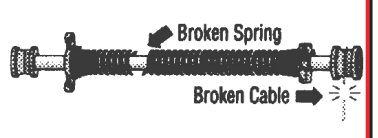
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OPINION

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The passenger pigeon, once the most plentiful bird in North America, is often used as a cautionary tale of a species that once filled the sky and took hours, even days, to pass over a single spot. Now they're extinct. They were hunted out of existence, exploited due to the belief that no amount of population pressure could endanger them.

Research also points to the reality of shifting baseline syndrome — in which accepted norms for natural environmental conditions decline with each generation. It's important to learn from history about our perceptions of commonality and whether there are risks associated with being called "common" or being perceived as such. I can recall car trips from my youth, seeing numerous dead animals — raccoons, snakes and skunks — along the road, which can indicate abundance. This no longer seems to be the case.

Unfortunately, we haven't learned the lessons from cautionary tales such as that of the passenger pigeon. A research paper published last year found that common birds are declining faster than rarer bird species, with habitat loss largely to blame. The study looked at six decades of data on 244 North American bird species and found that abundant species experienced the steepest drop.

The study's authors argue that conservation efforts should place stronger emphasis on the quantity of common species as a central ecological indicator. It's also worth noting that it's difficult to undertake the level of analysis in this study for other taxonomic groups. This is because there is a relative lack of data for most other species compared with birds — thanks largely to dedicated birdwatchers over generations. However, if we're seeing this kind of broad trend of decline for birds, it raises the question of what other animals are declining that we simply aren't tracking or have insufficient data to analyze.

Ensuring the continued presence of common species isn't just about keeping them off the Species at Risk list (most at-risk species were once common too); it's also a means of recognizing the ecological roles that they fulfill. In his article "Valuing Common Species," biologist Kevin J. Gaston notes, "the state of being very common is actually very rare — but [common species] contribute much of the structure, biomass, and energy turnover of the majority of terrestrial and marine systems."

Canada takes stock of species every five years. The last report, "Wild Species 2020: The General Status of Species in Canada," was released in 2022. It assessed over 50,000 species, the majority of which, where information was known, were categorized as "secure" or "apparently secure." However, there is a need to develop better monitoring programs that can detect changes in the population trajectories of common species and help identify the reasons for changes over time and space. This kind of information underpins the at-risk species assessments and can inform management decisions and interventions.

Just because an animal is common doesn't mean we needn't be concerned about it.

***By David Suzuki with contributions from Nature Director Erin Roger***


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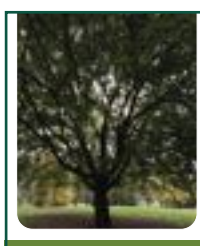


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