VOTE MARIO RUSSO

MAYOR OF CALEDON

ADVANCE VOTING: OCT 9, 10, 18 & 19

OCTOBER 26, 2026



- ✓ Got Hwy 50, Mayfield and Coleraine widening – work has begun. Shovels in ground fall 2026/spring 2027
- ✓ Voted for Physician Recruitment Plan
- ✓ Improvements for parks & playgrounds (2024)
- ✓ Free recreation for seniors 65+ and support for veterans
- ✓ Secured 380 acres of Greenbelt land for public ownership

ILLEGAL TRUCK YARDS & ILLEGAL LAND USES

300+ IN 2022 → **72** IN 2026

Down 76% since Mario joined council.

EXPERIENCED. ACCESSIBLE. FOCUSED ON RESULTS.



A PLAN TO STOP ILLEGAL LAND USE AND PUT THE BRAKES ON TRUCKS BREAKING THE RULES

Mario will unite enforcement, planning, legal action and road safety under one coordinated strategy.

MAKE ILLEGAL OPERATIONS UNPROFITABLE
Escalating penalties for repeat offences.

ENFORCE BEFORE LEGITIMIZING
Planning applications should not excuse ongoing violations.

PURSUE REPEAT OPERATORS
Track connected properties, companies and ownership changes.

PROVIDE LEGAL ALTERNATIVES
Properly zoned locations with safe roads, drainage and servicing.

COORDINATE ENFORCEMENT
Unite Caledon, Peel, Police and Provincial Agencies.

EVERYDAY SERVICES RESIDENTS COUNT ON

Better snow clearing and seasonal landscaping



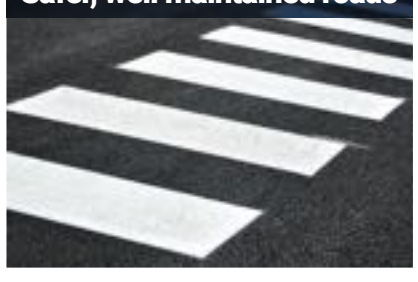
Reliable parks, recreation and local services



Infrastructure before growth



Safer, well maintained roads



Fair rules for legal businesses.
Firm consequences for illegal operators.
Safer communities for everyone.
Accountability to the taxpayer!



"As Mayor, I will work with Council to form consensus and not use strong mayor powers."

– Mario Russo

PUTTING RESIDENTS BACK IN CHARGE

HERE'S WHAT CHANGES FOR YOU

LESS TRUCK CHAOS

Mario strengthens enforcement against illegal operators and repeat offenders
SO YOU GET: Safer local roads, less noise, and less road damage.

ROADS THAT CATCH UP

Mario fast tracked the HWY 50 and Coleraine networks to build alongside growth.
SO YOU GET: Less congestion and infrastructure built when you actually need it.

RULES WITH CONSEQUENCES

Mario pushes for coordinated enforcement at maximum penalties for rule breakers.
SO YOU GET: A level playing field for legal businesses and an end to illegal advantage.

A MAYOR WHO LISTENS

NO STRONG MAYOR POWERS! Mario refuses to override council. He builds consensus across every community.
SO YOU GET: Decisions made with residents, not imposed on them.



MARIO RUSSO FOR MAYOR

REAL WORK – REAL RESULTS

- ✓ Voted for Doctor Recruitment Fund
- ✓ Advanced critical road connections and secured critical Hwy 10 safety upgrades to help with congestion & safer roads
- ✓ Fought for improved recreation amenities in all of Caledon
- ✓ Put $2.1M back in reserves instead of spending it
- ✓ New Affordable Door-To-Door Argo Bus Service
- ✓ Supported Seniors 65+ free recreation plan
- ✓ Protecting Greenbelt from development
- ✓ Pushed for regional infrastructure investments
- ✓ Supported new Police reporting stations in Bolton and Mayfield West

THE RECORD: Mario Russo vs. Christina Early

(Town of Caledon council votes)

Motion	Mario Russo	Christina Early
309-acre James Dick gravel pit expansion into Caledon (2020)	Not on council	✓ YES
Minister's Zoning Order bypassing local planning, Mayfield West (2020)	Not on council	✓ YES, Seconded
Caledon East sports dome, Caledon's first indoor turf (2025-26)	✓ YES, moved it	✗ NO
$670K for playgrounds with no tax increase (2024)	✓ YES	✗ NO
Parking relief for Southfields and Mayfield West (2026)	✓ YES	✗ NO, moved to delay

Public voting record available at mariorusso.ca/votingrecord & caledon.ca

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FUN AND GAMES AT THE FAIR - There was something for everyone at the 168th Bolton Fall Fair, hosted by the Albion & Bolton Agricultural Society on September 25, 26, and 27. The theme of this year's event was Barns, Yarns & Country Charm, and there was plenty of that to go around as (Main) Joshua tried his hand at a ring toss game, while (Inset) Big Ben wowed the crowds in the Wild Wild Woof Superdogs competition. For more on this year's event, see Pages A6 & A7. **PHOTOS BY KATHRYN FRASER**

Mayoral candidates square off in debate hosted by community groups

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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On September 24, the Caledon Public Library, Caledon Chamber of Commerce, and Metamorphosis Network hosted their first All Candidates Meeting ahead of the October 26 municipal election.

This is the first of three debates that will be held and focused specifically on those running to be Caledon's next mayor.

The event was hosted at Caledon East Community Centre and ran from 7 – 9 p.m. where candidates were able to answer several questions that had been submitted by residents prior to the meeting.

Mayoral candidates Christina Early, Alan Hart, Mario Russo, Jagdeep Sacha, and Manjit Bhondhi Saini where all in attendance for this meeting.

The banquet hall was filled with hundreds of residents who had gathered to hear from the candidates.

Sean Meagher led the meeting as moderator, asking various questions to the candidates where they were each given 90 seconds to answer.

To make sure that each candidate followed the allotted time per question, the timekeeper flashed a yellow sign to state that the speaker had 30 seconds left and a red sign once they had reached that 90 second point.

Throughout the meeting, the candidates discussed a variety of topics from Illegal truckyards to safe transportation systems, policing and working with Queen's Park.

One main question that stood out during the session was the topic of Strong Mayor Powers.

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Mayoral candidates Christina Early, Alan Hart, Mario Russo, Jagdeep Sacha, and Manjit Bhondhi Saini are pictured at last week's Mayoral Debate, hosted by the Caledon Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, and the Metamorphosis Network. **PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER**













Caledon Votes 2026

Council candidates share their perspectives on affordability, housing

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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As we approach the 2026 Municipal Election, we are continuing to ask Councillor candidates weekly questions.

This week's question is: "Affordability is a perennial issue in Peel Region and across the country. If elected/re-elected, what opportunities would you like to pursue both at the local level, and in working with other levels of government, to bring in/foster more affordable housing units in the community?"

Here is the response from each of the Council candidates

Ward 1

Kate Hepworth: "Affordable housing for who? Young families? Singles looking to establish equity? Older couples looking to downsize? Many of these needs could be based on an old concept of War Time housing. Small lots, simple floor plan and a yard. What are people looking for? Apartments? Easier maintenance but frequently an eyesore. Condos? They might be affordable, but add in condo fees, are they still affordable? When developers submit their plans, let's not be so quick to approve their designs. What do residents want? What is the need in the area? Re-commit to building homes that work for everyone, not just the developers and where development abuts another municipality – work together, spine roads through municipal boundaries are a must."

Keri Parfitt: "Creating more affordable housing in Ward 1 needs to reflect our rural communities. Most of our Ward is within the Greenbelt, Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine and our groundwater resources and infrastructure limitations are important factors that must be respected. I would support innovative, smaller-scale housing options, including additional residential units, garden suites and perhaps carefully planned tiny-home communities. Ward 1 also needs a seniors housing strategy that recognizes the geography and demographics of rural Caledon. We should work with Peel Region, the Province and the federal government to secure funding and identify an appropriate site for an affordable seniors community in Ward 1, so residents who have spent their lives here have an opportunity to remain in their communities as they age."

Tom Sweeney: "Affordable housing is undoubtedly necessary in Caledon. It would be nice if Caledon was able to use Bill 23's inclusionary zoning to increase the affordable housing inventory. Unfortunately, the province has the number of affordable houses we can demand at 5% and only need to be affordable for 25 years. Many of our children will never be able to afford a home in Caledon and will be forced elsewhere. I feel that municipalities need to ask for adjustments to be made so that more affordable homes can be demanded from developers. In addition, the Town should continue to promote the Additional Residential Unit program for families that need them."

(Jeffrey Halsall and Aanya Shahi did not respond by deadline)

Ward 2

Yogi Chahal: "Housing affordability is a real challenge, particularly for young people and families who want to build their future in Caledon. As a Realtor, I see firsthand how difficult that has become. But affordability cannot simply mean building more homes without considering the impact on the communities already here. At the local level, I would support responsible housing growth in appropriate locations, while protecting the character of our established communities and ensuring roads, schools, parks, water and other infrastructure can keep pace. We should also look for opportunities to reduce unnecessary costs and delays in the development process without compromising good planning. With the provincial and federal governments, I would advocate for Caledon to receive its fair share of infrastructure and housing-related funding. For me, the goal is balance: creating opportunities for people to afford a home while ensuring the growth we welcome contributes to the quality of life that makes Caledon special."

Hunar Kahlon: "Caledon needs more housing choice, but growth must be tied to infrastructure and community capacity. I would support a broader mix of housing, including secondary suites, additional residential units, purpose-built rentals, seniors' housing, and the appropriate use of underutilized properties, while protecting our agricultural land and natural areas. Any new housing initiatives must be planned thoughtfully, with neighbourhood character and residents' quality of life kept firmly in mind. I would work with Peel Region, the Province, and the federal government to leverage housing and infrastructure funding for the roads, transit, and community services needed to support growth. The goal is more housing choice and greater affordability through well-planned growth, without losing the character that makes Caledon special."

Rakesh Madhok: "'Affordability' means how many housing units are approved and then built and how many of those units remain affordable in the long run for the end users. It depends on whether those affordable homes meet the needs of the end users who live and work in Peel Region. Affordability is one of the major issues faced by the families, young people, seniors and newcomers in Peel Region. One option we have is to increase the supply of housing while considering the fact that those units remain affordable. This issue cannot be resolved by the municipality alone and the municipality has to work with Peel region, Province and Federal government. Capital and funds for operation are needed for affordable and community housing. I will advocate for greater partnership and coordination between different levels of government so that the municipalities and developers can work on a defined timeline and to make those projects financially viable. The cost can be reduced by streamlining the approvals and zoning for housing construction. We should also keep the focus on protecting the affordable housing we already have. Construction of new units is needed and so is the prevention of existing affordable and community housing from being lost through deterioration or redevelopment."

(Jagraj Sekhon did not respond by deadline)

Ward 3

Stan Cameron: "Affordability must be an important part of planning for Caledon's growth. We need to create a variety of housing options while protecting the rural character, natural spaces and quality of life that make our community unique. At the local level, I would support policies that encourage a broader range of housing within approved developments including townhomes, smaller homes, apartments and secondary suites. And I would work with Region of Peel, the province and the federal government to pursue funding partnerships for affordable housing and the infrastructure needed to support growth. If other levels of government set significant growth targets, they must also help fund the roads, water and other services required. My goal is to expand housing choices without compromising what makes this town such a special place, pursue every available funding opportunity and manage growth responsibly without placing an unfair financial burden on existing Caledon taxpayers."

Doug Maskell: "Annually, in January and August, I represented Caledon's interests and delegated to Ministers in the Government of Ontario at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conferences. These meetings allowed me to build relationships with our Provincial partners on housing and other issues. In December 2024, the Town of Caledon received $2,300,000 from the Province of Ontario for meeting its housing infrastructure targets. During the passage of Caledon's Development Charges (DCs) By-Law in 2024, I asked for reduced DCs on special care/special needs units, for community living and seniors, which cut DCs by 32% on those units. In July 2025, through the Federal Government's Housing Accelerator Fund, the Town was awarded nearly $14,000,000 to support housing affordability in Caledon and to address the 'missing middle' in the housing market. I will continue to foster strong relationships with our Provincial and Federal partners to address affordability in Caledon."

Ward 4

Cheryl Connors: "Housing affordability is a complex issue. A lower-priced home is not truly affordable if residents need to own and maintain a car to get to work, school, healthcare and daily services. Caledon needs better public transit, and housing plans must account for that from the outset. I would support a range of homes, including smaller homes, rental units and options for seniors, in locations where residents can reach the services they need. I would work with Peel Region, housing providers and other levels of government to bring more genuinely affordable housing to Caledon. That work must include funding for transit and the roads, water and services needed to support growth. Existing taxpayers cannot be expected to carry those costs. Throughout my career, I have communicated complex issues clearly and advocated with municipal, provincial and federal governments. I would bring those skills to securing practical solutions for Caledon residents."

Heather French: "Affordability is about more than simply building more houses. In Caledon, we need to help people afford to stay in the community at every stage of life—whether that's a young person who grew up here, a family managing rent or a mortgage, or a senior who wants to remain in the community they call home. I would support a broader range of housing options, including appropriate secondary suites, gentle density, smaller homes, attainable rentals, and accessible housing for seniors. Helping seniors age in place through home adaptations and suitable housing can also free up existing homes for younger families. Transportation is another important part of affordability. Better connections within Caledon and to surrounding communities can reduce reliance on multiple vehicles and lower household costs. I would work with all levels of government to pursue funding and partnerships while supporting responsible, sustainable growth that keeps Caledon a community for all generations."

Paul Parete: "This requires an understanding of how that specific housing fits (or doesn't) within Ward 4. Balancing escalating housing costs with preserving our agricultural heritage, green spaces, and rural drinking water table. Large-scale subdivisions risk urban sprawl, increased traffic, and higher infrastructure costs for local taxpayers. A Ward 4-focused strategy must target 'attainable, gentle growth' —introducing practical housing options for young families and downsizing seniors while keeping development strictly within designated urban boundaries: Encourage secondary suites, garden suites, and additional residential units (ARUs) on existing properties; Collaborate directly with Peel Housing Corporation and regional housing services to explore options; Advocate for targeted allocations from the federal Housing Accelerator Fund and provincial infrastructure grants."

(Pat Fortini did not respond by deadline)

Ward 5

Diana Mollicone: "Affordability to who? Low income? Starter families with no generational wealth? Older empty-nest couples looking to downsize? Affordable to rent? To own? I like to think affordability is more than just a supply and demand issue but rather having also the variety of supply. Aside from aggressively chasing every available dollar from the province and feds for affordable housing (including the service and infrastructure to support it) I'd support more diverse housing types, gentle densification over existing mixed-use land designation, smaller ownership units, and seniors' housing over fully serviced urbanized zones to limit car-dependency for day-to-day errands. I'd also work with developers to have meaningful municipal incentives for affordability commitments."

(John Muir and Anthony Caputo did not respond by deadline)

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Peel Regional Paramedic Services launches new medical drone pilot program

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Peel Region Paramedic Services launched a new Medical Drone Pilot Program on September 22.

This program is aimed at helping to provide critical life-saving equipment delivered by drone for those in certain emergencies and support them before paramedics arrive in Bolton.

Life-saving equipment that will be able to be delivered by the drone include AED, naloxone, trauma supplies for severe bleeding, and epi pens.

The drone will be operated by a pilot from the Community Safety program who holds the highest drone certification that one can have through extensive training.

The idea for the program first came from a conversation between Peel Regional Paramedic Services and Dr. Sheldon Cheskes, a Medical Director at the Sunnybrook Centre for Prehospital Medicine, who is internationally recognized as a leader in cardiac arrest research, looking at ways to deliver defibrillators to as many patients as possible. They then began talking about the use of drones delivering packages.

"So, we asked ourselves a question around why not deliver defibrillators or AEDs? From there, it moved into a serious conversation as well as a plan to see if we could study this and implement it within the Region of Peel," says Brian Gibson, Peel Regional Paramedics Services Chief. "Over the last number of years, our teams have worked incredibly hard to develop and design and procure all of the equipment and technology to get us to this week where we are able to deploy a drone in the Town of Caledon, in Bolton specifically. All with the idea, the effort, and hopefully the outcome to save a life."

"Early defibrillation is one of the most important factors in surviving cardiac arrest. This initiative is about getting AEDs to patients faster and strengthening the chain of survival, particularly in areas where access can be more challenging," says Dr. Cheskes. "By combining innovative technology with research, I'm proud to work together with Peel Regional Paramedic Services to improve health outcomes and save more lives in Peel."

Gibson says that the drone was originally meant for just delivering AEDs. However, as time went on, they began looking at other supplies that could be easily packaged and delivered by a drone which were safe and easy for people to use.

"As we know, for each of those incidents, seconds count. Whether you're in a cardiac arrest or suffering from an overdose or a severe allergic reaction or having a significant bleed. Having some materials, some items, some medications, at your side as quickly as possible can mean the difference between life and death," says Gibson.

Gibson says that Bolton became the primary focus and location for this pilot due to the high volume of specific calls that they were receiving related to areas the program is hoping to address. The main goal of this study is to see if it is possible to deliver life-saving equipment in rural and remote parts of the Region.

The drone will only run as a daytime drone and will be active from sunrise to sunset where it will be sent out to a 911 call, deliver the package to the caller, and then will head back to the station to await the next call.

Located in the box will be the supplies that are needed, as well as a phone with videos to instruct the caller how to use the equipment. If the video is not working, then the caller will receive instructions through the 911 operator.

Gibson notes that there may be a few times that the drone might not be able to fly, such as severe weather of harsh rainstorms and snowstorms; however, the drone will be able to withstand the cold on normal winter days.

To identify whether or not this pilot is a success, the program will consider a number of research outcomes, including number of times the drone will fly, response times (specifically response times of the drone vs traditional paramedics), use of technology and how well it supports the person receiving the package and the outcomes of early intervention.

The program will be reviewed every six months, along with updates to information and analytics.

This drone will not only be monitored by the Paramedic Service, but also by Dr. Cheskes himself.

"Residents deserve access to the best possible emergency care, regardless of where they live. This Medical Drone Pilot Program demonstrates how Peel Region is embracing innovation to enhance emergency response and improve access to life-saving interventions, particularly in communities where travel distances can be greater," says Regional Chair and Chair of the Peel Board of Health Nando Iannicca. "By integrating new technologies with the expertise of Peel's paramedics, we are building a stronger, more responsive system of care that supports residents during the critical first minutes of an emergency."

For more information about the Medical Drone Pilot Program, visit peelregion.ca/paramedics/programs/medical-drone-pilot-program.

Bolton United Church to celebrate 150th anniversary October 4

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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On October 4, Bolton United Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary by hosting a 10 a.m. celebratory mass.

The special celebration will not only include Bolton United Church, but as will be held in collaboration with Knox United Church, Caledon East United Church, Palgrave United Church, and the Schomberg Nobleton Church.

This is not the first time that all the United Churches have joined together for a celebration as they made the decision to collaborate and work together as a team.

One of their big charity fundraisers, the Coldest Night of the Year walk, was one of the first events that all area United Churches began to work together.

The date of the 150th anniversary also holds special significance as it is Worldwide Communion Sunday, and all the Christian churches across the world will be holding communion as well.

This special celebration dates back to the first opening of the Bolton United Church which took place on October 1, 1876.

In recognition of the 150th celebration, and the joining of all the United Churches, the mass will be led by a number of ministers from each congregation.

Following the mass, attendees will be offered a Homecoming Lunch to enjoy and continue the celebrations.

Trustee Stan East is one of the organizers helping to plan the event and says he is looking forward to Sunday.

East says one of the things that he is most looking forward to is the displays that will be available for everyone to look at.

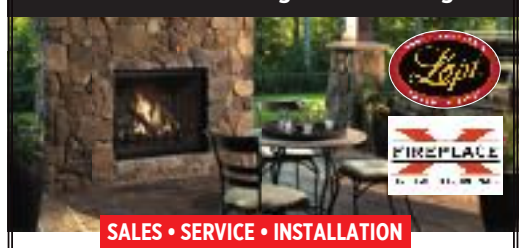
"We will have a display of some of the heritage pictures and heritage documents around heritage hall. The worship service will concentrate solely on worship being worldwide communion Sunday", says East.

The event is open to all members in the community and those looking to attend can sign up on the Bolton United Church website; however, drop-ins are also allowed.

For those looking for more information about the event and how to donate please visit www.boltonunitedchurch.net.





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CHILD EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATION

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit (CSEU), with assistance from the OPP Nottawasaga Detachment and members of the OPP Digital Forensics Unit, have arrested and charged an Alliston resident following a child sexual exploitation investigation.

"On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, police executed a search warrant at a residence in Alliston and seized a number of electronic devices," say Police.

As a result of the investigation, on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, Chris Weise, 54 years old of Alliston, was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Accessing child sexual abuse and exploitation material, section 163.1 (4.1);
- Possession of child sexual abuse and exploitation material, section 163.1(4).

The charges have not been proven.

"The investigation revealed that the accused is an OPP Sergeant with 28 years of service who is currently on an unrelated leave of absence," Police note.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on Thursday, October 8, 2026.

POLICE WARN OF CELL SERVICE FRAUD

Officers across the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating multiple instances of cellphone service provider fraud and are reminding the public to remain cautious of unsolicited phone calls.

What does this fraud involve?

- Fraudsters are impersonating telecommunications company representatives and contacting individuals with offers of a free or heavily discounted cellphone as part of a promotional program. Victims are persuaded to accept the offer and provide information required to process the order.
- Once the device is delivered, the victim discovers that the device was financed under their own account and that they are responsible for the associated payments. The fraudsters then instruct the victim to return, surrender, or transfer the phone to a third party due to an alleged error, so they can fix the financing issue and apply the promotional offer properly.
- The promised refunds, account credits, or promotional benefits are never received. As a result, victims are left financially responsible for the financed device while the fraudsters retain possession of the phone.
- The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre suggests the following to help prevent against falling victim to this type of fraud.

What are the warning signs?

- You receive an unexpected call, text message or email offering a discount, upgraded plan or new device;
- The person pressures you to act quickly or says the offer is only available for a limited time;
- You are asked to log in to your cellphone account while the caller stays on the line;
- You are asked for your account password, security code, PIN, or multi-factor authentication code;
- You are asked to provide a driver's licence, Social Insurance Number (SIN), or other identification;
- You are told to open an account with a different service provider;
- You receive a cellphone or tablet and are told to send it to an address provided by the caller;
- The return address is different from the verified address of the service provider.

How can you protect yourself?

- If someone contacts you claiming to be from your service provider, end the call and contact the company directly.
- Use the telephone number on your bill, account, or the company's official website.
- Do not use contact information provided by the caller.
- Never share passwords, PINs, security codes, or multi-factor authentication codes.
- Do not provide personal or financial information during an unexpected call, text message, or email.
- Do not log in to your account while an unknown caller is guiding you.
- Before opening a new account or accepting a device, confirm the offer directly with the service provider.
- If you receive a device that you did not order, contact the service provider directly and confirm the correct return process.
- Never ship a cellphone or tablet to an address provided by an unknown caller.

The OPP urges individuals and businesses to remain vigilant to instances of fraud. Remember to carefully verify and confirm the legitimacy of any information before following through, even if it appears to come from a trusted source.

If you suspect fraudulent activity or have been a victim of fraud, report it immediately to your local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501, or online at reportcyberandfraud.canada.ca.

To learn more about fraud prevention and how to keep yourself protected, please visit: www.opp.ca/fraud and antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/protect-protegez-eng.htm.

ELECTION SIGN INTERFERENCE

The OPP is reminding residents that interfering with election signs may constitute a criminal offence and will be investigated when reported.

During the current election period, Central Region OPP detachments have received reports of election signs being removed, relocated, damaged, discarded, and stolen. The OPP encourages respectful participation in the democratic process and reminds the public that disagreements with candidates, policies, or campaign messaging should never result in damage to property or interference with election materials.

Election signs are the property of candidates and their campaigns. Tampering with or removing these signs without authorization may result in criminal or provincial charges, depending on the circumstances.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious activity involving election signs is encouraged to contact police. If it is safe to do so, members of the public are asked to note suspect descriptions, vehicle information, or obtain video footage that may assist investigators.

Anyone with information regarding election sign interference is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit information online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

OPP FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Auxiliary members across the province will unite on Saturday, October 3, 2026, for Operation FULL PLATE, a one-day food drive aimed at supporting local food banks and helping address food insecurity in communities across Ontario.

Serving communities has been at the heart of the OPP Auxiliary Program for more than 65 years. Operation FULL PLATE builds on that tradition of service by bringing Auxiliary members and the communities they serve together to support local food banks and help address food insecurity challenges affecting people in every region of Ontario.

Members of the public are encouraged to support Operation FULL PLATE by donating non-perishable food items and other essential goods at participating community collection locations on Saturday, October 3.

To learn more and find your closest drop off location, visit opp.ca/fullplate.

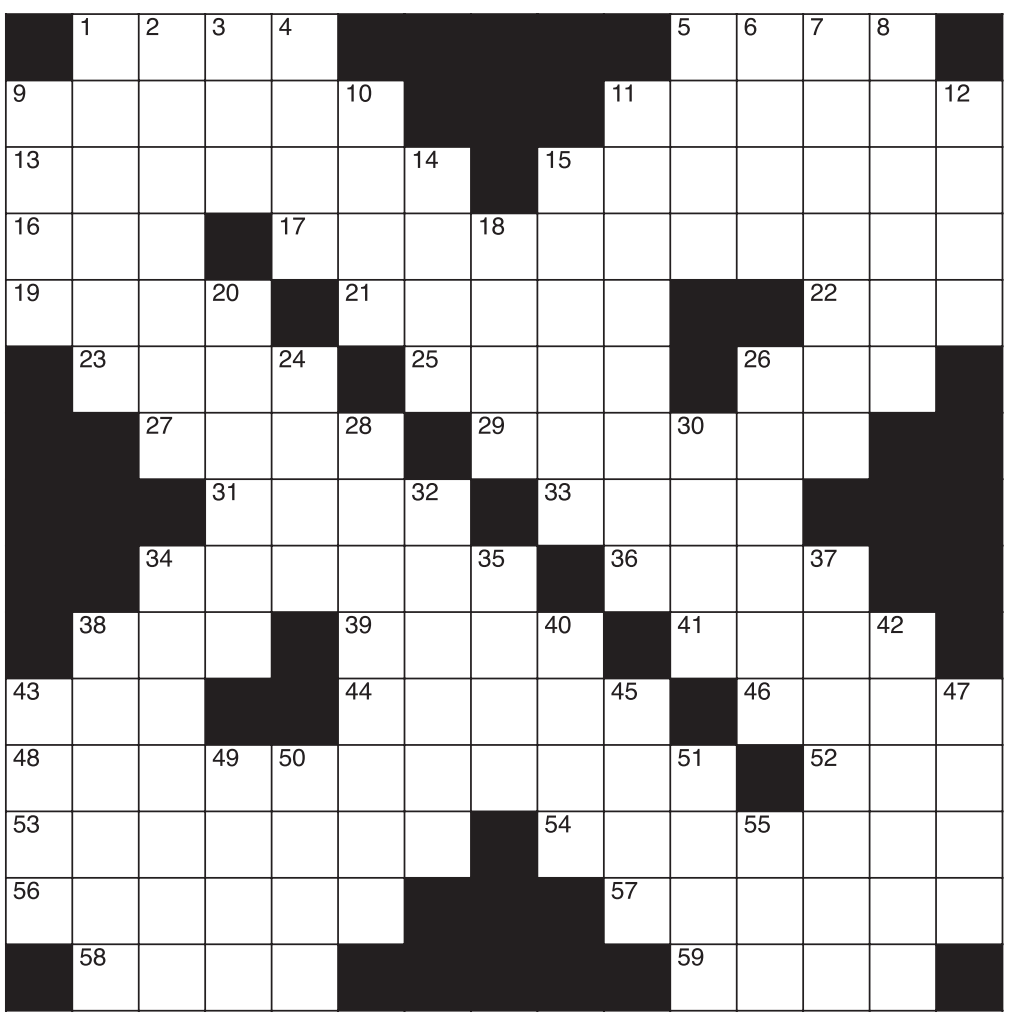
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16. Informal debt instrument
17. Ineffective
19. A device attached to a workbench
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22. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
23. Astronomer Sagan
25. C. Utah city
26. Turkey
27. Informal terms for money
29. Awakens
31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed
34. Looked through
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A type of "cast"
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Removed someone's head
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. "Dennis" is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Examination
59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave
2. A state of excitement
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted from a horse
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. A disreputable man
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. A list of woes
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Broadway legend Bernadette
18. Monetary unit of Serbia
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. Branch of U.S. Congress
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Set up in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unhealthy

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Caledon Votes 2026

Meet Your Mayoral Candidates – Jagdeep Sacha wants to be voice for community

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

After living in Caledon for many years, Jagdeep Sacha has decided to take action and create change by running for Mayor in the October 26 municipal election.

"Over the past few years, I have stood alongside our residents and worked [for] their genuine concerns, treated as afterthoughts on issues that will permanently alter this Town for generations – from the explosive blasting threats of the proposed mega quarry near Cataract, to the environmental degradation, to fill site like Swan Lake, and the lawless, glorification of over 300 truck yards," he says. "Decisions are being rubber-stamped, in [a] closed room before the public is ever given a real voice.

"As a resident of Caledon, and long-time neighbour on the Brampton and Caledon border, I don't just look at these issues as policy files. I see them as a direct threat to our family, threats to the safety of our rural roads, the integrity of our water wells, and the very soul of our community."

Sacha says he feels that now is the time to step in and be the voice for Caledon.

"I am running for Mayor because Caledon has reached a critical tipping point that requires a complete break from the political establishment," he says. "I have zero votes on the previous Council to defend. Absolutely no developer, favour-owed, and no special interest to protect. My hands are completely clean. I am offering this Town fresh eyes and honest, uncompromised leadership that will firmly slam the door on back room, corporate politics, and unapologetically put the safety, health, and trust to the Caledon resident first."

With two decades of deep ground expertise in land dynamics, regional infrastructure and grassroot community leadership through more than 20 years in real estate in Caledon, Sacha says he brings a unique experience to the role.

"This gives me a unique technical, understanding of how explosive growth pressure, zoning, manipulation, and the land use decisions directly impact community, infrastructure, property value, and everyday life," he says. "I don't need a briefing note to understand how a quarry or illegal truck yard destroys a neighbourhood. I understand land mechanics inside and out. I know exactly how bad actor exploits the current system. Beyond my professional background, I'm working with different organizations – social and cultural organizations – which has sharpened my ability to navigate complex governance, advocate fiercely for fair representation, and build consensus among a diverse group of stakeholders.

"But the most vital experience I bring, the doesn't come from the boardroom. It comes from years of standing on the doorsteps of Caledon residents. I have sat in the living room of families who are terrified [of] losing their water wells. I have walked the rural roads made unsafe by illegal industrial traffic. I bring an executive skill set in practical problem solving, a proven heart for community service, and most importantly, a complete and absolute lack of insider political baggage. I know how the system works, but I am not compromised by it."

Looking toward the future Sacha says he is hopeful to be able to help Caledon grow without causing harm to the community.

"My vision is a Caledon that grows with dignity where progress never comes at the expense of the people who build this community. I envision a Town where our beautiful rural character is fiercely protected, where new development internally pays for its own infrastructure, where our families can drive on safe roads, and where the Town also has a sheet for residents, rather than a rubber stamp for special interest," says Sacha.

"If elected, success will be measured by complete in a restoration of public trust, and a Town that still feels like the home of our residents choose to live in. I want Caledon residents to look at Town Hall and know, without a shadow of a doubt, that decisions are made out in the open, that our precious water tables [are] legally insulated from industrial contamination, and the lawless informants on encroachments on our rural land have been permanently halted."

To underscore his goal of proving that municipal government can be honest, effective, and fear-free and protective of its people. Sacha says he has three main non-negotiable priorities, the first being Public Safety and Restoration.



JAGDEEP SACHA

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

'We will declare a zero-tolerance crackdown on more than 300 known illegal truck properties bleeding into an agriculture and residential area. We will deploy advanced satellites, monitoring, and bypass standard bureaucratic delay to issue immediate high impact municipal injunction. If you operate an illegal commercial yard next to a family home, you will [be] faced with devastating financial and legal consequences," says Sacha.

Sacha's second main priority is total environmental and water table protection.

"Our water is our life blood. I will champion a legally-binding no fill below the water table policy across Caledon. We will implement aggressive municipal oversight on commercial fill sites like Swan Lake and establish strict, continuous boundary monitoring for silica dust and PM 2.5 per at every aggregate extraction site. We will force heavy operators to absorb the cost of environmental safety rather than forcing our families to absorb pollution," says Sacha.

His third and final main priority is fiscal responsibility and transparency.

"We will mandate that all future growth entirely pays for itself so that our rural taxpayers are never forced to subsidize corporate developers' profit. We will completely end the era of backroom Council dynamics, establishing an open-door policy where major land use applications require absolutely transparency, strict study area, and multiple kilometres notification radiuses before a single shovel hits the ground," says Sacha.

Looking to the future, Sacha says he wants to be able to help create change and bring a fresh eyes to Caledon.

"If you feel that Caledon has been consistently talked over, if you want dynamic leadership and absolutely no political baggage, no corporate favours, and if you believe that this Town is still deserving to feel like a community and a home, then I respectfully ask for your trust. I am not asking you to vote for a traditional politician. I am asking you to vote for a qualified neighbour, who possesses the professional expertise to understand, fix the system, and complete independence, to break it up, and put Caledon first. Not only that, if you have old management, then you definitely will have old policy and then that is where your choice lies if you want to have pressure and a change."



ARTS & CULTURE

Community comes out in droves to support 168th Bolton Fall Fair

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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The 168th Bolton Fall Fair was in full swing from Friday September 25 to Sunday September 27, with a packed itinerary for those that attended.

The three-day event featured a number of activities from Monster Truck shows, barn dances, pony rides, live music, delicious food, local vendors, and so much more.

Friday night had the opening ceremony where Kayla Emmerton, the past Senior Ambassador, delivered a speech highlighting that the true magic of the Bolton Fair comes from the many dedicated people that bring the fair to life.

Emmerton also emphasised the event would not have been possible without all the incredible teamwork of everyone involved, especially Vice President of the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society Heather French.

French has long been a part of the Agricultural Society and has helped out with the Bolton Fall Fair for over 30 years.

"What I love most about the Bolton Fall Fair is seeing our community come together every year. It warms my heart to talk with friends and neighbours while making great memories. The best part is watching families build their own traditions. Seeing people who came here as kids now bring their own children makes me feel a bit old, but it makes me so happy to see the tradition live on," says French.

Friday night continued with Ramblin Soul, Monster Madness Show and a Barn Dance featuring the Steve Waters Band.

Saturday continued with a number of fun activities and shows including FMX show, Mad Science Show, Power Wheels, Demolition Derby and several competitions, including the Chili Cook Off, Pie Competition and Arm-Wrestling Competition.







(TOP) Ella is pictured with her prize-winning chick, Dimples. (CENTRE) A friendly tug-of-war took place between Caledon East and Palgrave Fire, with Palgrave emerging victorious. (ABOVE) Attendees helped fill three pick-up trucks-worth of food donations for Caledon Community Services.
PHOTOS BY KATHRYN FRASER

Wild Wild Woof Superdogs were also amongst some of the attractions over the weekend and Director of Operations Amy White said that the Bolton Fall Fair is one of the Superdogs' favourite events to attend.

"Our hope is that during our show and we make a connection with somebody and they may attempt to go home and have fun with their dogs and realize that all dogs are special in their own way," said White.

On Sunday, the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society waived its admission fees for those in attendance and instead asked for attendees to bring non-perishable food items that would be donated to Caledon Community Services.

This year, the number of items donated grew even larger.

"Last year, we filled two pick-up trucks of food and donated them to Caledon Community Services and now we've filled up three pick-up trucks, which we will take down to the exchange and donate," said French.

The last day of the fair started with a pancake breakfast for attendees, community church service, beef show, juggling act, K-Pop Demon Hunters Performance, Baby Show, Tug of War, and finally wrapped with the closing ceremonies.

In addition to the Baby Show, many attendees gathered to watch the Pet Show, which took place near the main stage where a small and adorable chick named Dimples stole the show and won first place for Best Pocket Animal – as well as Best in Show.

Ella, Dimples' owner, was very excited to have won and said she has attended the fair for years.

"I really like coming here," said Ella.

French noted this event could not be possible without the volunteers.

"All the volunteers are amazing. We're very blessed to get a lot of youth volunteers that come and get their community hours here," says French

Sonal, a high school student and first-time volunteer for the Fall Fair, said that this opportunity has given her the chance to connect with the community and is looking forward to volunteering again in future years.

"I feel like it's important, volunteering in general. It gives you the chance to get to know more about the community that you live in and that you're a part of and volunteering is a great way to meet other people who are in your community," said Sonal.

French said she is very grateful for all the hard work and support that everyone has shown and is looking forward to next year's event.

"We are so grateful that the community came out to experience family fun and local agriculture. It is more important than ever that people start to learn where their food comes from," says French. "Our dedicated volunteers worked incredibly hard to bring this fair to life, and seeing this amazing turnout means the world to us. We are already looking forward to the future and will begin planning next year's fair at our wrap-up meeting next week."

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Doug is seeking re-election based on a 4-year record of drafting, tabling and passing motions, such as, to:

- Provide a Free 65+ Senior's Recreation pass
- Institute Truck and Traffic calming in Caledon East
- Build a Town Square in downtown Caledon East
- Establish a Tax Stabilization Reserve to reduce taxes
- Create a Lobbyist Registry to ensure transparency
- Regulate Data Centre construction in Caledon

To view Doug's extensive legislative record, visit dougmaskell.ca

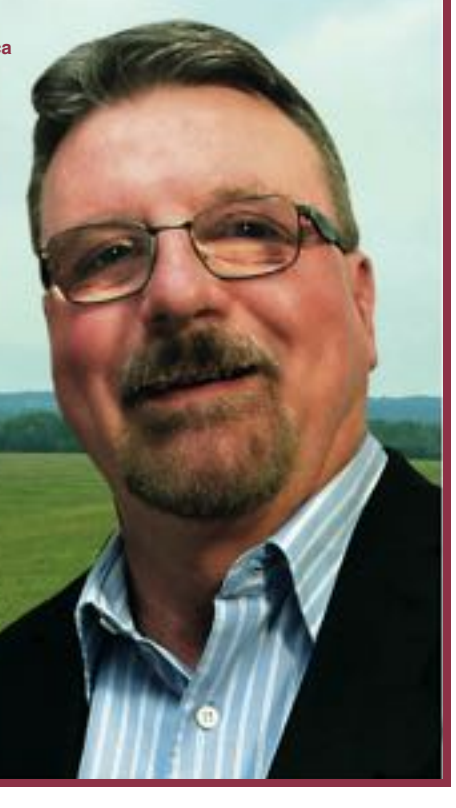
As he did in 2022, Doug's 2026 Re-Election campaign is 100% self-funded. He is not accepting any money from developers, special interest groups, lobbyists or residents.

As Caledon grows, leading to new economic, social and environmental opportunities and challenges, Ward 3 needs a proven leader on Council, and that's Doug Maskell.

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Weekend attractions included (TOP) Monster Truck shows and a demolition derby, (CENTRE) a pancake breakfast, and (ABOVE) a K-Pop Demon Hunters performances.

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Candidates share their views on affordability, housing

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Ward 6:

Cosimo Napoli: "Affordability is an important issue for families, seniors and young people in Caledon. If re-elected, I want to continue working with the Town, Region and provincial and federal governments to encourage more attainable and affordable housing options, including rental housing and smaller, more affordable units. But affordability also means responsible growth. We need to make sure new housing is supported by the roads, schools, transit, water and other infrastructure that residents need. Growth should pay its fair share and not place an unreasonable burden on existing taxpayers. I also believe we need to make better use of existing homes and properties, while supporting appropriate secondary and auxiliary units where they make sense. My approach is simple: create more housing choices, work with all levels of government to secure funding and tools and do it responsibly—so we can provide opportunities for people to live in Caledon while protecting the quality of life of the residents who already call it home."

(Carmela Palkowski did not respond by deadline)

Regional Councillor Candidates

Harpreet Grewal: "There is no question that housing affordability has become a serious challenge across Peel Region and throughout Canada, and we are feeling those pressures here in Caledon. As our community grows, we need more housing options for young people, families and seniors. At the local level, I would support a greater mix of housing, including affordable and purpose-built rental housing, townhomes, smaller homes and responsible gentle density. We should streamline approvals where appropriate, while ensuring growth is supported by the infrastructure and services our communities need, without compromising the quality of life that residents value. Municipalities cannot address affordability alone. I would work with the provincial and federal governments to pursue infrastructure funding, housing programs and partnerships that can help increase the supply of affordable housing. As Caledon grows, we must ensure that growth is responsible and provides more housing opportunities while preserving the quality of life that makes our community a great place to call home."

Dave Sheen: "During a Council visioning exercise in my first year on Council, I said I wanted people entering a new Caledon community to know they had arrived in Caledon - somewhere distinctive, with green space and places to gather, not simply more urban sprawl. Four years later, I worry we have not achieved that. The outgoing Mayor and her majority have pushed accelerated approvals, but approving more homes does not necessarily make them affordable. Neighbourhoods without transit impose costs on families who must drive everywhere. Some developments are already approved, so we must push for the infrastructure and amenities they need. For proposals still in the pipeline, I want us to ask who can afford the homes and whether residents will have parks, services and ways to get around they truly need. Municipalities cannot solve housing affordability alone. I would press the Province and federal government to fund affordable housing and the infrastructure that makes growing communities livable."

(Mauro Testani did not respond by deadline)

Let's Be Crafty Makers Market set for October 3

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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On October 3, the Let's Be Crafty Makers Market will be taking place at the Caledon Village Fairgrounds from 10am to 4pm.

The market is a free event to attend and will include food vendors, entertainment, handmade work from local small businesses, activities and so much more.

Let's be Crafty was originally created to bring together local makers, creators and small businesses while also giving the community a fun place to shop and celebrate fall.

Attendees will be able to browse through a wide variety of handmade products such as home décor, jewellery, candles, soaps, baked goods and many other items.

Families will be able to enjoy activities for all ages, including face painting, games and music while enjoying the day.

In addition, there will be on-site food trucks offering a variety of items.

The market will also be a good opportunity for early Christmas shoppers to find unique gifts while supporting local entrepreneurs and handmade businesses.

"It's really important to me to create an evet that is more than just a place to shop," says RaDeana Montgomery, organizer of the Let's Be Crafty Makers Market. "I want people to come out, have fun, discover local makers, enjoy some food and music and make a day out of it. There really will be something for everyone".

Come find a one-of-a-kind gift for the holidays.

For more information about the event, call RaDeana Montgomery at 519-216-1917 or send an email to rmdesignsontario@gmail.com.

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Steps in a new direction

Do you ever pursue a path that you know will most likely be futile, but still maintain that glimmer of hope that things will turn out a bit differently?

Your first instinct might be to say no, but I think we all have those little quirks.

One of mine is pretty inconsequential in the grand scheme of things, but I'm not ready to give up just yet and it is related to something that is usually something about which I don't generally give a second thought: shoes.

Don't get me wrong – I wear shoes, of course, and see their benefit, but I'm a guy who goes for what's comfortable and what's appropriate for the situation, and if the two can be combined into one convenient package so much the better.

I found one such pair of shoes more than a decade ago in a clearance sale.

Shoe shopping has never been a favourite activity as my flat, slightly wide feet can sometimes be problem customers, but not in this case. These brown slip-ons, with a couple of brass fasteners dotting the leather landscape here and there for a bit of contrast not only fit perfectly but improved my gait in ways I didn't think were possible.

They served me very well and, when I eventually wore them out, I had them fixed at a local shoe repair store no less than three times, getting another year of wear out of them each time. Eventually, however, I got the dreaded news from the cobbler – there was really nothing left to fix anymore. I walked back to the office disappointed, but somewhat buoyed by the ideas flashing through my head of the different ways Marge Simpson reconfigured her bargain Chanel suit until…well, until it fell apart. We were now at that point and I reluctantly sent the shoes on their way.

I never gave up hope though that I would find another pair, however unlikely it seemed to be. I searched local bricks-and-mortar shoe stores, scrolled through dozens of online retailers – no luck. When the brand in question opened an outlet store reasonably close, I thought that might be the ticket. Maybe they had some so-called "dead stock" in the back. A quick visit there last week, however, poured cold water over that idea.

It was time – again, reluctantly – to call it a day, be content with the footwear I have, and look for alternatives that are of comparable quality but significantly easier to obtain.

It was disappointing, yes, but I'm not going to walk around our community barefoot just on principle because I can't find the shoes I want. When the need arises, I'll once again look for that combo of comfort, value, and aesthetics – and I'm going into that journey with an open mind.

I'm going to follow this same principle beyond footwear, too, as we collectively move into a future that is loaded with uncertainty.

At the local level, for instance, we're in the heat of a municipal election where scores of residents have put themselves forward with their visions for the future, our neighbourhoods, and how they hope to execute that vision.

I hope you have taken the time to brush up on who each candidate is and what they have to offer, whether through our pages, candidate websites, or other communications – and whether you align with them or not.

There may not be a candidate who ticks all your boxes, but this is not an excuse to sit the election out. Each one of you has a distinct vision of how you would like to see the community shaped going forward. Like getting on a municipal bus, chances are the vehicle is not going to drop you directly at your destination's front door, but you pick the bus that's going in the same direction and will get you closest to where you want to be.

At the national level, we're dealing with the latest round of tariffs in the ongoing trade war with the United States and a bus in the form of the European Union has pulled up.

We have, on the one hand, our biggest trading partner destroying this long-standing relationship at its very foundations and, on the other, a group of largely like-minded nations when it comes to democracy and the rule of law, opening up the door to something new.

Our former partner, however, is not too happy that we might even consider a pick-up line from another power, and said Canada becoming an Associate Member of the European Union as a potential "hostile" act. That should tell us all we need to know, really.

But the reality is there are a lot more questions to ask, especially as there is no existing template on what being an Associate Member means. In the meantime, it's not worth throwing the opportunity out wholesale either because it's different or in the vain hope our ex-partner will come to their senses, fly into our waiting arms, and everything will be peachy keen again.

I'm glad that the majority of Canadians seem open to the possibility, at the very least.

A recent Leger study released last week looking at Canadians' feelings about this country becoming an Associate Member of the European Union.

The poll found 70 per cent of Canadians support becoming an "Associate Member" of the European Union with just 13 per cent opposing the move, while 18 per cent remain unsure. The same numbers also indicate 63 per cent of Canadians are in favour of giving Canadian and EU-based businesses greater access to their respective markets, while 53 per cent said greater defence and security cooperation would increase their support of Associate Membership.

"Canadians are showing a clear openness to a closer relationship with Europe," pollsters found. "Seven in 10 support Canada becoming an 'Associate Member' of the European Union, and support remains high even when a closer EU relationship is framed as coming at the expense of ties with the United States. But the survey also shows that Canadians are more enthusiastic about some forms of integration than others. Greater market access resonates far more strongly than regulatory alignment, suggesting that the type of closer relationship matters as much as the idea itself.

"Support for Canada becoming an Associate Member of the EU reaches 79% among Canadians aged 55 and older, compared with 62% among those aged 18 to 34. Younger adults are also more likely to be undecided: 25% say they do not know or are not sure, compared with 11% among those 55 and older. Canadians' openness to Europe doesn't really waver even when our survey introduces a potential trade-off with the United States. Nearly three-quarters (72%) say they would support Canada developing a closer relationship with the EU if it resulted in a less close relationship with the U.S.; 14% oppose the idea and 15% are unsure."

More details as they get hashed out in Parliament will certainly influence these numbers in one way or another but, in the meantime, let's lace up, take a stroll, and see if it's a good fit. There's not a lot of tread left on the sole of our current situation.



Encouraging youth success and optimism

by Mark Pavilons



There are some interesting contradictions evident in youth optimism around the world.

Here at home, a report by RBC says just over half of Canadian parents with adult children say they are still helping them out financially, with expenses including groceries and rent.

The report says 51 per cent of parents with adult children aged 18 to 40 surveyed say they provided financial support in the past year.

Of those helping out, 56 per cent say the money was to help pay for groceries, while 43 per cent have helped with an unexpected or emergency expense.

Twenty-four per cent say the money was to help pay for rent.

On average, the report finds parents who provided financial support gave $6,151, while 24 per cent gave more than $10,000.

There's no question that our young people were supported throughout history.

Parents, through many generations, encouraged them, fostered their abilities and tried to give the best head start available at the time.

Sure, "old school" parents may have been more demanding, less positive and less sensitive to their feelings. But the messages – and likely results – spoke for themselves.

My parents left everything behind them in post-war Europe to make a new life here in Canada. Once established, and once they found their idyllic property in Caledon, they created a family.

I admit that I was spoiled. My parents were average, hard-working folks but they made sure I never wanted for much.

Okay, I never had Nikes or a BMX bike but I was fine.

I brown bagged it most of my youth and the only thing I didn't much care for was marmalade sandwiches – the bitter one with the orange rinds. To this day, I can't look at the stuff.

I "borrowed" money from my parents into my 40s.

We were comforted in many ways back then. Our families were loving and happy; school was okay, and the world was accepting. We had hope and optimism – two important commodities.

Sylvester Stallone once said he believes that "any success in life is made by going into an area with a blind, furious optimism."

A new global survey of young people has ranked youth optimism about the future across 100 countries with students from 41 countries providing sufficient responses, measuring how hopeful students feel about their personal futures, the economy, the environment, politics, and the future of society as a whole.

The study, by Oxford summer school provider, Oxford Scholastica Academy, received responses from 1,433 students to discover where Gen Z are the most and least optimistic about their future.

I'm not sure if there's any correlation with supportive parents, but this survey noted that Canada ranks 6th in the world in terms of optimism among our young people.

Strangely enough, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Nepal are home to the world's most optimistic young people, while Kuwait, Rwanda and Turkey rank among the least hopeful according to a new survey.

Young people are most optimistic about their personal futures (4.40/5 globally) and least optimistic about politics (3.29/5).

The UK ranks 33rd out of 41 countries with political optimism of just 3.04 out of 5 and environmental optimism of 3.06 out of 5.

Sri Lankan students are the most optimistic in the world, scoring 4.32 out of 5 overall, while young people in Kuwait are the least hopeful, with an overall score of just 2.92.

Nepal achieves a perfect personal optimism score of 5.00 – the only country to do so and ranked third overall. Nepal also has the highest economic optimism (4.80), suggesting that despite its lower-income status, students feel strongly positive about their individual prospects.

Sri Lanka has what's been called an "education crisis," where economic are severely hindering education. Further, almost 20% of Sri Lankan students report struggling with mental health.

A large number of graduates remain unemployed or underemployed, working in low-skill, informal jobs that do not match their training.

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), youth unemployment remains stubbornly high, and employers frequently report that many graduates lack the practical skills, experience, and soft competencies required in today's dynamic workplace.

In Nepal, their education system focuses on rote learning and students lack guidance in career decisions. Economic disparity limits access to the most up to date resources.

On the other end of the scale, Kuwait has the least optimistic young people of any country surveyed, scoring just 2.92 out of 5. Kuwaiti students record the lowest political optimism in the entire study.

Kuwait has one of the highest literacy rates and its education system is on an upward trajectory, raising academic standards.

"In every aspect of society, there are things to be anxious and pessimistic about. This could be the rise in AI, war, the cost-of-living increasing and much more. This will be especially worrisome for young people, facing challenges as they enter the world of work. What this study highlights is the attitudes of each nationality towards these uncertainties," the study says.

I'm not sure why students in countries like Sri Lanka and Kenya – which have faced significant economic and political challenges – are far more optimistic than their peers in wealthier nations like the UK and France. It suggests that optimism among young people is not simply a function of material comfort.

Hmmm.

So let's find out what makes them tick.

Is it family, religion, a sense of inner peace and calm?

It is an arm's length distance from the harsh, cruel world most of us endure?

Whatever it may be, I'd love to know, and bottle the stuff.

With literally billions in funding being directed to war and conflict, I think the world (and UN) needs to direct its attention to our young people.

There's no question we in the west, despite our societal security blankets, lack optimism. Our children, regardless of our best efforts, exude a certain amount of pessimism.

Coretta Scott King put it plainly when she said: "The failure to invest in youth reflects a lack of compassion and a colossal failure of common sense."



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Birthday Wishes

As you read this, spare a birthday wish for an aging columnist trying to celebrate a birthday today while staring down the potential implosion of the Town she loves, and her cranky knees too! Yes, this is a blatant ploy to seek birthday wishes. After all, how often do you get to pen a column and have it appear on the actual date of your birthday? I'm not really shamelessly seeking birthday wishes, but my birthday does serve as the perfect excuse to share with you what I would wish for when it comes to the future of Caledon.

What are my birthday wishes? I suppose if I am being honest my first birthday wish would be that I didn't necessarily have to remain neutral on the topic of the election. Yes, I write an opinion column and have certainly not been shy on occasion to state my position on topics impacting the whole of our community, but we are still bound by certain guidelines. As well, it must be considered that any of the many candidates who might get elected on October 26 will quite likely be the topic of a future column. So, for me, maintaining even a modicum of collegiality is important. That said, it's quite possible it may not happen regardless of my efforts since some candidates (reminiscent of the 5-4 split on past council issues) pretty much completely ignore me, but it's an important goal nonetheless.

My second birthday wish would be that the campaigns, and the people involved in them (both the candidates, and their teams) stick to the issues. Caledon is staring down a monster in terms of our expected future development and what we absolutely don't need right now are people who engage in attempts at intimidation, or people who are not blameless themselves slinging mud at their competitors. The Mayoral debate, if you watched (and which is still available on YouTube) featured a little bit of both. At the same time, I will acknowledge the debate itself was well run, the moderators maintained control and, if you ask me, one candidate might have stood out from the rest and was also, I believe, the only candidate to declare they were not accepting developer dollars.

The third birthday wish is easy. Obey the signage rules! They are quite clearly spelled out, even more so than when I last ran for office and frankly, found it very easy to follow the rules about where to put them. Blaming your team for "perhaps" misplacing a sign isn't a sign of good leadership and if anyone has a problem with where a sign is posted, report it to bylaw. Every sign infraction costs a candidate money so let's avoid a frivolous or vexatious claim, but where there are obvious infractions by all means report them. Of course, it can be hard to know if a sign (or a trio of signs) is in violation when we don't always know who owns the property of concern. All the candidates talk about the importance of transparency, let's hope our next term of Council will practice what they're currently preaching.

I suppose I don't want to be accused of being greedy so just one more wish, but I won't lie I have saved the biggest for last. I mentioned a "monster" earlier. Whether you call that monster any of the following: "development;" "illegal trucking," "below the water table aggregate extraction" or "road safety;" "hazardous infill," "water safety," or even; "potentially massive tax hikes," the only thing standing between residents and any of the above so-called monsters will be our Council. We are at a crossroads and we've burned every single one of the bridges behind us so we have no choice but to move forward. But we do have a choice HOW we move forward and with whom. That means voting!

Another recent debate held at GoodLot this past Monday, saw every candidate in attendance state some version of the following: regardless of who you vote for, you MUST VOTE and please, bring two, three, or even four of your friends and family to do so too. Last election the voter turnout for Caledon was in the neighbourhood of 32%. Our future is far too important to be decided by such a small group of residents. Democracy only works when the people eligible to participate in it actually participate!

What happens when they don't? To paraphrase well-known local resident Tony Svelka: When residents don't vote decisions are made by a smaller group of people who may not reflect the broader community's interests and may not support longer-term decisions around what gets protected and what gets approved. As well, candidates backed by wellfunded interests might win simply because fewer residents participated. Environmental protections are potentially weakened and finally, property rights and quality of life may be affected, because it is municipal bylaws that directly shape how close industrial operations can be to homes, schools, parks, and rivers.

So, my final (fourth if you're counting) birthday wish is that all of you, and your friends and family too, make your mark on a ballot either on October 26th or at any of the advance polls. Finally, did you know you can vote ANYWHERE in Caledon? I might have mentioned this before. Well, you can, so there is literally no excuse not to.

**From the Town of Caledon website: Caledon voters can cast their ballot at any voting place in the Town on Voting Day, October 26. Please bring identification when you go to vote that confirms your name and residence.*

Our Readers Write

Give Caledon boring municipal problems, says reader

Recently, my wife and I drove next door to attend a Halton Hills mayoral debate. I went partly as a REALTOR® and partly as a curious neighbour. She wanted to see what another municipality's election looked like and what problems its residents faced.

Halton Hills feels like Caledon's sibling: countryside, small towns, hamlets and farms, all under pressure from GTA growth. Yet we drove home almost in shock, thinking the same thing: I want Caledon to have Halton Hills' problems.

The debate included Fairy Lake's water quality and geese affecting Prospect Park. Those are legitimate concerns. But do you understand how badly I want algae, geese, parking, pools and road repairs to be among Caledon's most heated debates? I would gladly sit through a long argument about geese if that were our biggest controversy.

Instead, Caledon faces massive development, farmland loss, strained infrastructure, illegal land uses, public safety and traffic. These are not abstractions. They shape how we live and whether we feel safe.

I want boring municipal government. I want boring Caledon back.

Fix the road. Enforce the by-law. Collect the fine. Build the infrastructure. Protect the water. Balance the budget. Answer residents.

Growth raises a simple question: who pays? New development requires roads, water, wastewater, fire protection, parks, libraries and maintenance. When someone says "growth pays for growth," residents should demand the math: how much, who pays, when, and what happens if funding falls short?

In 2024, Caledon Council approved rezoning applications representing nearly 35,000 proposed homes. Nearly 35,000. Not 35. Not 350. Nearly 35-freaking-thousand homes. Whatever your view, every resident should understand the potential impact on services, taxes and daily life.

Municipal elections are not distant "politics." This is your home. Your street, drinking water, property-tax bill, traffic, school buses, parks and the development behind your backyard are daily life.

So, when someone says, "I don't do politics," fine. Do your community. Know who is asking to lead your town. Read candidates' records. Watch a meeting. Attend a debate. Ask hard questions about planning, infrastructure and finance. Demand numbers, sources and clear answers.

A well-run municipality should quietly work, explain its decisions and respond before problems become crises. As election day approaches, make your choice through informed judgment—not social media or campaign slogans.

Caledon's future should not be decided solely by a mayor, council, developer or provincial government. It is our home. If we do not participate, others will decide for us.

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To learn more and to apply, visit **www.caledon.ca/grants**.
Have questions? Email environment@caledon.ca



Volunteers Needed for Community Rinks in Caledon



We're looking for volunteers to support several community rinks around town. You will be responsible for maintaining the ice surface during the winter months (weather dependent) and communicating with a Town-appointed liaison on the status of the rink throughout the season.

To volunteer, and for more details on our community rinks, visit **caledon.ca/skating.**

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Seniors' Centre hosts fundraising walk with Hike for Healthy Living

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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On September 27, the Caledon Seniors' Centre held its CSC Hike for Healthy Living.

The event was held at the Bolton location on 7 Rotarian Way and participants had the opportunity to walk in support of the Centre in one of three options – the 1km, 2km or 5km routes, which were designed to accommodate all fitness levels.

This is one of the main fundraising initiatives that the Centre has held in order to raise funds to support essential programs and services they offer to help strengthen social connection, active living, and quality of life for those who are 55+ in the Caledon area.

"For over 30 years, the Caledon Seniors' Centre is more than a place for physical activity, it's a lifeline for many in our community," says Centre Manager Beverley Nurden. "Our goal is to help ease social isolation and foster meaningful connections, by creating a welcoming space where friendships grow, and no one feels alone."

This fundraiser will also help bring the Centre closer to their fundraising goal of $100,000 to make sure that they are able to support and be able to open the Centre up to many seniors in the community while keeping costs low.

"We want just to open it up to the community so that they can see what we offer here because it's such an incredible place and people just need to know more about it. I feel happy knowing that I'm able to do that for others and bring attention to the Centre because I think that's what we need. We need more people to know what we do here, how great it is, and how important it is for people," said Tina, one of the volunteers and organizers for the event.

The event started at 10 a.m. for participants to check in, followed by a short announcement and greeting, which was given before attendees were led in warm-up exercises before the start of the walk at 11 a.m.

Many members of the community, as well as several dogs, came out to support the event and registered either on their own or with a team to participate.

A BBQ lunch followed for those to enjoy and spend some time getting to know other participants.

Caledon Seniors' Centre Fundraising Coordinator RaDeana Montgomery says she is hopeful that this event will become an annual walk and is grateful to not only the community for their support but to the volunteers as well.

"Without the volunteers we wouldn't be able to run, and our volunteers are fantastic", says Montgomery. "80% of our workers are volunteers and without them the doors would be locked."

The next big event for the Caledon Seniors' Centre is the Country Hoedown, which take place on October 23 and is open to all members in the community.

Donations will continue to be accepted for the next few weeks. Those looking for more information about the Caledon Seniors' Centre or want to donate, can visit caledonseniors.ca .



The Caledon Seniors' Centre Walk team is pictured at the weekend event.
PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRASER

PUBLIC NOTICE: RESCHEDULING NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Alton Roads: Main Street North and Queen Street West Design

The Town of Caledon is undertaking the detailed design for improvements to Main Street North and Queen Street West in Alton.

The Public Information Centre (PIC) previously scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026, has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date.

Additional information, including the new date, time and locations, will be shared when it becomes available. For questions regarding the project or the upcoming PIC, please contact the project team at **capitalengineering@caledon.ca**

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Mayoral candidates square off in debate hosted by community groups

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All mayoral candidates expressed that they oppose the use of Strong Mayor Powers and that they all believe in listening to their Councillors and residents and working together instead of apart.

After answering a few further questions, Meagher began a Rapid-Fire Question round where candidates were asked three short questions and had to answer each with a short reply.

When asked about data centres and if they were in favour of building, rejecting or pausing them, candidates offered a mixed perspective.

Candidates Hart, Sacha and Saini were in favour of building them. Candidate Early was in favour of rejecting them, while Candidate Russo was in favour of pausing them.

The next rapid-fire question was what the top issue in Caledon is and what has each candidate done to address it.

Candidate Russo spoke about road safety and trucks and his work in bringing forward a motion to start the work on Mayfield Road and Highway 50.

Candidate Sacha spoke about working towards multiple issues including having more doctors for seniors, better schools for kids, safer roads and the importance of bringing in the proper technology and development to Caledon

Candidate Hart spoke about his work in presenting the Town with a list of signatures regarding the trucks and heavy volume of traffic on the roads as well as his work informing the Town about a tractor trailer that was illegally dumped in his area.

Candidate Saini spoke about the issue of illegal zoning and building of illegal properties and his goal to work towards stopping them.

Candidate Early spoke about her work in truck traffic and traffic calming where she worked with the Region of Peel to get a time prohibition on trucks for both Bolton and Caledon East, as well as her work with the Ward 1 and Ward 2 Councillors to find significant calming measures for the Forks of the Credit Road.

After the rapid-fire question period and the prepared questions were completed, those in attendance were giving the opportunity to ask the candidates some questions. Each candidate had 60 seconds to respond to the audience questions.

One issue that came forward was development, with the question: "When it comes to new development in Caledon, are you prepared as Mayor to work with the developers to secure land, infrastructure contributions and other appropriate community benefits to help deliver the parks, recreation centers, libraries, fire and emergency services that growing communities will require?"

Candidate Sacha said he was definitely ready as these are essential and necessities for residents to have. He went on to speak about the importance of having the basics in place, but also making sure to keep development balanced and that green spaces are not impacted.

"Without proper infrastructure, it is like walking with crutches; we need to have these things in place as they are the basics…for the safety and benefit of the people," said Sacha.

Candidate Russo said that he would absolutely be prepared to work with developers and that it is essential. He expressed that people have to work through legislation as well to not have any aspects of incentivization that is contrary. Russo focused as well on the importance of the community working together and recognized community members that have given access to the Town and that by working together, the community will prosper.

"With the development community and the community at large, wherever there are benefits to be seen we should be focused in on that," said Russo.

Candidate Hart also expressed that he would be ready and that developers support the Town. He said he would work to make sure that they stick to their contracts and get developers to chip in with infrastructure costs.

"Working with the developers we keep the farmers with their farmlands and make sure that developers are accountable in what they are developing," said Hart

Candidate Early explained in a short and enthusiastic way, "Yes, 100% per cent".

Candidate Saini explained that before making any plans he will make sure that what is needed is there including schools and care for seniors. Infrastructure, he added, should be fulfilled before approving any development plan.

Those looking to watch the full meeting can do so by going to https://www.youtube.com/live/EkYITODIHX4.

The next meeting will be held on October 1 at the Caledon Public Library's Albion Branch at 150 Queen Street South Bolton and will feature local Councillor Candidates for Ward 4. 5 and 6.

Province investing additional $6 million to help combat stolen vehicles

Alongside Provincial law enforcement partners, the Ontario government is helping to deliver results in the fight against auto theft.

Since investing $51 million over the past three years to support initiatives like the Preventing Auto Thefts (PAT) Grant Program, the Provincial Auto Theft and Towing Team and the Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team, motor vehicle theft is declining in Ontario.

According to Équité Association's 2025 auto trend report, vehicle thefts in Ontario declined significantly in 2025 to 19,319, compared to the peak of 30,134 in 2023, a reduction of 36 per cent.

"Auto theft is down across Ontario because our government is making it a priority and is giving police the tools and resources they need to go after the organized criminals who are behind it," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "While we are seeing real progress, we will not let up. That is why we are doubling down, further investing in our police services, and supporting their work to disrupt criminal networks and protect Ontario families and communities."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

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

In the matter of an application by The Corporation of the Town of Caledon for approval to expropriate land being described as part of Lots 20 and 21, Concession 4, East of Hurontario Street (Geographic Township of Chinguacousy), in the Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel for the purposes of implementing and constructing a municipal highway and other municipal purposes, and works ancillary thereto.

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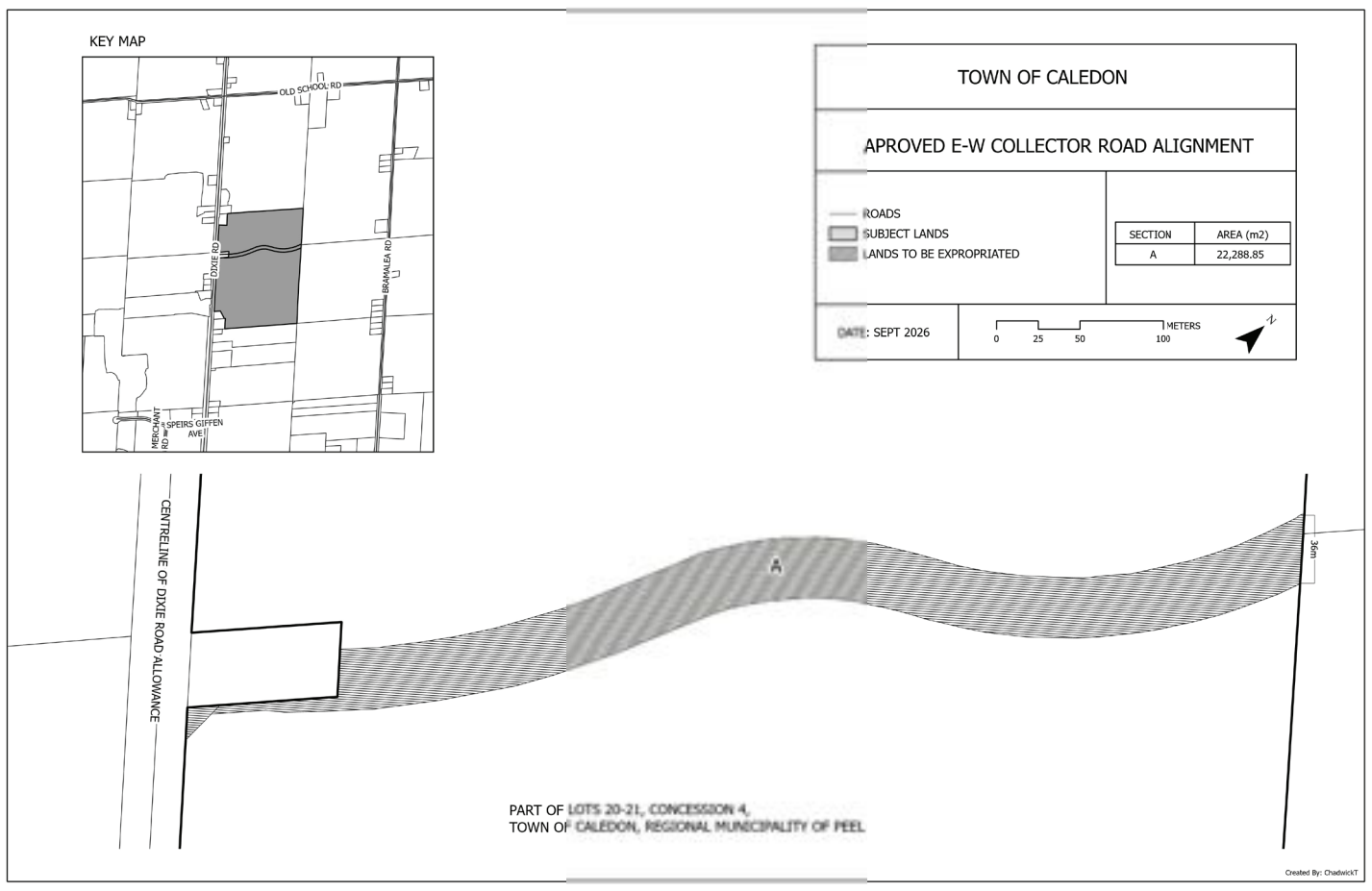
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Steven Dickson, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Legal Officer

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TOWN OF CALEDON



CALEDON VOTES

Caledon Municipal Elections 2026

Get ready to cast your vote for the 2026 Municipal Elections.

The election will take place on **Monday, October 26, 2026**.

You can vote at any voting location in Caledon, but you can only vote for the candidates running in the ward you reside or own property in.

Voters will elect the following offices:

- Mayor
- Local Councillors
- Regional Councillors
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Advanced Voting

Will you be out of town or have plans on October 26 – then consider advance voting!

OCTOBER 9, 2026, FROM 1:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

- Caledon Equestrian Park
- Albion-Bolton Community Centre
- Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness*

OCTOBER 10, 2026, FROM 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

- Alton Library
- Southfields Community Centre*
- Caledon East Community Complex*

OCTOBER 18, 2026, FROM 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

- Victoria Parks Community Centre
- Albion-Bolton Community Centre
- Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness*

OCTOBER 19, 2026, FROM 1:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

- Inglewood Community Centre
- Southfields Community Centre*
- Caledon East Community Complex*

Note: Ballot marking devices will be available at the locations marked with asterisks * to support independent, private and accessible paper-ballot marking.

Be prepared to vote

Bring your voter notification card and an acceptable form of ID.
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King's experienced and deep lineup turns the tables in 5-1 victory over Caledon Admirals



Caledon Admirals' Captain Nicholas Wlodarczyk (51) lunges at King Rebellion forward Matthew Legge in a first period fight on Friday night at the Mayfield RC. King defeated Caledon 5 – 1 in OJHL action.
PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals owned the King Rebellion during the 2025-26 OJHL season.

The Fleet took three of four games from their regional rivals with relative ease—including both contests at the Zancor Centre in King City.

However, it's a new season and King turned the tables in a 5-1 win over Caledon at the Mayfield Recreation Complex on Friday night. The final score flattered the home side. The Rebellion outshot their hosts 56-21. If not for the heroic goaltending tandem of Admirals starter Jacob Saldanha and reliever Justin Young, the Rebellion might have reached double figures.

Both teams had improved season-to-season records heading into their sixth matches of the season, respectively, with the seventh-place Admirals out of the gate at 3-1-0-1 and the fifth-place Rebellion winning four of their first five games.

Yet, it was the visitors who hopped on to the ice surface of the Mayfield Recreation Complex with their hair on fire on Friday—firing 18 shots at Saldanha in the opening 20 minutes of play.

King power forward Adam Smeeton, who scored the game-winning goal in both of the Rebellion's wins last weekend, opened the scoring at 8:29 when he banged in his own rebound in the slot and converted Jared McNeil's centering pass.

Five minutes after Smeeton's go-ahead goal, a spirited bout brimming with haymakers between Admirals Captain Nicholas Wlodarczyk and King's 6'6" forward Matthew Legge broke out in the Caledon defensive zone. Both combatants earned fighting majors, game misconducts, and the admiration of their teammates who straddled the blue line.

Twenty-three seconds after the fisticuffs, Lucas Preiano crept in from the blue line, took a pass from Smeeton, and snapped one past Saldanha to give the Rebellion a 2-0 lead. The veteran King defender described his game-winning goal.

"Smeeton put it into an open area, it got deflected on to my stick, and I was able to get a quick shot away. It was a goal off a lucky bounce."

Preiano, who came over to King in a mid-season trade with the Newmarket Hurricanes that shook up the underachieving Rebellion roster, explained the difference between last year's squad that eked its way into the seventh seed and this year's veteran-laden team that is off to a 5-1-0-0 start.

"I feel there's more leadership—lots of great leadership and confidence. It's nice to come in here with lots of strong players and hold ourselves to a higher standard of hockey. We have lots of guys with experience in junior hockey around North America, so we have lots of potential and it helped us get off to a good start in tonight's game."

Only Saldanha's spectacular play between the pipes repelled the good start in the first frame to which Preiano alluded as the Admirals netminder turned aside 16 of the 18 shots he faced—many of them point-blank saves.

The relentless Rebellion kept on rolling after the first intermission. Less than three minutes into the second period, Nolan Davis's wrist shot from the right point flew through a maze of maroon and white jerseys—nestling in the top right corner of the net above Saldanha's blocker. It was the second consecutive goal by a King defender and gave the visitors a 3-0 lead.

With exactly eight minutes left in the middle frame, King centre Mars Sun corralled Dylan Turcotte's pass between the circles and fired a wrist shot over Saldanha's right shoulder. The rocket bulged the twine behind the besieged Admirals goaltender and led to a Caledon timeout during which Saldanha was replaced by backup netminder Justin Young.

Young held the fort for eight more frantic minutes to close the second period and kept the visitors off the scoreboard for most of the final frame, too.

Midway through the third period, Caledon forward Noah Wlodarczyk one-timed Matvei Tolstykh's pass at the edge of the crease which coincided with the King net being dislodged during a goal mouth scramble.

After a lengthy review by the officiating crew, Wlodarczyk's second goal of the season made its way to the scoreboard, the Admirals cut their deficit to 4-1, and ended Gunner Wolfe's shutout bid.

King restored its four-goal margin when speedy centre Justin Pavese—from one knee—snapped the puck high glove side from the slot to beat Young. Rookie winger Brayden Grima earned his fourth assist of the season on Pavese's marker while veteran linemate Marshall McCharles tallied his sixth helper.

Preiano commented on the depth of scoring that his team displayed on Friday and during its first six games of the season.

"All four lines are working right now. We've got guys working well together. We're finding ways to score and we're picking our spots. Coach told us to shoot more and to pick our spots. We're using our speed and size to create opportunities and so much of that comes from experience."



IBHL BOOSTS BETHELL HOSPICE – The Inglewood Ball Hockey League (IBHL) was pleased to be able to support Bethell Hospice Foundation and to donate $650 to this worthy organization. Shown are league organizers Brian and Lesley Dunn. "Our goal for our 40th anniversary season is to be able to increase our donation to $1,000 (or more)," said Brian Dunn. If you would like to support them and their drive for our 40th please feel free to reach out at ibhl@ibhl.ca, or you can shop our IBHL merchandise at www.ibhl.ca and go to the store tab.
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COMMUNITY events

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

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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Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club looks forward to welcoming the community on **October 4th from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** to **celebrate Bruce Trail Day**. There will be hikes for all abilities, youth-friendly activities, a butterfly photo exhibit, bird box building, an iNaturalist demonstration and two performances (11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.) by Spencer Brigham singing and playing guitar inspired by an indigenous perspective. Activities are suitable for all ages. The event will be held at **Riverside Woods Nature Reserve, 71377 1st Line EHS, access via 5 Sideroad. GPS 43.59916, -80.070494**

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Plalking in October and November
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Albion Bolton Historical Society - Monday, **October 19**, for a 7:30 PM start, at Rotary Place, 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton, Multi-purpose Room 2. **NOTE: NEW MEETING LOCATION**. Valerie Mackie and John McFall will present The Humber River: A River's Indigenous Roots & Bolton's Water-powered Industrial Past. Guests $5.00. Questions: nhillerphoto@bell.net or 905-584-2801 visit us at boltonhistory.com

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Meet Your Regional Council Candidates: Dave Sheen, Wards 1, 2, and 3

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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Dave Sheen, incumbent Councillor of Ward 2 has decided to take things to the next level by running to become Caledon's next Regional Councillor for Wards 1,2 and 3.

Sheen was first elected as Councillor of Ward 2 back in 2022 and has made the decision to not run for re-election there, but to run for Regional Councillor instead.

"I feel that now after four years on Council, I've gained the experience that I need to represent Caledon at the Regional table on Regional issues," says Sheen.

In addition to being a member of Caledon Council, Sheen spent 34 years with the Ontario Public Service where he worked with many young people in conflict and law, and has now retired. Sheen was also an appointed Alternate Member of Peel Regional Council, Chair of the Governance Review Committee, and Vice Chair for the Audit Committee.

To Sheen, public service has always been a large part of his life and he wants to be able to be a strong voice for those living in Wards 1,2 and 3.

"I think the residents of Wards 1, 2 and 3 want someone who will be honest with them, open, transparent, and willing to and being very available to them. All three Wards have different needs, particularly between Ward 2 and Wards 1 and 3. Wards 1 and 3 are and will be largely agricultural communities for a long time, especially the Ward 1, which has incredible natural resources, sights and scenery and wildlife, and rivers, lakes and streams, and they want to protect them. I don't blame them. It's beautiful up there," says Sheen. "Ward 2 is probably the fastest growing Ward in Caledon. It has a lot of growth targeted for it. It's currently underway. It's not moving as fast as it was originally projected to move at, and they need someone on Council who understands what it's like to live in a large, growing neighbourhood, which I do. They want somebody who understands what it's like to live in these communities. But also someone who will follow through on what they say and do."

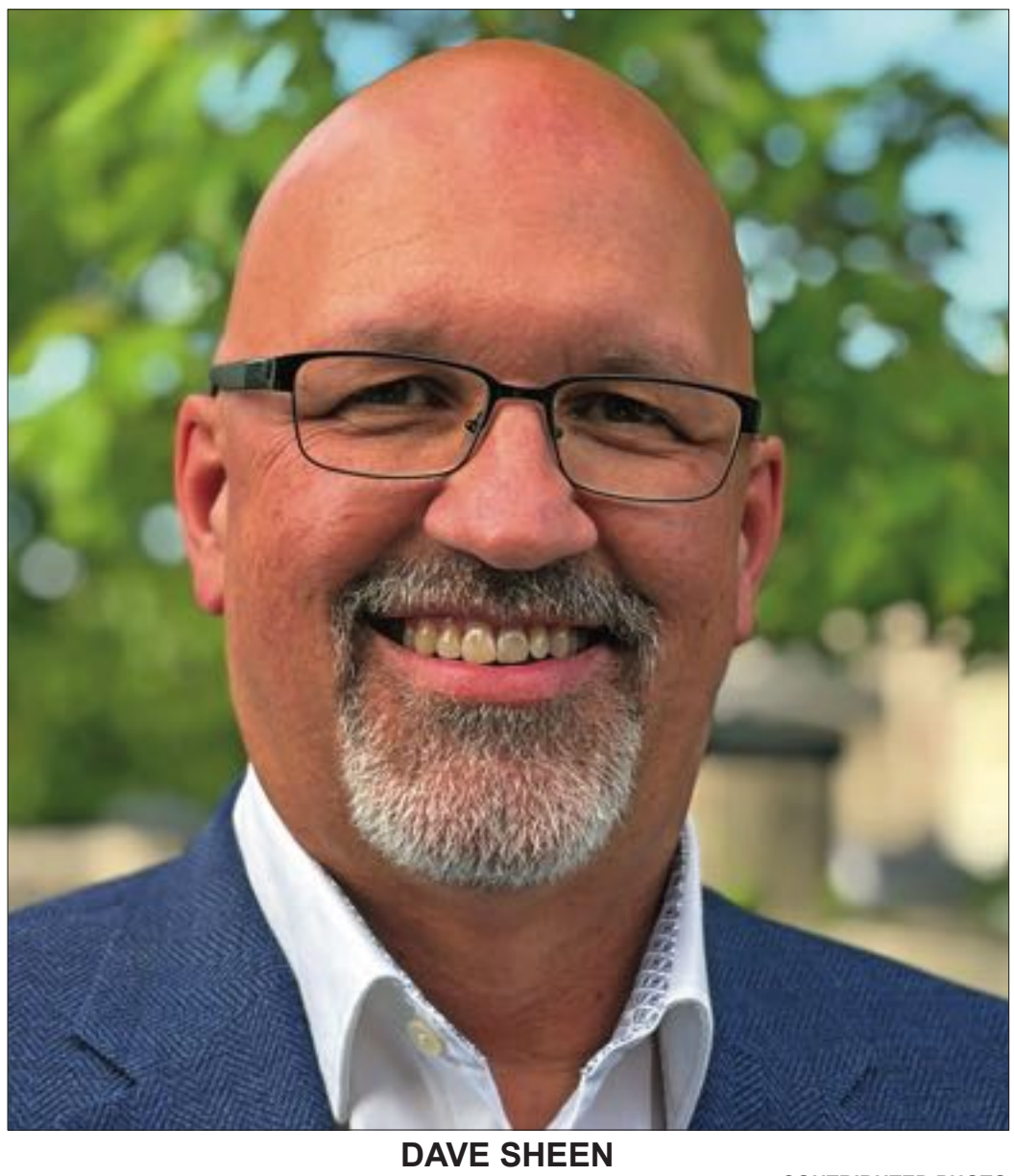
To Sheen it is very important to be able to stay connected with the community and he wants to make sure that he can hear from all of his residents.

Using the advice he received from Council candidate Stan Cameron many years ago, Sheen says he makes it his mission to never leave anyone hanging.

"I have a system where I can keep track of who I'm calling and who I'm meeting with. I'm sure someone will say, 'Oh, you didn't get back to me,' that's possible, because I'm not perfect. But 99 per cent of the time I get back to people. I also make it a huge [priority] unlike any other member of Council, including the mayor, including the Town, to constantly communicate our work through social media," says Sheen. "And in the last year and a half, I've been making better use of my website, and I've been writing blog articles. Some more often than others, but I try to communicate outwards, and I'm trying to model how the Town is one big community. So many communities like Valleywood and Southfields and Mayfield West, and all the hamlets up in northwest Caledon, all see themselves as their own little community, and a lot of ways they are, but in a lot of other ways we're all part of Caledon."

Focusing on his main priorities, Sheen stresses the importance of slowing down development, but that he is not anti-development but against rushed development.

"Slow down the development, make sure we're doing it right, because we can't have a do-over. Once you build a community, it's done. You're living with it. In fact, that's not even true, because now, we built out this neighbourhood, for example, we think about Southfields and then the Province comes in a couple years ago and says auxiliary residential units are right. If you can build an auxiliary residential unit, so like an in-law suite in your backyard. Your backyard's big enough, and you can tie into municipal water and wastewater, and you can establish a proper setback from your fence line, you can have a garden suite. We're going over, now wait a minute, there's already not enough parking…. I know we have a problem housing affordability. I don't know if it's just housing shortage, but a housing affordability issue, but that's not something that should fall on the municipality to figure out," says Sheen.



DAVE SHEEN

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Through his many years of work and service in the community and his proven track record Sheen says he hopes Caledon will decide to put their trust in him again.

"You can't be a public servant for 34 years and not be trustworthy," he says. "Not only was I a public servant and [in] a managerial position for most of those 34 years, I also earned a medal – admittedly, it's a long service medal, but they don't give it to everybody just because you managed to survive 30 years there. You also must have a clean record serving in the public service. I've got a medal called the Corrections Exemplary Service Medal. I was a public servant in Youth Justice. I also worked with Kids' Help Phone for 18 years as a telephone counsellor taking calls from hundreds of kids all across Canada and into the territories. I was active in my community. People in Valleywood probably will remember when I was a coach out there, so clearly I'm community-oriented and not just because I'm a Councillor. This is who I am."

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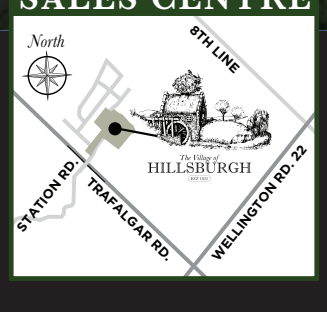
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Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer returns for third year with funds raised supporting cancer care

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

The Headwaters Hike to Fight Cancer returns to the Caledon Ski Club on Oct. 8, bringing the community together for an evening of hiking, fundraising, and supporting local cancer care.

Now in its third year, the event is designed as an accessible fundraising opportunity for people of all ages and abilities.

Shauna Santarossa of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, who also handles marketing for the organization, said that this year, participants can choose between one-kilometre and three-kilometre routes, following feedback that some of last year's routes were more challenging than expected.

"The one-kilometre and three-kilometre options will be a little bit easier than what was hiked last year because we heard some feedback that the hike was a bit challenging," she said. "The five-kilometre [route] wasn't very popular, so this year we're doing a one-kilometre and a three-kilometre."

Registration opens at 4 p.m., with the hike beginning at 5 p.m. Participants can register individually or as part of a team, with registration costing $35 per person. The fee includes the hike, a T-shirt and dinner following the event.

After completing the route, participants will gather at the Caledon Ski Club's Main Lodge for dinner, with salad, lasagna and a cookie for dessert.

Games, a raffle table and silent auction will provide additional opportunities for participants to take part, while coffee and apple cider will be available following the hike.

"The registration fee is $35 a person, and you sign up online," Santarossa said. "You can create an online page where you can solicit friends, family, co-workers to donate to you directly. You can also sign up as a team, so you can do it with your co-workers or maybe your family, your siblings, your neighbours. We have a hockey team that's signed up already to participate this year."

The event also features a peer-to-peer fundraising component. Participants who register can create an online fundraising page and ask friends, family members and co-workers to support their efforts. Prizes will be awarded to the individual and team that raise the most money.

Funds raised through the event remain local and support cancer care at Headwaters Health Care Centre. The foundation directs the money toward equipment and programs supporting cancer services, including oncology clinics and diagnostic imaging.

Previous fundraising efforts have supported equipment such as oncology treatment chairs and the hospital's MRI and diagnostic imaging capabilities, with this year's funds going toward the highest-priority needs related to cancer care.

The Hike to Fight Cancer was created to complement the Headwaters Health Care Foundation's other signature fundraising events, including its annual golf tournament and gala, while providing a lower-cost way for the broader community to participate and fundraise.

Santarossa said the event is also intended to provide a way for people to support local health care while enjoying the outdoors and spending time together as a community.

"I personally think that the hike itself is actually beautiful," she said. "It's a great way to get outside, enjoy the fresh air, enjoy the beauty that nature in our region has to offer at this time of year, while making a huge difference to your local hospital."

Organizers are encouraging families, friends, co-workers and community groups to take part. All ages are welcome, with hockey teams and other groups already registered.

Registration remains open for those looking to participate, fundraise or support someone taking part in the Oct. 8 event. The evening offers an opportunity to enjoy the fall scenery at the Caledon Ski Club while helping support cancer care close to home.

Go to hhcfoundation.akaraisin.com/ui/hike2026 to register.

OBITUARIES

EDWARD GEORGE WILLIAMS



Passed away in his cherished home on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at the age of 82. Dearly beloved husband of the late Sheila Williams. Loving Dad of Justin & Melissa, and proud Granddad of Ava and Emma. Edward will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his family, friends and neighbours.

Visitation at NEWEDIUK FUNERAL HOME, KIPLING CHAPEL, 2058 Kipling Avenue (North of Rexdale Boulevard), on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 12 p.m. until memorial service in the chapel at 1 p.m.

As expressions of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Orangeville branch of the Salvation Army would be greatly appreciated.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" BURGOYNE



With profound sadness and gratitude for a life well lived, the family of Betty Burgoyne announces her peaceful passing on September 23, 2026, at Mountainview Residence in Georgetown, Ontario.

Throughout her remarkable life, Betty was a nurse, flight attendant, model, fashion show organizer, community volunteer, advocate, and gifted public speaker. Above all, she was devoted to her family.

Betty was beautiful, elegant, stylish, and compassionate. Beneath her confidence and grace was a caring heart. Family was her world, and she was happiest when everyone was together.

Fiercely loyal, Betty gave her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren unconditional love. Through calls, hugs, encouragement, and regular check-ins, she made each person feel important and valued.

Betty also served her Caledon community through volunteer work and civic causes. Her contributions earned Life Membership in Caledon Community Services and community volunteer achievement awards. She believed caring meant showing up and making a difference.

Animals held a special place in Betty's heart. Her love of horses began during happy childhood years on a farm near Queensville and reflected her lifelong gentle, nurturing nature.

Betty will be remembered for her warmth, long hugs, generosity, impeccable style, and ability to make people feel welcome and loved. She left an impression because she genuinely cared.

She was the beloved wife of Robert Burgoyne. A loving mother to Mike Weddel (Linda Dolman) and Gary Weddel (Heidi Weddel). Cherished grandmother of Pete Weddel, Julie Graham, Benjamin Weddel, and Kristy Weddel. Adored great-grandmother of Paige, Jack, Adelise, Levi, Elle, and Matthew.

Though our hearts are broken, Betty's legacy lives on through the family she cherished, the friendships she nurtured, the community she served, and her countless acts of kindness.

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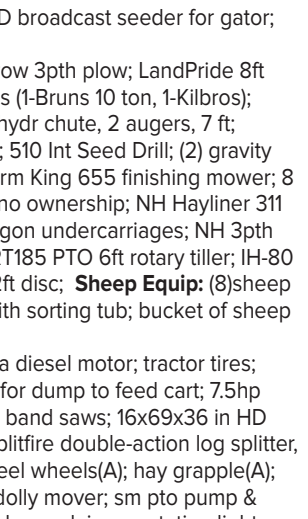
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Equip/Mach: 2810 JD 5 furrow semi-mount vari-width plow; Kvernland 4 furrow 3pth plow; LandPride 8ft 3pth disc; NI 3632 manure spreader, 2 beaters, older floor; (2)gravity wagons (1-Bruns 10 ton, 1-Kilbros); Kraus 24ft cultivator, Morris harrows; MF 10ft chisel plow; 3pth snowblower, hydr chute, 2 augers, 7 ft; 1100 gal stainless steel water tank on undercarriage; Int 4500, 16ft cultivator; 510 Int Seed Drill; (2) gravity wagons; Frontier RC2084 mower; Agrotrend snowblower; Western plow; Farm King 655 finishing mower; 8 inch Int seed drill; ATV trailer frame; 2002 GMC 8500 sm dump truck, runs, no ownership; NH Hayliner 311 sq baler, with thrower; (2)20ft thrower wagons, wood floor, steel cage; (2)wagon undercarriages; NH 3pth PTO hay tedder; Industries America 9ft SP09 snow pusher; TMG Industrial RT185 PTO 6ft rotary tiller; IH-80 8ft, 2 auger, Dosko chipper/shredder; snowblower; Int 6 row corn planter; 12ft disc; **Sheep Equip:** (8)sheep panels; (1)sheep head gate panel; (5)long creep feed panels; sheep chute with sorting tub; bucket of sheep related accs; (5) wood sheep gates.
Farm Rel/Shop: (A)Antique. Winco WG270 generator/welder combo, Kubota diesel motor; tractor tires; qty hydr cylinders; sheep/hog scale; 400+lb farmer made, rotary feed mixer for dump to feed cart; 7.5hp horiz air compressor; 10in split roll grain roller, 3hp; (2)sm metal cutting horiz band saws; 16x69x36 in HD work bench with cupboards & #986 big metal vise; (2)8in bench grinders; Splitfire double-action log splitter, gas powered hydr power pack; qty hydr cylinders; Pallet forks; HD winch; steel wheels(A); hay grapple(A); poly water trough; (2)skids plastic storage bins; 1.5 in gas water pump; tree dolly mover; sm pto pump & hydr cylinders; trailer hitch, sway bars; sm Quebec heater wood stove; (4) old porcelain gas station lights; (3) old milk cans; (3) tractor seats(A); push lawnmower; 3pth woodsplitter; Champion 11250 generator, GerLink & plug in - very good; Rigid table saw; MTD 28in walk-behind snowblower - like new; (2)rolls wood snow fence; Creekbank Welding 15100 cart to move lg sq bales; market garden trailer; landscape trailer-homemade; Honda 3500 generator; and much much more!

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Meet Your Council Candidates: Heather French, Ward 4



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Having called Caledon home for the last 50 years, Heather French has decided to throw her hat in the ring to become the next Councillor for Ward 4.

Born and raised in the community, French and her husband have not only raised their family of four children here but have also fostered a successful multi-generational family farm.

Her connection through both farming and being a schoolteacher has given her much insight into the needs of residents in Caledon, including families, local businesses, rural areas and youth.

"I believe that serving on Council is an honour and that residents of Ward 4 are going to trust me with this. I am not a career politician, I'm just a neighbour, a parent, a business owner, a volunteer and I want to be a clear, honest voice for this community – as someone who has deep roots in this community," says French.

"I understand what matters most to everyday citizens because it matters to me. I want to run to be a Councillor who listens, who shows up and who represents the community with honesty."

Throughout her years in the community, French has become known as a dedicated volunteer and has contributed to many community events, including organizing the Bolton Fall Fair and the Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull.

French has also had several roles within a variety of community organizations, including serving on the Greenbelt Council and Caledon's Committee of Adjustment, which has provided her with a practical understanding of municipal planning and bylaws, as well as experience in protecting groundwater, green spaces and agricultural land uses.

She says she believes that Ward 4 needs a Councillor that is engaged, accessible and present for them.

"While the population isn't as dense as the wards to the south, I believe they still deserve the same access to service and economic support. I want to offer a common-sense approach to leadership and be that voice for them," says French.

Looking to make sure that all members of Ward 4 are heard, French says she believes that open and honest communication is key to a great community.

By hosting frequent sessions, actively listening to residents, maintaining contact through many platforms including phone, email, social media, French says she wants to be able to connect with her residents in any way that she can to help bring forward solutions.

"I've been knocking on a lot of doors and had a lot of sit downs with a lot of residents, and I think it's really important that we respect everyone's access to technology, and it's important that we meet people where they are and where they're comfortable at. One lady, she doesn't have a computer, so she'll pick up the phone, or I had to knock on her door to speak with her several times," says French. "Whether it's phone calls, social media, email, everyone's different. But it's just meeting everyone where they are. I think that's important."

When looking at the challenges that Ward 4 is facing, French has identified two of the biggest ones that are important to her, the first being sustainable growth.

"We need to really ensure that all new development is fully backed by essential infrastructure, including roads, parks, [and] emergency services. It is important that we are actively looking after safeguarding Caledon's farmland, groundwater and the natural environment. As the community expands, we know it's going to grow. But we need to protect what we have," says French.

Another main challenge French says Ward 4 is dealing with is road safety.

"This is a hot topic with everyone," says French. "I think it is important that we work with Town staff and that we work with the OPP. I think another big thing is that we need to educate. We need to create some community awareness on what's acceptable, what's not, right? We start with education and then enforcement."

While making sure that these challenges have a solution, they go hand in hand with many of French's main priorities, including prioritizing infrastructure, safety upgrades, and essential services, all while protecting the taxpayer and making sure that it doesn't come back on them.

It is also important, she says, to safeguard prime agricultural lands, protect environmental green spaces, promote local traditions, and advocate for local amenities such as youth sports and family spaces.

French says she hopes that voters will put their trust in her and give her the opportunity to be a strong voice for Ward 4.

"I want to be the voice of the residents for Ward 4. I have a proven track record. My consistent volunteering, business leadership, spanning more than half a century, I'm not running on political ambition. I'm solely focussed on serving the everyday citizen – practical, fair, and transparent representation. I'm just all about the people," says French.

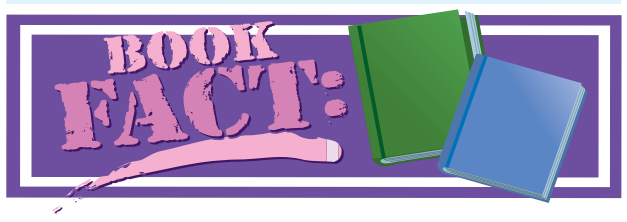


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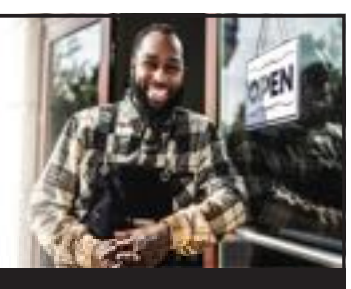
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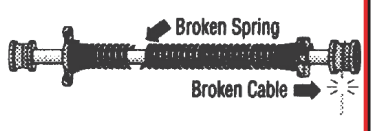
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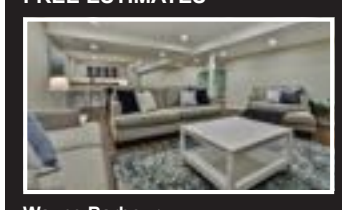
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Province investing additional $6 million to help continue downward trend in stolen vehicles

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Through the 2026-2027 PAT Grant Program, Ontario is investing an additional $6 million to support 22 police projects across the province, bringing the government's total investment to $24 million since 2023.

Solicitor General Kerzner made the announcement at Peel Regional Police Headquarters alongside Mississauga–Streetsville MPP, Nina Tangri. Peel Regional Police is being allocated $300,000 in PAT Grant funding to strengthen their Commercial Auto Crime Bureau (CACB), which supports dedicated investigators, specialized training, public education initiatives, advanced investigative equipment and participation in provincial auto-theft summits and intelligence-sharing forums.

"We have made significant steps in addressing the ongoing threat of auto theft in our communities, and it's critical that we keep our foot on the gas," said Chief Nishan Duraiappah. "With proper resourcing, we can continue to mobilize specialized teams to pursue complex investigations and dismantle the criminal networks operating across the region and beyond. We thank the Government of Ontario for supporting our efforts to protect our communities, recover stolen vehicles and hold offenders accountable."

In Peel Region, there were 299 fewer auto thefts between January 1 and June 30, 2026. Approximately 2,790 vehicles were stolen, compared to 3,089 over the same period last year, a reduction of 10 percent.

"Keeping families and communities safe is a top priority for our government," said MPP Tangri. "This $300,000 investment will give Peel Regional Police additional tools and resources to combat auto theft, strengthen investigations and disrupt organized crime."

OPP-policed municipalities, municipal and First Nations police services were eligible to apply for the PAT Grant Program, which supports specialized training for police investigators, additional tools and resources such as surveillance equipment, software and GPS tracking devices and public education and awareness campaigns to help police combat and prevent auto theft.

A report by Équité Association states auto theft in Ontario decreased by 8.4 per cent in the first half of this year.

The report, published last month, indicates 8,796 vehicles were stolen in the province in the first half of 2026, compared to 9,601 during the same period last year.

Since 2023, Peel Regional Police has been allocated $1.2 million in funding through the PAT Grant Program.

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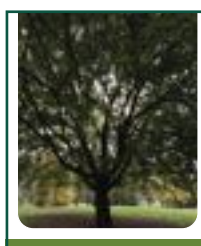
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