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GATHERING TO PRAY: Canada's Transportation Minister, Omar Alghabra (centre) and liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon, Lisa Post (left) joined Imam Yehya Soliman (right) for a prayer last Friday (Sept. 3) at the Muslims of Shelburne Mosque. The prayer was led by Imam Yehya Soliman and attended by many Muslims living in Shelburne and the surrounding area.

Local students share their outlook returning to class

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Summer is out, and school is back in session. Students from grades 9 to 12 gathered outside of Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) on Tuesday (Sept. 7) morning as they awaited the official start of another school year.

"It was really nice to have students back with us in-person," said Adam Rowden, Principal of the local high school. "There's a lot of energy and excitement, and all kinds of hope and optimism that comes with the start of a new school year."

For students and teachers, Tuesday didn't just mark the first day of school, but also the return to learning in the classroom.

"Our staff, I can see the smiles on their faces because they get to see and interact with students," said Rowden. "Our staff went into the teaching profession because they want to work with students and help students. We're going to do that in whatever cir-

cumstance we find ourselves, but being able to see students, talk to them, get feedback from students who are right there in front of you is something that all our staff are looking forward to doing again."

This year marks the third school year affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the difference entering the 2021/22 school year can already be seen.

Where an assembly line of COVID-19 protocols and safety measures were once set up, students wearing masks now freely walk up to the school, sanitize their hands, and make their way to class. While the hallways are still one way, students can now stop at an assigned locker, at lunch time they can eat in the cafeteria, which was closed last year, and the school is waiting on guidance to bring back sports.

"The school year is feeling more like it used to. I think for our senior students in Grade 11 and Grade 12, it will feel a little bit more like they may have experienced in their Grade 9 and 10 years - it should feel a

little bit more normal," said Rowden

Despite returning for the start of another school year out of online learning, when students were asked by the Free Press about how they feel returning, many expressed anxiety about the year ahead.

Two Grade 11 students at CDDHS, Keylisa Lewis and Jaden Leid told the Free Press they are nervous about the in-class curriculum after experiencing online learning.

"It's mostly the subject I'm scared about. The whole COVID thing happened in Grade 9 for me, so I never really had that full high school experience, so we still don't know what to expect, it feels like we're starting all over again," said Leid.

"Grade 11, that's when your marks start to count the most for university and college and that's really terrifying to me," said Lewis.

While happy to be back at school in person, Grade 9 students Hiba Manga and Daylin Parker both said they're still concerned about schools shutting down.

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Suicide Awareness Council launches new campaign

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



SUICIDE AWARENESS COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON-DUFFERIN

The Suicide Awareness Council of Wellington-Dufferin is recognizing World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept. 10) locally this year with the launch of a new campaign.

“World Suicide Prevention Day is a chance to bring the messages behind suicide awareness and prevention to a public audience,” said Heather Glenister, coordinator of the local suicide awareness council. “Suicide is very much stigmatized, it’s not a word that people want to talk about, and it’s not an issue that people want to talk about.”

World Suicide Prevention Day, which is observed on Sept. 10, was first established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (ISAP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The day looks to bring awareness to suicide prevention while also reducing stigma and providing support to grieving families.

This year the theme for World Suicide Prevention Day is Creating Hope Through Action, and the local suicide awareness council have launched a new campaign called RE-CONNECTING: 10 Days 100 Ways.

“We recognize that there’s a lot of fear, anxiety, and burnout right now. It’s challenging times, there’s a lot of stress and stress

can lead to mental health challenges, which can lead to higher risk for suicide,” said Glenister. “What we decided to do was look at protective factors that can help us build resilience and gives us a chance to look at things that make us happy and joyful.”

Since the start of September, the council has encouraged community members to share photos on social media of the numerous ways they reconnect based on 10 themes. The themes chosen by the council include; physical wellness; self; heritage, culture and traditions; community; spirituality; intellect; play; nature; social connection; and emotions.

“By engaging in these, by reconnecting with them in whatever manner or form somebody wants, we hope people can build a resilience so they can handle the stress that we’re experiencing and have been for quite a while. When you have resilience you are likely at less risk for suicide.”

The Suicide Prevention Council of Wellington-Dufferin was started in 1999 and has been doing suicide awareness work in the

region for over 20 years. The council is made up of different organizations and agencies in the community as well as those interested in mental health and suicide awareness and prevention.

While the council doesn’t provide services like a helpline or counselling, they do look to reach people in the community in ways that larger organizations can’t.

“We come together as a collective and look at what are some of the gaps in our community,” said Glenister.

She added that the organization has a number of working groups that look at particular populations and their journey with mental health and suicide prevention. These working groups including seniors and most recently the farming, agriculture and veterinary communities.

According to the Ontario Association for Suicide Prevention an average of around 4,000 Canadians die each year by suicide, which is over 11 people a day.

Glenister said while they raise awareness for suicide, the local prevention council chooses not to focus on the local statistics of suicide.

“The reason I don’t talk into statistics is because they can be interpreted in many ways that are not accurate and it also takes away from the person, they become a number.”

The Suicide Awareness Council of Wellington-Dufferin alongside their campaign are also looking to launch a new website by mid-September to help provide further reaching resources to specific groups in Dufferin County and Wellington.

As part of World Suicide Prevention Day, an invitation is open to the community to light a candle at 8 p.m. on Sept. 10.

Glenister said the candle is a symbol of hope and helps show support to bereaved families and those who struggle with suicidal ideation.

“It lets them know that there are people out there that care about them. Suicide is a conversation that you don’t have to be a professional to help somebody, we all have a part to play, and it’s really about just being empathetic and listening.”

The Suicide Awareness Council of Wellington-Dufferin is encouraging the community to continue sharing their reconnection photos throughout the month of September, as part of the entire Suicide Prevention Month.

Photos can be shared on social media using #sacwd2021 or sending the photo and caption by email to suicidecouncilwd@cmhaww.ca.

Music In The Hills to return in 2022

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Music In The Hills Benefit Concert is coming back for a second year after a successful inaugural event.

The committee dedicated to organizing the concert announced in a press release late last month that Music In The Hills 2022 is being planned for June 24 and will have tickets on sale starting December.

“We are in the process of securing some exciting, Award Winning Canadian artists for this event,” wrote Claire Knight, chair of the Music In The Hills Committee, in an email to the Free Press.

The first Music In The Hills concert was held at the Mansfield Ski Club in Mulmur on June 25, and saw performance from Juno-award-winning musician Jim Cuddy, musician Woody Woodburn and Shelburne’s very own Sohayla Smith.

The drive-in concert raised \$14,933 for Suicide Awareness and Prevention Initiatives in Dufferin County.

For the upcoming 2022 concert the committee says they will be focusing on raising dona-

tions for youth in Dufferin County with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to a local charity which supports youth in the community.

The committee added that they are taking recommendations from the public on where funds are needed most for youth in Dufferin County, which they will vote on Sept. 22.

A new component to the 2022 concert will be the Dufferin Rising Star competition which will kick off the event, allowing local youth ages 5-25 to display their vocal talents to celebrity judges. A vendors market will also be included for businesses to sample and share their products.

Those interested in sponsoring Music in the Hills 2020 are asked to contact the committee as they are working on promoting the event.

Updated details on the concert can be found on the Music In The Hills Mulmur Facebook page and their Instagram account.

Tickets for Music In The Hills 2022 will go on sale on Dec. 1 through Eventbrite and will cost \$50.

For more information about Music In the Hills visit their website at www.musicinthehills.ca.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

CHEQUE DONATION: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin & District were presented with a cheque for \$4,000 from Duncan and Teresa Paterson, at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park on Aug. 25. The donation was raised through the first Natasha Paterson Memorial Golf Tournament, which honours local twelve-year-old Natasha Paterson who passed away in 2015 following a tragic accident. Also on Aug. 25 at the Natasha Paterson Memorial Park, an additional \$4,000 donation was given to the Shelburne Feral Cat Rescue

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“I’m happy I don’t have to stay at home all day, at least I can be more productive at school and to see my friends, but I’m nervous about the school shutting down again. It’s scary because you don’t get to learn properly with remote learning, it’s not the same” said Manga.

Rickey Spence, a Grade 12 student at the

local high school, is currently doing a victory lap before heading off to post-secondary and said the struggle with online learning last year was why he chose to take another year of high school.

While students expressed concerns directly related to school, many said they felt comfortable with the changing protocols.

“We’ve been in this for almost two years now so I feel like we know what to expect now, and most people just adjust,” said Spence.

When asked about preparing for the current school year compared to last year, Principal Rowden said lots has been learned

since the start of the pandemic.

“We learned a lot last year from having students in the building, the biggest is being flexible and responding to changing dynamics. The COVID-19 situation is always changing so we need to adapt and we’ll get through this together in a positive way.”

Correction

In last week’s edition of the Shelburne Free Press, the front page photo noted that the Shelburne Feral Cat Rescue received \$4,000 on Aug. 25 from Duncan and Teresa Paterson who raised the money through this year’s Natasha Paterson Memorial Golf

Tournament. The cutline should have also mentioned that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin & District were presented with a cheque for \$4,000 as well. The Free Press would like to apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

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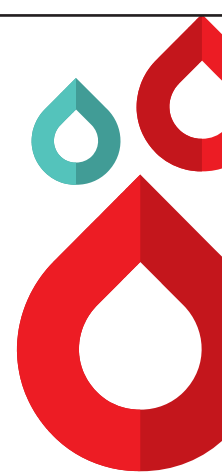


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Dufferin-Caledon candidates share climate change plans

Written By Rob Paul
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The federal election is less than three weeks away with Canadians heading to the polls September 20. MP Candidates in Dufferin-Caledon have been on the campaign trail for the last couple of weeks in preparation.

The Citizen spoke with Dufferin-Caledon MP candidates Kyle Seeback (Conservative), Lisa Post (Liberal), and Jenni Le Forestier (Green) about how Canada can best address the climate crisis at the federal level and why they feel it's important to this community.

The Conservative Party's environmental plan is something Seeback is proud of with a potential levy that would both incentivize Canadians to focus on becoming greener while dissuading them from making non-environmentally-conscious decisions.

"I think we've got a fantastic environmental platform [with] this plan, and something that was talked about when it first came out," he said. "We're going to bring forward a carbon levy—which is on fuels that emit carbon—every dollar that you spend on that levy will go into your personal low carbon savings account which is going to allow you to buy things that will reduce your dependence on carbon emissions. Whether that's a more fuel-efficient vehicle or improvements to your home, this is going to be a great incentive for Canadians to not only try to reduce their own carbon emissions but use that money to reduce their carbon footprint."

Seeback knows it's on Canadians to work together to make a difference, but also points to the Conservative Party's platform incorporating a global aspect to help reduce the carbon footprint, something he doesn't see the other parties prioritizing in the climate change crisis.

"That's a big part of it, but what always gets lost in these conversations about climate change is the fact that the big emitters around the world are not actually doing a lot," he said. "What we're talking about—which we're the only ones talking about it—is moving towards carbon border care. This is going to have the effect of not allowing countries to have very high carbon footprints to send cheap goods into Canada to disrupt our local businesses and industry. By putting forward carbon border tariffs, those goods are going to be subject to a tariff which will do a couple of things.

"Number one, it allows Canadian companies and businesses that are trying to reduce



Jenni Le Forestier (Green Party)

their carbon footprint to be on a more equal playing field, and it's going to encourage other countries to make sure that they take steps towards reducing their carbon emissions. Finally, it's going to add some revenue to the government. We're the only ones talking about that, and I think it's a huge part of the actual global challenge with climate change."

Meanwhile, Post has made it clear that for her and the Liberal Party, dealing with the climate crisis is one of the most important issues going forward. She says major decisions at the federal level must all be viewed with climate change in mind.

"As someone who has been knocking on doors throughout this crazy heat wave, I can tell you climate change is real," she said. "We're beyond the conversation of whether climate change is real, and some of the other parties are still having that debate internally. We're seeing it happen, from the heat waves that we've got, to wildfires in the west, we're seeing the impacts of what the climate crisis is. This isn't just climate change anymore, we're into a complete climate crisis.

"There have already been measures taken federally, like the carbon tax and helping with greener homes grants, and other things to really help Canadians do their part as individuals, but on a broader spectrum, we really need to apply an environmental lens to everything that we do. With infrastructure projects we have to be making sure we're building in a better, more responsible way and the action has to happen now. If there's no action that's happening, we're going to continue to experience even worse weather-related events and disasters."

Looking at the climate crisis through



Lisa Post (Liberal Party)

a more local view, Post wants to be in the House of Commons representing Dufferin-Caledon's best interests because she knows how important the green spaces in the area are to residents.

"All of this has been triggered by the climate change that has been happening; we've been talking about it for a long time and the announcement of all the new federal spending into environmental projects is a key piece but making sure that gets right filtered down into our community is a bigger piece. By having someone on the government side who's advocating for those environmentally responsible dollars to be coming into our infrastructure projects here locally is a big difference. That's a game changer for us here in Dufferin-Caledon, where one of the biggest conversations that I'm having with people at the door is environmental issues because we're forecasted for an unprecedented amount of growth in this area, and we need to make sure that our lands locally are protected and that the growth is happening in a responsible way. We need a strong advocate in Ottawa to make sure that as it's being filtered down into the provincial level and then into the municipal level that the environmental lens is really applied to everything. It's really the only way to make sure that our green space is protected," said Post.

For the Green Party, and Le Forestier, the efforts being made to reduce emissions haven't been near enough and she thinks Canada has dropped the ball in some respects with environmental goals that have been set.

"There are so many things that need to be done and we're not hitting the targets, and we know that," she said. "Canada as a country is way behind where we need to be; we're



Kyle Seeback (Conservative Party)

still talking about 40 per cent, 45 per cent (reduction in emissions from 2005 levels by 2030)—the Green Party platform is 60 per cent, that's the number we need to be striving for. To do that we need to stop infrastructure that we don't need at this time – I've been opposing the (Highway) 413. It's also pretty clear that we need to get off fossil fuels, we need to stop relying on these companies that through the pandemic needed \$70 billion in payouts. There's lots of things we can do locally and there's lots of things that we can do federally to start to get in line with our climate responsibilities as far as the rest of the world is concerned. We're a leading country in so many things, yet, in the climate emergency, we're falling way behind."

As an environmental activist in Caledon, Le Forestier thinks she brings a unique perspective to the decisions both provincially and federally that go into impacting the climate crisis.

"The 407 sits there empty, it's losing money. Why aren't we talking about expropriating a couple of those lanes of that highway, rather than expropriating taxpayers' property to build a mega series highway through prime farmland that won't only cutoff half the community and box them in with sprawl and highways, but it's also putting at risk our last five per cent of farmland. As a taxpayer, I would much rather see money invested in transit, better and safe schools, long-term care that's actually addressing the needs of our community. That's what I would be talking about on the doorstep and federally. The federal government has had to step in and look at these projects because the environmental assessments are not up to snuff—that needs to be addressed in Ottawa as well."

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A hollow victory

It was 1975, and the rooftop of the American embassy in Saigon became a makeshift heliport as Huey choppers landed and loaded up embassy workers and panicked civilians as the North Vietnamese army surrounded the city and put a final end to 20 years of war.

The iconic images of the final moments of the siege show the faces of people desperate to get out of their own country rather than face the wrath of the army from the north.

Those images are now being compared to the situation in Afghanistan as thousands of people descended on the airport in Kabul last week in an attempt to fly out of the country after the Taliban effectively seized control of a good part of the country as the final American troops began to leave.

Many of them have good reason to be scared. If any of them had worked with the American or foreign governments in any capacity, or even the Afghan government, there would be no charges, no explanations, no excuses, just a bullet in the head to end their existence.

U.S. president, Joe Biden, made the proper move to remove American troops. You can't keep them there forever.

What was surprising was how fast the Taliban 'fighters' crawled out of their rats nests to take control of different areas. They were never defeated, they just blended into the regular population and waited for their chance to re-emerge and once again terrorize the population.

The regular Afghan troops, though well-armed and well trained by the Americans, either do not have the will or ability to fight and protect their country, although it has been reported there are pockets of resistance in some areas.

There was a photo this week of the Taliban leadership at the Kabul airport declaring 'complete victory.'

Being back in charge, at gunpoint, is not a victory. Terrorizing your own people is not a victory.

Afghanistan is already a struggling country with a third of its citizens impoverished and experiencing crisis levels of food insecurity. Some sources say the country could

be out of food within a month.

On top of that many state employees have stopped showing up for work placing basic services like electricity under threat.

Not only will Afghans be starving, they'll be doing it in the dark.

You can't blame state employees for leaving. Who wants to show up for your job only to have the muzzle of an AK-47 levelled at your head and be told to 'fix it or else.'

The Taliban have a long list of people they want for working with foreigners. If caught, no doubt their accusers won't wait for anything like a trial or evidence, or even proof that a 'crime' had been committed.

This new generation of Taliban leadership have declared themselves to be more moderate than their predecessors. Give the Taliban's past of torture, abuse of women and girls, mass executions, amputations, public floggings and beatings, does this mean a woman accused of adultery in public will only be shot once in the head in the town square based solely on an accusation by an angry husband or other family member?

There are already reports of Taliban mem-

bers kicking down the doors of homes and demanding access to any girls inside.

The Taliban has taken over a country with no money. Assets have been frozen and are not available.

There will be some foreign aid of course. There is always one country willing to step up and help oppressors.

The real tragedy here, is there are people Afghanistan who are there by birth, who want to live their lives, have a career, raise their families, and enjoy life.

When you are governed and oppressed by people who write your life story for you based on their rigid set of rules, those hopes of a life filled with self-direction, self-determination, and personal freedoms, are over.

The only recourse is to escape. The Taliban claims to have a 'victory', however, history will repeat itself and the oppressors will one day become the oppressed – most likely at the hands of those they now stand side by side with.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Too big to be equal?

Never mind the destruction of the relatively free society of Hong Kong (no emergency airlift like Kabul, but the number of people fleeing Hong Kong may ultimately be larger). Never mind the persecution of the Uyghurs, or the Orwellian surveillance society that the Communist Party is building, or the tens of millions who died in wars, famines and 'cultural revolutions' to bring equality to China.

The Party's fundamental failure is to create a society, after seventy years of absolute power, that is about as unequal as that of the United States. Equality was the goal that allegedly justified all the killing and oppression, but equality is farther away than ever.

Per capita incomes are still much lower in China than in the US, for it only started to develop rapidly about 40 years ago. (In terms of personal living standards, the first three decades of Communist rule were completely wasted.) But since then, the gulf between the rich and the rest has inexorably widened until it now approaches the American standard.

If you take the incomes of the top 20 per cent of the US population and compare them with those of the lowest 20 per cent of American earners, the wealthiest fifth earns 9.4 times more than the poorest fifth. In China, the top fifth earn 10.2 times as much as the bottom fifth.

Drill down and compare the incomes of the top 10% with those of the bottom 10%, and the income differences are even more dramatic. The wealthiest tenth of Chinese

people get 21.5 times more money than the poorest tenth. In the United States it's 18.5 times more.

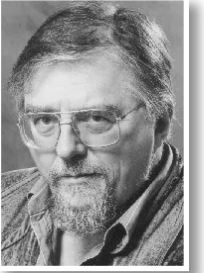
Americans are used to these disparities, and can console themselves with the myth of 'equal opportunity'. (If you're not rich, it's your own fault. You're not trying hard enough.) Chinese people are new to this situation, and the official ideology still says that people should be equal. That's the goal that supposedly justifies the perpetual dictatorship of the Party.

So the grotesque inequality is embarrassing for the Party, and potentially quite dangerous. Back in the days when the Chinese economy was growing at 8-10% a year it could be ignored – a rising tide raises all ships, even the poorest – but the fast-growth era is over. Sooner or later the losers in the race will realise that they have lost permanently.

Last May Premier Li Keqiang revealed that 600 million Chinese citizens (around 40 per cent of the population) earn \$5 a day or less. This is not a good look in a country that has more billionaires (1,058) than the United States, and the Party leadership is not stupid. Something must be done.

That's why President Xi Jinping is talking up a new policy of 'common prosperity' while also imposing stricter censorship and other social controls. The idea is to head off trouble by evening out the grossest inequalities and teaching the highest-flying billionaires a little humility: don't stall the economy, but spread the wealth around a little.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The Party knew this day would come when it first abandoned Communist ideals 40 years ago in order to escape from three decades of no growth. "Let some people get rich first," said Deng Xiaoping, and took the capitalist road. It worked, too, but it brought the usual capitalist inequality in its train.

It's not impossible. Rich capitalist democracies like France, Germany, Canada, and Japan manage to have income gaps between the rich and the rest only about half as big as the US and China. But the very biggest developed countries, China and the US, seem unable to manage it. Maybe it's just a question of size.

Income disparities in the United States

have been widening for 45 years now, with grave social consequences, but being democratic doesn't enable the US to deal with it any better. Instead, American police have been turned into a militarised force that essentially manages the social results of the inequality by force.

In 1970, there were 200,000 people in US prisons; now, there are 2.3 million. More than a quarter of adult Americans (77 million) have a criminal record. What are the odds that the ageing autocrats who rule China will do any better?



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Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to remain alert as students return to school

Students are returning to school this week, which means the return of school buses and student pedestrians. School buses will add to traffic and excited children will be on the sidewalks and crossing streets.

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking all drivers

to be extra careful and observant for children on or near roadways, particularly near school zones. Drivers must obey the directions of school crossing guards, as well as, the flashing lights and stop sign arm of a stopped school bus.

The OPP is reminding drivers when

approaching a stopped school bus, you must stop, or you could face strict penalties. Upon conviction of a first offence, the maximum fine is \$2,000 and six demerit points.

Motorists who fail to stop for a school crossing guard face a fine of \$365 and four demerit points upon conviction.

Please drive safe, remain vigilant and alert. Learn more about how to share the road safely with school buses and the consequences if you don't by visiting <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/school-bus-safety.shtml>

Catalytic converter theft under investigation by Dufferin OPP

Officers from the Dufferin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a theft of a catalytic converter and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

Police received a call for a theft in progress shortly before 4:00 a.m. on Friday (Sept. 3) at a private driveway on 21-22 Sideroad in Grand Valley. The suspect fled the area prior to police arrival however while at scene of this incident, officers received another similar call from a nearby residence for a male who attempted to steal another catalytic converter.

Again, he fled the scene prior to police arrival however this time without the converter as he was confronted by the vehicle owner while he was cutting the exhaust.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 6 foot tall, stocky build and had a beard. He was possibly driving a light-colored Dodge Journey and has a broken side window on the driver's side of the vehicle.

This is the kind of theft that continues to take place and here are a few crime prevention tips:

- Park your vehicle in a location with good lighting
- Install video surveillance
- Vehicles can be parked in a way that makes it harder to access their underside, for example, against a wall or by other lower vehicles.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive

and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful

activity such as this one, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or visit Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com

East Garafraxa Youth injured in ATV collision

A 13-year-old was recently injured during a serious ATV collision.

Officers from Dufferin OPP, along with Dufferin County EMS attended the scene last Tuesday afternoon on County Road 24 in East Garafraxa Township. Officers are currently investigating the collision, which took place on rural property and resulted in an unidentified 13-year-old sustaining non-life-threatening injuries. The individual was airlifted by Air Ornge to a trauma centre.

The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate.

If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/



Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.



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HAY SPILL: Dufferin OPP charged a driver in Shelburne for having an insecure load on Sunday (Sept. 5), when 18 round bales of hay fell off at the busy intersection of County Rd 124 and Highway 89. Fortunately, no one was injured. Dufferin OPP would like to remind drivers to strap

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47. Eaten away
49. Walk in water
52. Lively
54. Drop off
57. Bathroom feature
59. Eccentric
61. Dispense
63. Holiday tune
67. Shine
69. Type of type
70. Harness-racing horse
71. Van Winkle's sound
72. Wacky
74. Mario Van Peebles film
76. Warble
77. Word of greeting
78. Showy display
80. Figure-skating maneuver
82. South American weapon
83. Water jug
86. Great wrath
88. Physician, briefly

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1. Brush's kin
5. On the _____ (in flight)
8. Grassy field
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15. Wings
16. "_____ Which Way You Can"
17. Stale
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19. Grain
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21. Purge
22. _____ Bator
23. Reproductive cells
24. Energetic
26. Hand warmer
27. Watch out!
29. Apart
31. Dripping
32. Just

DOWN

35. Mind
37. Punctuation mark
40. Pokes
42. Parasite
45. Common phrase
46. Sneaker feature
48. Make tea
50. Spasm
51. Mexican entree
53. Of a historic time
55. Actress Merkel
56. Mongolian dwelling
58. Artist's workplace
60. Fix
62. Cowboy's ride
64. Clothes
65. Bristles
66. Simmer
68. One-deity believer
70. 23rd Greek letter
73. Gush

DOWN

75. Cut one's choppers
79. Historical record
81. Useful legume
84. Kind of room, shortly
85. Beguile
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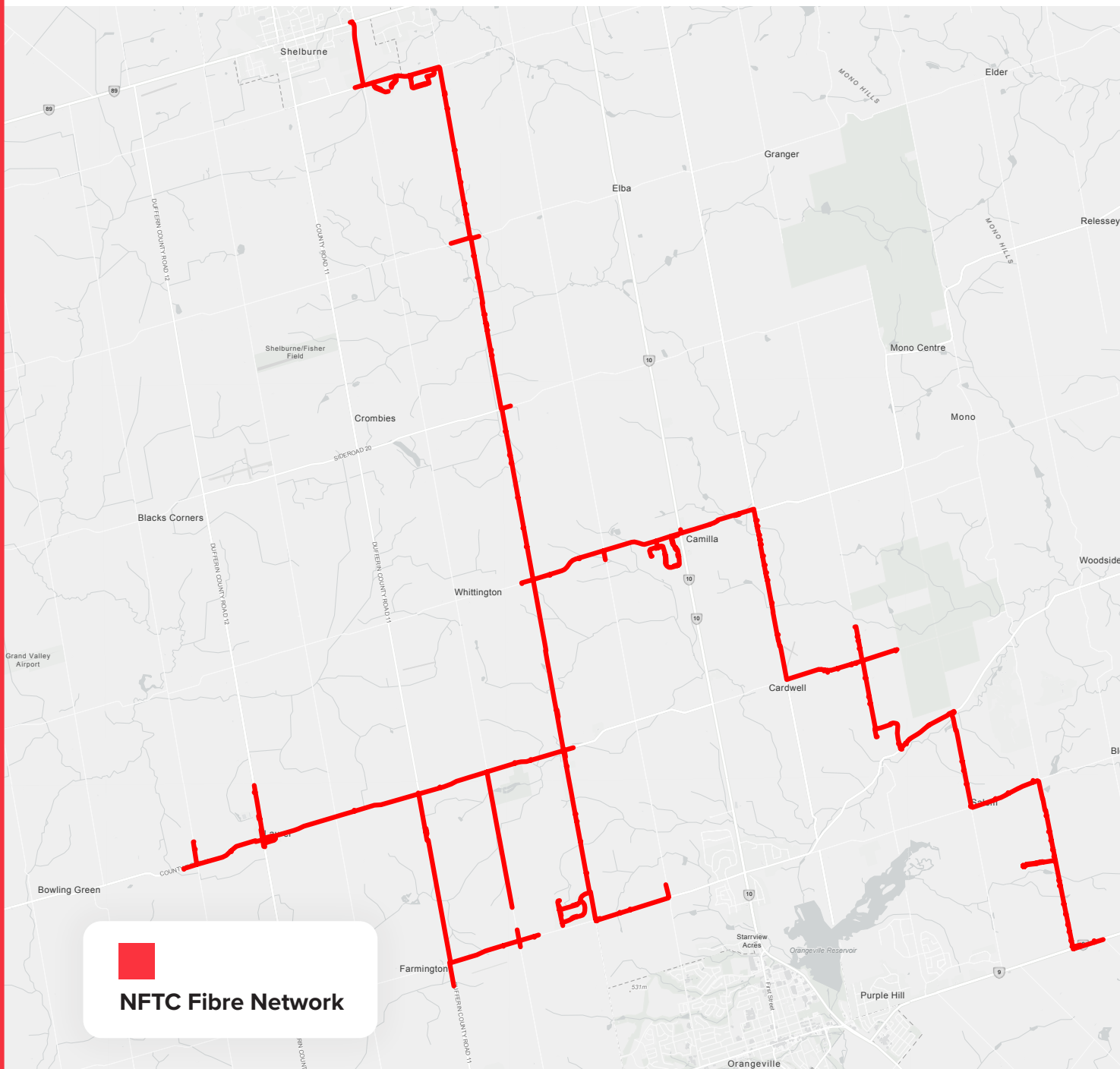
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Local People's Party of Canada candidate shares top priorities

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

With the federal election less than two weeks away, Dufferin-Caledon People's Party of Canada candidate Anthony Zambito shared the focus of his campaign.

The number one issue impacting the local riding and Canada as a whole, according to Zambito, is the provincial and federal government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He's been attending "freedom rallies" in the area since last October, opposing COVID-19 lockdowns, as he's a strong believer in personal responsibility and individual freedom, which are two key pillars of PPC leader, Maxime Bernier's approach to politics.

"Overall, I think that Canadian citizens can make their own choices when it comes to COVID policies," Zambito said. "We're seeing that the lockdowns are causing more harm than good. We've seen that with the increase of the teen suicides. We've seen that with the number of businesses that have been shut down - small businesses."

When it comes to COVID-19 vaccines, Zambito and the PPC take a much different approach than any other political party in Canada.

"Our position is your vaccination history, your medical history, it is between you and



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PPC CANDIDATE: Bolton resident, Anthony Zambito is running under the PPC banner this election, seeking the Dufferin-Caledon seat.

your doctor," he said. "There will be no judgment or discrimination, whether or not you get vaccinated. That's our biggest COVID policy."

A key priority, if elected, would be to allow for a more open conversation to take place around COVID-19 policies, Zambito noted.

"We need to allow for healthy public dialogue to happen in relation to COVID policies, because what we're seeing right now

is really only one side of the story," he remarked.

"For every time a public health official talks about why we need lockdowns, why we vaccine passports, there's an equally qualified expert at the other end of the table who has criticisms ready to go, but they're being silenced in whatever shape or form."

Zambito added that he's concerned about increased government expenditure through the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and other programs, as the federal budget deficit exceeded a record \$315 billion for 20/21, compared to \$39.4 billion in the 19/20 fiscal year.

The rate of inflation in Canada, which just hit its highest level since 2011 at 3.7 per cent, is another area of concern for the PPC.

The level of money printing being carried out to cover the federal government's is forcing Canadians to pay more for less goods and services. This issue primarily impacts middle class homes with large savings accounts, as they lose purchasing power each year.

Zambito said his party has a zero per cent inflation rate target as it will cut money printing and lower government expenditure.

In the 2019 federal election the PPC had a target of eliminating the country's deficit in two years, however with the 20/21 deficit increasing 700 per cent in size year over year,

the goal is now to eliminate it in four years.

"There's a lot of people who think that something like that wouldn't be possible, but we need to remember that Jean Chrétien in the 90s was able to balance the budget in two years, the former liberal Prime Minister, so that's well within our reach," said Zambito.

He noted that polling numbers have been promising. The PPC currently sit ahead of the Green Party with 4.8 per cent of the national vote compared to 3.4 per cent, as of press time.

"I'm hoping that towards the end of the election, we'll be able to overcome the NDP," he remarked. "I'm hoping that we'll kind of awaken the silent majority to see that the PPC can actually win in several ridings, and I wouldn't be surprised in the PPC is able to take up to 10 seats, maybe even more nationwide."

With respect to the campaign trail, Zambito says he's been out knocking on doors, trying to hit every village and hamlet in the region, while also setting up lawn signs, trying to improve PPC visibility among voters.

"My goal is to build a solid foundation so that this campaign can continue long after election day," he said. "If this campaign gets me to Ottawa, I would be thrilled. If it doesn't, then the campaign will continue, and it will continue until Canada becomes free."

Headwaters Art Gallery to host Fall Festival opening event Sept. 16

Written By **Rob Paul**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

This fall, the Headwaters Art Gallery will host its Fall Festival Art Show and Sale, "Raising the Bar," from September 15 to October 3.

The opening event will take place September 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the gallery, located at 1402 Queen Street West in Alton.

This year for the fall show, the gallery challenged artists to submit works created during the unprecedented times of being in solitude and isolation throughout the pandemic.

The exhibition will showcase over 80 works of art by 45 artists and features a diverse and personal selection of differing subject matters in multiple mediums—including oil, water colour, and acrylic paintings; mixed media/collage/mosaic; sculptures; blown glass; ink/

pencil; photography/digital print; silk/fibre art; clay/stoneware; and recycled/handmade paper.

The Fall Festival Show is Headwaters' biggest fundraising event, and the official opening event will have live music and entertainment, juror and student award presentations, a Meet the Artists opportunity, art for sale, and the chance to enjoy local foods and beverages all outdoors underneath the newly tented Annex Courtyard.

"The Headwaters Art Gallery flagship event is our fall festival, which is September 15 to October 3," said Sue Powell, Headwaters Art board member and Marketing Chair. "It's a keystone event for us and it's a huge fundraiser, but then we also have the opening event with it and because the new tent [allows] us to have even more opportunity to

have people gather. We'll have a bar outside at the tent for people to go back and forth to see the work and have a drink. We're really excited we're able to go forward with it."

The event will be juried by oil painter Olaf Schneider and curated by Regan Jane Hayward.

"Raising the Bar exhibition offers artwork fully motivated by our artist's contemplations and new directions spurred on by COVID-19 impacts," said Regan, Headwater Arts curator, and Gallery Committee Chair. "This show reflects visual expressions on all kinds of different levels, mirroring the global pandemic experience we all relate to."

Many of the artists who have submitted works for the event, which focused on the emotional depth of everything that has been going on for more than a year.

"I am a retired physician, trained to think," said painter Anne Smythe. "Across the pandemic, I challenged myself to break free from my own rules, plans, and expectations for my art."

"I was incredibly inspired by the struggle for hopefulness during the pandemic, shared by so many—the roller coaster of emotion that is the human journey through chaos into light," said painter Nancy McNabb.

All 80-plus works will be on display inside the Headwaters Art Gallery and throughout the Alton Mill Art Centre until October 3 with COVID-19 protocols in place.

Tickets for the event are \$35 each and will include one bar ticket, refreshments, and live entertainment. Visit headwaterarts.com to view works that are in the show and to purchase a ticket to the opening event.

Ontario rolls out vaccine passport for certain 'non-essential' businesses

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario government will soon require people to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings.

The province announced last Wednesday (Sept. 1) that as of Sept. 22 Ontarians will need to show proof of full vaccination (two doses plus 14 days), and photo identification to access a number of non-essential businesses and restaurants.

Premier Doug Ford, who previously said the vaccine passport would create a "split society", said at the conference on Sept. 1 that the certificate is necessary to avoid further lockdowns and the spread of the COVID-19 virus, as the province continues to face the delta variant and a fourth wave.

"After in-depth discussions with our medical experts we've landed on a vaccine certificate policy that is based on evidence and the best advice," said Ford.

The vaccine certificate policy is focused on higher risk in-door settings where face coverings cannot always be worn. Businesses that will require vaccination proof include sporting events and facilities, casinos, bingo halls, concert venues, theatres, cinemas, banquet halls and conference centres, night-clubs, and restaurants (excluding outdoor

patios and takeout/delivery).

The province said the vaccine certificate will not be necessary at retail stores, banks, salons and barbershops, places of worship, and youth sporting venues. It will also not be required to receive medical care, access other essential services, or workplaces.

"The venues that we have chosen are responsive to the risk that we've found in Ontario," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Medical Officer of Health. "If the risk increase in other venues we can add and implement additional measure to protect Ontarians."

Those who cannot receive a vaccine due to a medical exemption will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be joined as part of the digital vaccine certificate. Children under the age of 12 will also be exempted.

As the province works to introduce a digital vaccine certificate by October 22, residents are able to use paper printed or PDF vaccine receipts with relevant information to prove they are fully vaccinated.

Residents will need to show their vaccination receipt when entering alongside photo

identification including a driver's license or health card.

By the end of October, the province is looking to have a digital vaccine receipt which features a QR code that can be kept on your phone. A new app is also being launched for businesses that can scan and verify the receipt with a checkmark or "X" to confirm vaccination status.

Businesses and facilities will begin requiring proof of vaccination starting Sept. 22.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Ranch Wake Park holds Ontario Championships, nationals to be held locally

Written By Robert Belardi

Spray Lake Watersports held the final event of the Ontario Wake Provincial Wakeboarding Championships over the August 28 and 29 weekend.

The national championships are being held locally, in Shelburne at the end of next week, from Sept. 17 to 19.

In the fourth run of an Ontario series this summer, Spray Lake saw 80 competitors show up on their doorstep, making this one of the largest provincial championships ever held in the sport.

Wakeboarding, a sport that might not be one of the most popular to invest your time and money into, began to gain a lot of traction in 1998 when co-chair of Wake Sports Canada, Steve Jarrett began Wakestock.

"There were events like a wakeboarding festival that we began in 1998 – in the early years of the sport of wakeboarding – and it helped promote the phenomenal growth of wakeboarding," Jarrett said.

"It was a sports festival that attracted tens of thousands for about 16 years. In the board sports scene, it was a big deal. It ended up being one of the biggest wakeboarding events in the world."

Since the start of the pandemic, many citizens in various age groups, have taken an interest in board sports. Being outdoors, it was a comfortable way to enjoy something new.

And with King City being the host of one of the largest provincial events in the sport, this is not only a stepping stone for the



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town, but also for Spray Lake Watersports and their co-founders Scott and Jono Boyesen.

"We are excited with the return of competitions after a year off during the pandemic; we look forward to the coming years hosting more provincial and national tournaments for wakeboarding and waterskiing. We provide an ideal venue for hosting and really want to continue the growth and start working with more local partners for accommodations," Jono said.

If any local partners should be interested, they would in fact be collaborating with a world class facility.

"The venue is two-in-one, in respect to the Ranch Wake Park has a wakeboarding cable. It highlights one part of the sport pulled by a cable. Then it has Spray Lake, that is a boat lake, and it highlights the part of wakeboarding pulled by the boat," Jarrett said.

"It's a unique facility that has both a wake park cable facility and also has a wakeboard boat facility. There are not too many facilities that offer both. It's one of our premiere facilities in Canada. It was one of the very first cable wakeboarding cable installations in Ontario. It's gotten a long-standing reputation. It's been around longer than

any place. Wakeboarding is still growing and for folks in King City and Newmarket area, I don't think people realize they have a world class facility right in their backyard."

Local athletes who participated in the competition made quite the name for themselves.

Newmarket native Riley Dillion won the Open Men Wakeboard Cable Park Event.

King Township native Austin Farr won the Open Men Wakeskate Boat event and placed 2nd in the Open Men Wakeskate Cable Park event.

In the U9 group, King Township natives Dexter and Damian McCCasey finished second and third in the cable competition.

Over the weekend, The Ranch Wake Park saw a variety of ages participate, from boys and girls under nine years old all the way to participants over the age of 40 (known as Immortals).

"Ontario actually has some of the best top ranked wake boarding athletes in the world," Jarrett said. "It was cool to see them all there together at this Provincial Championships. The new up and coming younger kids competing against some of the top ranked athletes who have been there for a while, we're seeing a new growth at the top level and at the entry level."

There is a world championship being held in Florida later this month. Jarrett said he doesn't think anyone will be comfortable with travel and will not attend.

For all results, head to Ontariowake's Instagram handle.

Ontario Junior Hockey League unveils 2021/22 regular season schedule

Written By Brian Lockhart

Fans of junior hockey in the province will be pleased to hear that the Ontario Junior Hockey League has release its regular season schedule for the 2021 / 22 season.

The OJHL's 2020/21 regular season and all but the first round of the League's 2020 Buckland Cup playoffs were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, the season will be delayed, however the league is anticipating an October 1 start, with 18 of the OJHL's regular 22 teams in action.

Unfortunately for the Buffalo Jr. Sabres, pandemic restrictions on cross-border traffic means the New York team's leave of absence from the League will be extended by another year. The Jr. Sabres are the only U.S. team in the League.

Three teams have changed locations this year.

The Whitby Fury have moved to Haliburton where they will now be known as the Haliburton County Huskies. The Brampton Admirals are now based out of the Mayfield Recreation Centre in Caledon, and the Burlington Cougars have moved to Burlington Central Arena.

The season will consist of 567 games this year. Each club will play a 54-game regular schedule with 26 home games, 26 away games, and two games for the Governor's

Showcase.

Opening games for October 1, are scheduled to take place in Collingwood, Cobourg, Aurora, Burlington, Milton, Lindsay, St. Michael's (Toronto), Wellington, and Trenton.

In addition, the OJHL All-Star Celebration weekend will be played on January 14 – 15, in Collingwood.

The 2022 Centennial Cup – the National Junior 'A' Championship will be played in Estevan, Saskatchewan from May 20 – 29.

NDBL completes first round of senior playoffs

Written By Brian Lockhart

The North Dufferin Baseball League senior division is moving into the second round of playoffs after completing the first round during the final week of August.

There were no big upsets in the first round as all the top-seed teams managed to advance but there was still a lot of exciting action on the diamond as none of the teams let up.

The series was a best-of-three competition with the first team to win two games advancing to the next round.

Only the top eight team in the NDBL standings made it to the playoffs this year. The Clarksburg Blues, Lisle Astros, and Bolton Dodgers failed to qualify for a playoff berth.

The first place Bolton Brewers dispatched the eighth place Mansfield Cubs in two games in their series.

The Brewers took an 8-2 win in game one, then followed up with an 10-0 shutout in the second game.

The second place New Lowell Knights were up against the seventh place Ivy Leafs in their series.

After a tight 3-2 win in game one, the Knights capped the series with a 14-0 shutout in the second game to advance.

In the third series, the third place Creemore Padres faced the sixth place Midland Mariners.

That series went three games with the Padres taking game one, 4-1, and the Mariners responding in game two with a 4-2 win.

The final game had Creemore come out ahead with a 9-4.

The fourth series pitted the Barrie Angels against the Clearview Orioles. Both teams entered the series with identical 5-4 records and 11 points.

Barrie squeezed out a one-run win in game one winning 8-7. The Orioles tied the series with a 1-0 in game two.

Barrie earned the right to advance after winning 3-1 in game three.

The four remaining teams will now advance to the second round of playoffs scheduled to get underway on September 8 – 15.

The championship series will be a best-of-five series slated to get underway on September 18.

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Local candidates explain why they're the right fit for Dufferin-Caledon

Written By **Rob Paul**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For more than two weeks, Dufferin-Caledon MP candidates have been campaigning as they work through the community with the September 20 federal election approaching rapidly.

Candidates have been door knocking to listen to residents' concerns while letting them know what their key priorities are if elected.

The Citizen spoke with Dufferin-Caledon MP candidates Kyle Seeback (Conservative), Lisa Post (Liberal), and Jenni Le Forestier (Green) about how the campaigning process has been going and why they each think they're the right fit to represent Dufferin-Caledon in Ottawa.

As the incumbent in Dufferin-Caledon — and previously the MP for Brampton West — Seeback is a veteran of the campaign trail and leans on his proven track record as to why he's the right person to for the community to elect.

"It's going really well, we have a pretty big team here," he said. "I think we've hit close to 15,000 or 16,000 doors already and we're working very hard at hearing the concerns of the residents of Dufferin-Caledon and that's part of what I've done as a member of parliament here. I made several promises in the campaign of 2019, and I've kept every single one of them. I said I would hold four town halls a year, I did that—even in COVID I did that as we moved to virtual town halls. I set up mobile offices before COVID hit, where we would drive to different parts of the community and set up a mobile office for the day so people could receive services. I also said I would ask my constituents how I should

vote on certain issues, and I sent out dozens of mailings asking constituents how I should vote on certain bills. I really truly believe in representative democracy; it's really hard to be that representative and that's exactly the same thing I'm going to do if I'm re-elected."

Seeback points to his familiarity with the concerns of Dufferin-Caledon residents and his years of experience in Ottawa as another reason he is ready to continue to represent the people of the area.

"It's very important because it's a job that takes a lot of on-the-job learning," he said. "Once you know how to perform the job, you're able to perform the job much better, whether that's being able to get a minister to look into a certain matter, pressuring the government on certain things like rural internet or support for small businesses. I have the experience; I've been doing it now for a long time and have been quite effective at it."

Though this is her first time running in a federal election, Post has spent the last three years on the Orangeville Town Council and thinks her time in municipal government gives her a different way of looking at the needs for Dufferin-Caledon.

"Things have been really good," she said. "Running at a federal level is unique. This is my third campaign, but two of them were at a municipal level. At a federal level, it's interesting because partisan politics can be so polarizing for some people and that makes the conversations at the door a little more difficult. Within every 30 minutes I'm having a complete rollercoaster of emotions, but then I just go knock on another door and talk to someone who can tell me that CERB made the difference for them having a home or putting food on the table for their children,

and I remember why I'm there. This whole campaign is not about me, it's not about Justin Trudeau, it's not about political parties, it's not about any of that. It's about our community and making sure that our community has what it needs to thrive and that every person in this community has what they need to thrive. Keeping having those conversations and continuing to talk to the community, I know I'm here for the right reasons and I know that I'm the right candidate for this job."

Post takes pride in the fact that she was born and raised in the Dufferin-Caledon community and shares the same point of view as the residents she hopes to represent in the House of Commons.

"Being in the municipal world has given me a very unique perspective on how this riding works, how the growth works, and how all the different provincial and federal policies impact what happens in our community at a grassroots level," she said. "Beyond that, I was born in Orangeville, and this is my home and my community. I'm four or five generations deep here in this area—my dad and grandfather were from Caledon Village and integrated to Orangeville. This is my home and I've seen it go from farm fields everywhere to what it is today."

"I really want to be a part in making sure that next phase of growth happens because we're in a really integral part and pivotal point for Dufferin-Caledon as we look at the provincial growth. Caledon is forecasted to grow from 70,000 to almost 300,000, and that's crazy. I want to make sure that someone has their [finger] on the pulse and really understands what this community needs in all different sectors. We're such a unique rid-

ing from urban centres all the way to small hamlets right into rural farming country. Every person needs a voice in what's going to happen with our growth and having been from this area for so long gives me a unique community perspective on it."

In her first campaign, Le Forestier is embracing every second she can to get to know community members and hear their concerns.

"I'm loving this," she said. "I love meeting all the members of the community and it's been great. We have a huge riding so going to all the different communities has been great. We've been doing sign waves in the morning, and I think that's really being appreciated."

Le Forestier is focused on sharing with the community that there's a different option when they head to the polls, an option she says is prioritizing the impact the climate crisis will have on the Dufferin-Caledon community.

"It's about getting the word out that there's an alternative," she said. "It's about letting people know there's someone here that's been fighting for the climate emergency this entire pandemic while our concerns have not been reflected—I want to really bring those issues to the doorstep. I'm here to talk to people about it and hear where they're at as well. We've all been locked down for 18 months and it's really important to communicate with the public about what they're concerned about and what we're concerned about, as well as what the way forward should be. The focus of our campaign is that it's a better path, and that's what I'm offering. It's been really great to have conversations and talk to people about our path."

Smile Cookie Campaign returns to Shelburne Tim Hortons next week

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign is back for 2021 and this year the owners of the franchise in Shelburne are hoping to make a big splash in donations.

Local Shelburne Tim Hortons restaurant owners John and Meagan announced they will be raising funds through the smile campaign and donating one hundred per cent of the proceeds to the Shelburne Rotary Club to help with the Shelburne Splash Pad.

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Orangeville: 12 (Active cases)

Shelburne: 3 (Active cases)

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