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MUSICAL FUN AT THE FAIR – Hailey and Sophie are pictured at the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society's 167th annual Fall Fair prior to their Lip Sync Battle where they performed The Duck Song. For full coverage of this past weekend's fun, please see Pages B2 & B3. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

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Integrity Commissioner finds Code of Conduct breach by Councillor Sheen

Sheen to donate pay to Kids Help Phone

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Councillor Dave Sheen faced two Integrity Commissioner Reports due to Code of Conduct Complaints at the Town of Caledon General Com-

mittee Meeting on September 23, resulting in a loss of pay for 15 days.

Councillor Sheen has moved to donate his withheld pay for the 15 days to the charity Kids Help Phone.

"While I'm disappointed in the outcome of the Integrity Commissioner's investigation, I'm relieved that this lengthy process has concluded. Ironically, the very concern I raised on May 20 – how Strong Mayor powers might affect municipal staff – has now received much greater attention through this process. Beyond that, the broader issues raised

during this investigation have shone a light on the overall accountability process, which I believe is also an important conversation for our community to have," shared Councillor Sheen to the Citizen.

Mayor Annette Groves and Caledon CAO Nathan Hyde filed the complaints.

The complaints were regarding comments made by Councillor Sheen at the May 20 Council meeting regarding the issuance of a Fill Permit for 0 Shaw's Creek Road.

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"This is worth defending" – Community gathers in support of "Swan Lake"



Keirstyn Parfitt is pictured wearing a "Save Swan Lake" hat. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

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Residents and community members gathered at Belain Farms in Belfountain for a "community engagement event" regarding "Swan Lake."

The issue of "Swan Lake," has been topical in Caledon for months, beginning with a motion tabled by Mayor Annette Groves in May.

The motion would authorize a grading agreement allowing fill to be brought in to rehabilitate an aggregate pit at 0 Shaw's Creek Road, now affectionately known as "Swan Lake" by the community.

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Humber River Centre Incubator launches with first cohort of local entrepreneurs

BY RILEY MURPHY
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INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Humber River Centre Incubator Program, powered by DMZ, welcomed its first 15 local entrepreneurs this past week at the program's launch day.

This initiative was first announced to enhance innovation, foster entrepreneurship, and support local economic vitality through targeted programming, mentorship, and resource development.

"This is the first time Caledon has delivered a structured incubator program, marking a milestone in the Town's commitment to entrepreneurship and local business growth," shared the Town of Caledon.

The program is hosted in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University's DMZ.

"By investing in small businesses through partnerships with global leaders like DMZ, Caledon is positioning itself as a hub for innovation, jobs, and helping create a resilient local economy," says the Town of Caledon.

The 12-week program aims to help entrepreneurs identify what's going well for them, identify challenges, and then build on that to ensure they can utilize DMZ resources to drive growth.

During the opening session, participants took part in various workshops and goal-setting exercises.

Entrepreneurs were also able to take headshots and "intro" videos.



Founders were able to film introductory videos.

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DMZ Program Lead, Darren Shivraj, shared that the day was incredibly "exciting" as they were able to meet with founders to go over the three-month program.

"Most importantly, showing them more about the ecosystem and all of the different advisors that the DMZ has, and how they're going to be able to get that tailored one-on-one support through the actual program," explained Shivraj.

He shared they did this in combination with the Town of Caledon to "get a good understanding of what the founders in this landscape need," as well as "meeting with founders all throughout the last six months to be able to understand how we do program design, that's very intentional."

A large part of the orientation, he said, was not only familiarizing founders with the Town of Caledon Staff and DMZ staff, but also with each other.

Shivraj shared this is important so that they can get to know who they'll be working with for three months and beyond.

"Ultimately, these programs, it's not just what happens in the first three months. It's 'where are they a year from now?' Because we really do focus on longevity."

Founders will meet with various professionals throughout the months to help build a variety of tools and skills.

Shivraj shared that they ask themselves, "how do we help these founders connect with the right people that are going to help them overcome whatever challenges they face?"

"Oftentimes, you're so busy working in your business that you don't work on it. We want to help them, whether it's with technology, how they can outsource things; whatever it might be, we want to help them just grow their business and overcome those challenges," says Shivraj.

He shared their values: founders first, equity over everything, and for everybody to be great.

Shivraj says that the program is for everyone, whether their business is just an idea or is up and operating.

"No matter how early you are or how far you are, there's room for you at the Humber River Centre," he says.

This rings true for the vast variety of founders in the current cohort.

Keleigh McCall is just beginning her business, Worldvyou AI, or specifically "Life-Maxing".

Growing up struggling with mental health, McCall said she found there was "no good [personal development] system that you could carry around in your pocket and have with you every single day for execution."

Her solution is her product, Life-Maxing,

an app focused on personal development that helps clarify goals and vision, then provides simple solutions.

"I've made more progress in the last three months already with DMZ and Town of Caledon by having them work with me than I would have made in a year without them," says McCall.

They helped her not only refine her idea but also apply for the program.

She shared that not only do they help her with step-by-step advice, but they also validate her progress.

McCall says the program has already been a significant benefit in terms of clarity.

"I felt so much more confident as an entrepreneur, and I'm able to articulate what I'm doing much better," she says. "A year ago, I was struggling with mental health, feeling like I didn't have any direction, and just left my job and didn't know what I wanted to do next. But now, in just a year, these are proof points, and it's like, 'Oh, you're really building this business,'" she says, referencing the launch day of the program.

When Lorena Spallino first joined the program, her business, "On the Loose Travel Industry Tools," which provides digital marketing tools, had one to two clients.

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Culture Days kicks off with municipal flag raising

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Culture Days in the Town of Caledon is officially underway, and the celebration was marked by a flag raising and a performance by violinist Burcin Yilmaz.

Culture Days is a celebration of arts, culture and heritage running from September 19 to October 12 across Caledon.

The event will feature more than 50 free activities for the community to enjoy, offering the opportunity to discover Caledon's artists, creators, performers, and more.

"Culture Days is more [than] about entertainment. It's about celebrating the people, traditions and creativity that make Caledon such a place to live," shared Regional Councillor Early at the event.

Given the number of events, she shared that there is truly something for everyone.

She shared that by offering numerous free cultural experiences, they're encouraging community spirit and showcasing some of the many reasons Caledon is such a great place to live and visit, in addition to providing the community with meaningful ways to connect with the arts and celebrate Caledon's talented artistic community.

"Culture Day exists as a catalyst that connects individuals and creators, eliminates barriers, and stimulates understanding, appreciation, and exploration of arts, culture, and heritage so that every individual in the country has a deeper connection with themselves, their community, and Canada," Councillor Early said.

The flag was then raised, signifying the beginning of weeks of fun, passion, and creativity here in Caledon.

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CHARGES LAID AFTER "FABRICATED" CARJACKING INVESTIGATION

Members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges against five individuals following an investigation into a carjacking.

"In the early hours of September 9, 2025, officers from the Caledon OPP received a report of a carjacking in the area of Old School Road and Heritage Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "It was alleged that four suspects, two of whom were armed with handguns, stole the complainant's vehicle by force and fled the area."

"Detectives from the Caledon Major Crime Unit (MCU) assisted with the investigation which ultimately revealed the complainant fabricated the report of the carjacking in a fraud scheme alongside four other individuals."

As a result of the investigation, five in-

dividuals were arrested and charged.

A 17-year-old from Brampton was charged with:

- Fraud over \$5000

Apkarn Singh, 22, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Fraud over \$5000

Lakshay Sharma, 21, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Fraud over \$5000

Sehajpreet Sandhu, 21, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Public Mischief
- Fraud over \$5000
- Obstruct Peace Officer

Gurkarn Singh, 21, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Public Mischief
- Fraud over \$5000
- Obstruct Peace Officer

The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date to answer to their charge(s).

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information about suspected unlawful activity to Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

SERIOUS COLLISION INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious collision on Albion Vaughan Road.

"On September 21, 2025, shortly at approximately 2:35 a.m., officers responded to a single vehicle collision involving a motor vehicle on Albion Vaughan Road near Queensgate Boulevard, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "One occupant of the motor vehicle, a 24-year-old from Tottenham, was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries."

Albion Vaughan Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision investigators and reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked

to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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

IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual following a RIDE program.

"On August 30, 2025, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Caledon OPP conducted a traffic stop upon a vehicle who travelled through a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program in the area of Mayfield Road and Dixie Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Officers investigated and formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

As a result, Dimitar Gagov, 59, of Mississauga, was charged with:

- Driving while under suspension;
- Drive motor vehicle with liquor readily available;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 16, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

Additionally, the driver's vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days, and their driver's licence suspended for a period of 90 days.

"RIDE programs are conducted 24/7 throughout the year, not just during the holiday season. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may save a life."

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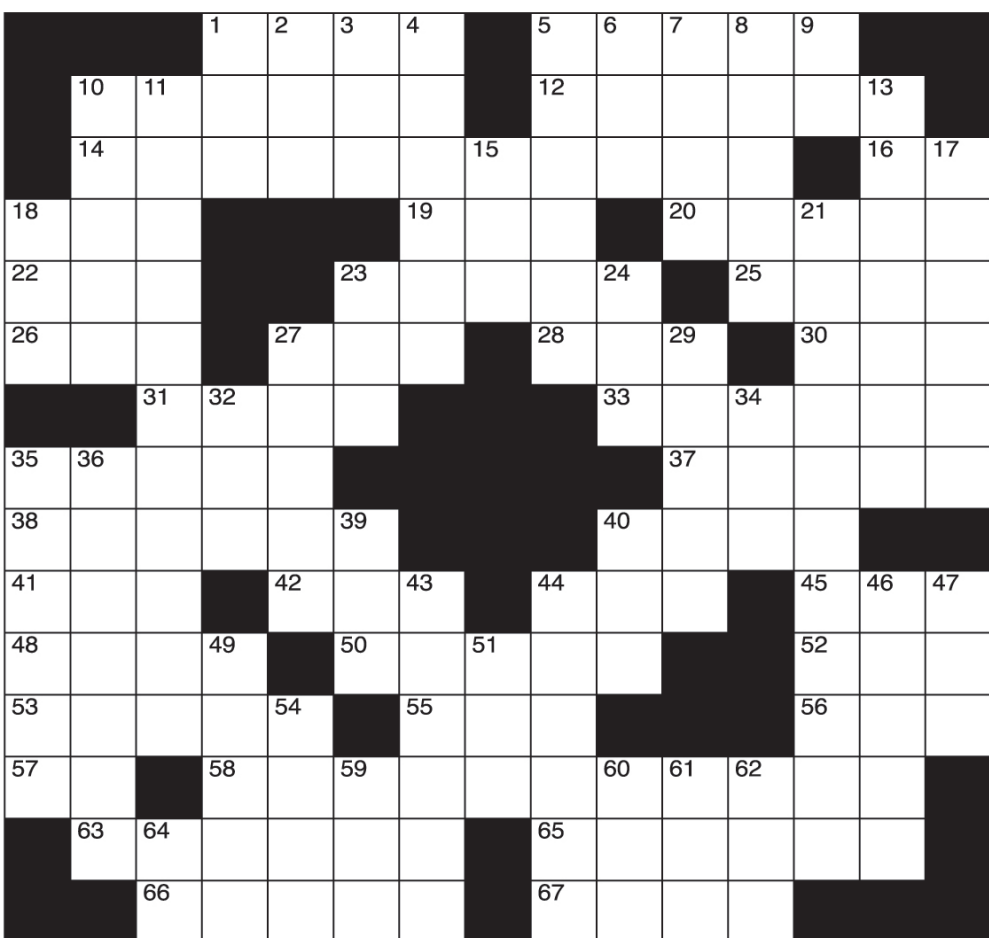
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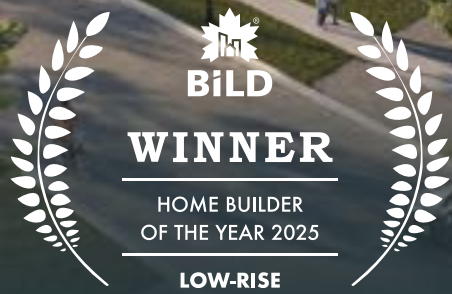
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Student-led gardens flourishing across Caledon Public Schools

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Macville Public School students are celebrating their harvest this fall after three successful years of a student-led vegetable garden project.

It has been three years since the Peel District School Board (PDSB) vegetable garden project began in Caledon public schools.

Three years ago, Trustee Stan Cameron had “a vision of helping to organize a vegetable garden on the site of all 16 Caledon Public Schools.”

Supported by Director of Education Rashmi Swarup, Cameron shared, “Here we are three years later.”

Cameron said this initiative was made possible due to the staff, families, and community partners.

Students themselves from surrounding schools built the new raised garden beds.

Cameron said he knew this project would need a team of people to “help move it forward.” This team included Outdoor Education Coordinator Rob Ridley and two of his staff members, Karen Hutchinson, Manager of the Albion Hills Community Farm, and himself.

“We became the team of five who lead a team of 16 schools, which turned into almost 50 school vegetable garden champions,” said Cameron.

“Starting with no budget and having this kind of community support helps our students and schools measurably. Those supports represent models of kindness. We are all part of the village that it took to help make this happen,” said Cameron.

Macville Public School had a garden previously to this initiative, and Principal Robert Gardner shared that Cameron’s “vision was to carry on what was already happening at Macville in terms of students learning about the land, learning about gardening, learning



Robert Gardner and Charlene Brown are pictured with participating students.

PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

about sustainability and to take that even further and also bring families in.”

The students at the school complete a significant portion of their curriculum through the garden, shared Gardner.

But over the summer, while students are away, parents step in to ensure the gardens stay alive and well.

“It’s a really nice community connection because there’s so many people that go into making it happen,” said Gardner.

Gardner said the “local community is very much a farming community,” and multiple families in their school are involved in growing.

“We have so much land that we can teach this,” he says.

He also shared that Macville offers a Science and Technology program, where a significant portion of the curriculum and opportuni-

ties focus on biodiversity.

Macville School Council Co-Chair Charlene Brown has played a significant role in the initiative.

She began to think of the initiative at the same time as Cameron, as the in-ground gardens in schools had limited accessibility to wheelchair users.

“For me personally, knowing how to grow already and knowing how to preserve the things that I do grow, it was just overwhelming to be able to teach other people. It was exciting. And to be a part of it with the children is amazing because, let’s face it, the world’s not getting easier,” said Brown.

“As a parent, I’m very grateful that we’re able to come in and do this. It’s like Stan [Cameron] opened up this whole world,” she says.

She shared she would love to see all the children grow up and have access to this “special information,” as she says it will help them for years to come.

In the summer, Brown works to keep the gardens thriving and even installed a weed barrier to help other families care for the plants.

In the current garden, the two estimate there to be around 200 potatoes ready for harvest.

Gardner said with six families participating over the summer, it truly becomes a learning experience for all.

“Even if we didn’t have all their children at the school, that parent’s going to teach their child how to do it. It’s just going to be a ripple effect all the way down the line, no matter what,” added Brown.

Gardner noted that through this initiative, a “real interest in gardening” has emerged from the students.

The most significant impact, he shared, has been on their Eco Team.

The team is composed of students in Grades Six, Seven, and Eight, and handles more of the challenging aspects of the gardens, as well as supporting younger students with their tasks.

“They’re learning about the wider issues around sustainability,” said Gardner.

He shared there’s a large variety of gardens at the back of the school, where these students

implement their learning, with aspects such as native species versus invasive species, as well as pollinator gardens.

“We’re fully involved and supportive because it’s such a good thing that they’re doing,” says Brown.

Brown shares that she also looks forward to the kids learning how to preserve the crops that they worked so hard to grow.

“One of the greatest things in teaching is inquiry-based learning,” says Gardner. “A lot of our students, they’ve noticed the overflowing gardens and realized that we’re losing some crops for a variety of reasons. One of the kids’ next steps is to build some trellises so that we can go up, build some supports for the plants that we’ve got that expand beyond the gardens.”

Gardner says in the future, they also look forward to “making even more connections with our Indigenous knowledge partners in terms of learning from ancient wisdom and exploring how we can teach kids more about Indigenous knowledge through land-based learning.”

Kids involved with the initiative gathered around their hard work and shared some of their favourite parts of working on the project.

12-year-old Aarav Bajoria earned \$1,000 to increase biodiversity with their gardens around the school, thanks to the project he did in collaboration with others for the Young Reporters for the Environment challenge.

Other students shared benefits, such as being able to “reap the rewards” of their work, as well as the enjoyment of caring for and watering the garden.

Nine-year-old Ethan shared that gardening is “a lot more” than what he thought it was, but it was “a lot of fun.”

13-year-old Jiya Patel wrote a poem about the project.

She shared that she wrote it because she loves the garden and nature, which brings her happiness.

As the students, staff, and families enjoy the harvest season, they can certainly look forward to countless more years of learning and growing.

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Belfountain Bicentennial just around the corner: Here's what you need to know

BY RILEY MURPHY
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The Belfountain Heritage Society has been working for months to prepare a day of fun celebrating Belfountain's 200th Birthday and history.

Sarah Bohan, President, Belfountain Heritage Society & Chair, Belfountain Bicentennial Committee, said the bicentennial is a "great way that the Region of Peel, Town of Caledon, and the community can come together to deliver a phenomenal celebration."

The day will go from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with parades, live music, and ceremonies in between.

While celebrations are underway, road closures will be in effect on Bush Street and Mississauga Road off of Woodland Ct.

They will be closed from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., so be sure to plan ahead of time.

Free shuttles will run throughout the event, starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until 6 p.m., with service provided as needed.

The free parking and shuttle service will operate from the Caledon Ski Club's West Lodge, located at 17431 Mississauga

Road.

The parade will begin shortly after the event starts at 11 am.

It will feature the Sandhill Pipes & Drums Band, the 2nd York Militia & Canadian Volunteers of 1812 re-enactment company, horses, vintage cars, the Erin Air Cadets, and more.

Those in attendance are encouraged to arrive and dress in vintage or heritage attire.

Those interested in participating in the parade must pre-register at www.belfountain-heritage.com/parade-sign-up#registration.

Following the parade will be the opening ceremonies, during which a commemorative statue unveiling will take place, as well as the unveiling of a historical plaque from the Town of Caledon.

During the opening ceremony, guests will be invited to view the community garden and Indigenous placemaking feature in Belfountain.

This project involved collaboration with the Belfountain Heritage Society partner with the Region of Peel consulted with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations and the Town of Caledon to create this

healing garden.

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations provided ideas on traditional plantings and a planter.

The canoe is made of cedar, and inside are traditional indigenous plants.

The MCFN logo and reference to the Ajetance Treaty #19, 1818 – the words "As Long as the River Flows" – is an expression used in early treaties to suggest a relationship that will last forever, or as long as the river flows or grass grows.

Following the opening ceremony, live music will begin at 12:45 p.m.

This will feature MAXIMUM 60s and Golden Country Classics Band.

Historical re-enactments will begin at Foresters Park at 1.30 p.m. and run until 4.30 p.m.

This will include battle re-enactments, mini-militia, and musket demonstrations.

Also featured at the event will be a scavenger hunt, Heritage Art Show and displays, and a Vendors' Market. There will also be free horse-drawn wagon rides.

Donuts will be supplied from Downey's Farm, and apples and apple cider from Spirit Tree Estate Cidery.

Brar's in Erin Mills will be supplying

samosas.

For this day only, everyone will be a "Belfountain Resident", and can enter Credit Valley Conservation's Belfountain property for free.

They will also have various displays available.

To commemorate this day of celebration and parade, the Belfountain Heritage Society has been drawing inspiration from the 150th celebration old photographs and videos.

This year's event will feature a videographer and photographer to ensure that, for years to come, and possibly even during the 250th celebration, residents and community members can look back and remember this historical moment.

Bohan shared that they are incredibly proud to have this unique opportunity to celebrate the community and that the community stepped up to volunteer and make it happen.

To volunteer with the event, visit www.belfountain-heritage.com/volunteer.

A final free art and poster workshop will be held at the Belfountain Community Hall on Saturday September 27.

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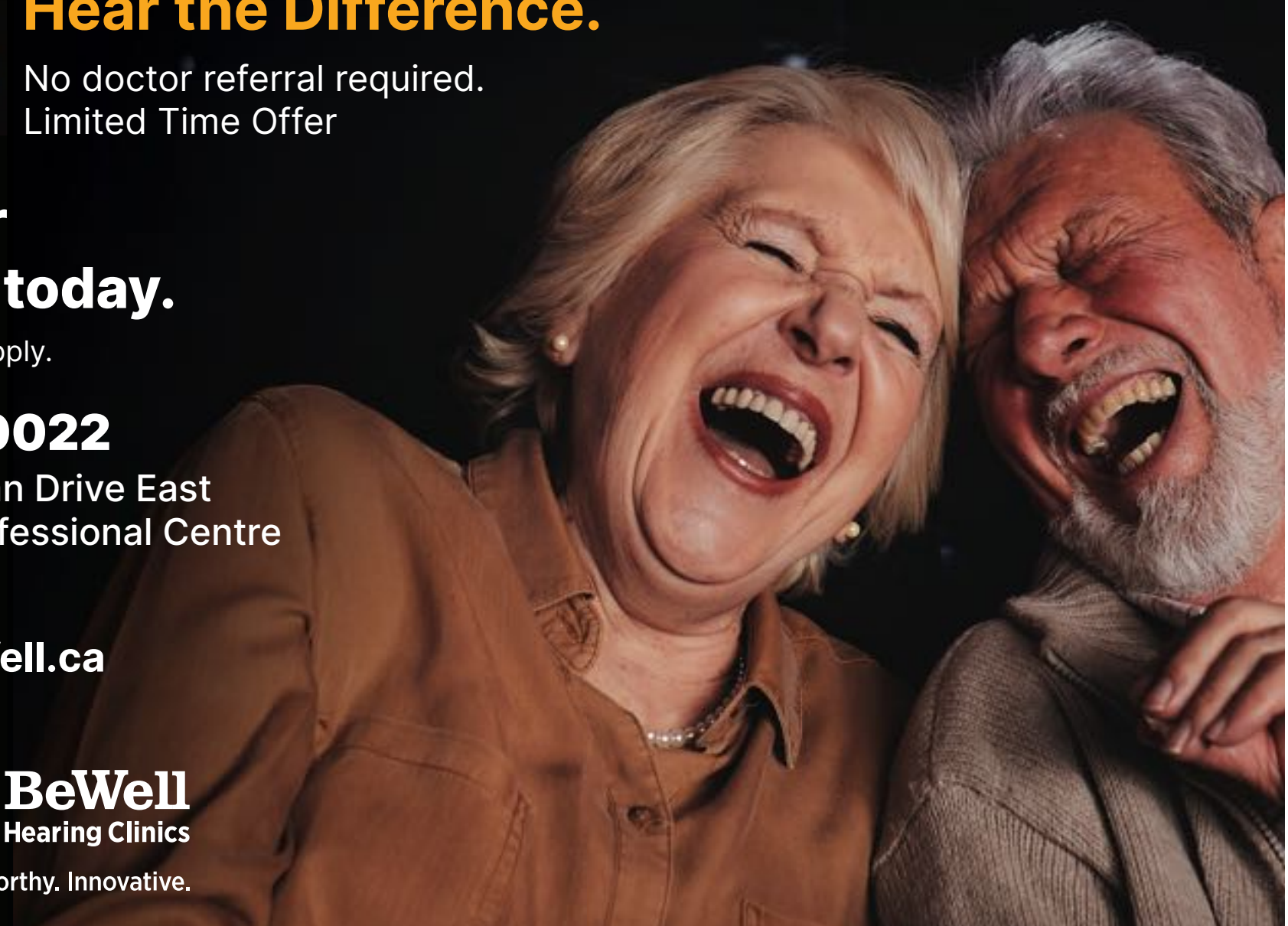
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High-Octane Words

As a writer, I've always been conscious of the power of words.

It's a lesson that's hard to avoid. You learn it fairly early on as a kid when you find yourself on the giving or receiving end of a good old "Sticks and stones..." lecture when certain words struck a certain chord on the playground or in the classroom.

If you're from a certain generation, perhaps your precocious word choice got you a mouthful of Ivory Soap if what you said proved particularly crass or controversial.

There are more avenues than ever before to learn this valuable lesson. Yet, looking back, to hear my mother tell it, my first lesson in this regard started off in a particularly innocent and potentially unavoidable way.

Family lore records a rather ordinary visit to a convenience store when I was about three years old. Apparently, there were a bunch of much older kids hanging out in front of the shop, shooting the breeze, having a good time, and apparently using what the Brits sometimes like to call "fruity language."

We went in, got what we set out to get, and went home. End of story.

But not quite. A short time later, my mom asked me to do something that has been lost to the midst of time. Evidently, however, it was something I didn't want to do because, despite my age, my response was "F___ off!"

I guess there's something to the adage of "little pitchers have big ears" because, when the initial surprise wore off and she had the wherewithal to ask where I had picked up such a word, my simple response was, "At Becker's!"

I guess the store was serving up more than dairy that day and I wanted to milk it before it was too late!

Her reaction was a curious mix of surprise and slight annoyance and, in hindsight, more than a couple of snickers she tried to hide. That melange underscored from that early point that words can indeed make an impact, depending on how you use them.

I'm not going to lie and say that the lesson was so powerful I never swore again – nobody who knows me would be able to keep a straight face if they read any words of mine suggesting it – but, in addition to the power words hold, it also instilled a curiosity in how simple combinations of letters can be so divisive.

There is one word, an adjective that has sadly been directed over the years at certain individuals or groups thereof, that was rightly, in my view, consigned to the historical dustbin as an inappropriate relic of a bygone era. Yet, in certain groups, it has sadly made an alarming and astonishing comeback.

I like to push back on it whenever it flies out of the lips of someone with whom I'm conversing. When I do so, I can sometimes see the speaker's back straighten just slightly as they really lean in and try to justify it, with varying degrees of anger at being called out or pleasure at knowing that what they said got under someone's skin.

A common refrain in this situation is, "I can say what I want!" as if that was the proverbial hill they wanted to die on. Yet, when I reply that I too can say what I want, and that was it, it's often met with astonishment and confusion that speech and the freedom thereof can be a two-way street. Who knew!

I'm writing this on Tuesday morning with just hours to go before comedian Jimmy Kimmel is due to return to the airwaves on his eponymous late-night show after what has been, I think we can all agree, a week that has prompted many to take a deeper dive into

what freedom of speech and expression means in this highly-polarized day and age.

"Last Wednesday, we made the decision to suspend production on the show to avoid further inflaming a tense situation at an emotional moment for our country," said The Walt Disney Company on Monday, explaining its decision to reinstate Jimmy Kimmel Live! "It's a decision we made because some of the comments were ill-timed and thus insensitive. We have spent the last days having thoughtful conversations with Jimmy and, after those conversations, we reached the decision to return the show on Tuesday."

It will be interesting to see what the results of these "thoughtful conversations" might be this evening, and, indeed, whether his monologue will throw water or gasoline on last week's embers. Will he apologize for his words, double down on sharing his perspective, or walk a delicate tightrope down the middle?

Whichever way you slice it, he's in an unenviable position.

And whether you agree or disagree with his comments, the debate that has taken place since his suspension has, I believe, been a valuable one.

Regardless of where you might fall on the political spectrum, there seems to have been a collective wake-up call on just how precious freedom of speech and expression is and has always been – but also how fragile it is, how it can be snatched away, how it can be undermined by the usual suspects, and, as evidenced last week, some surprising ones as well.

It has also caused many people to consider the words Kimmel used, evaluated them against the facts, and come to, one can only hope, an informed view point.

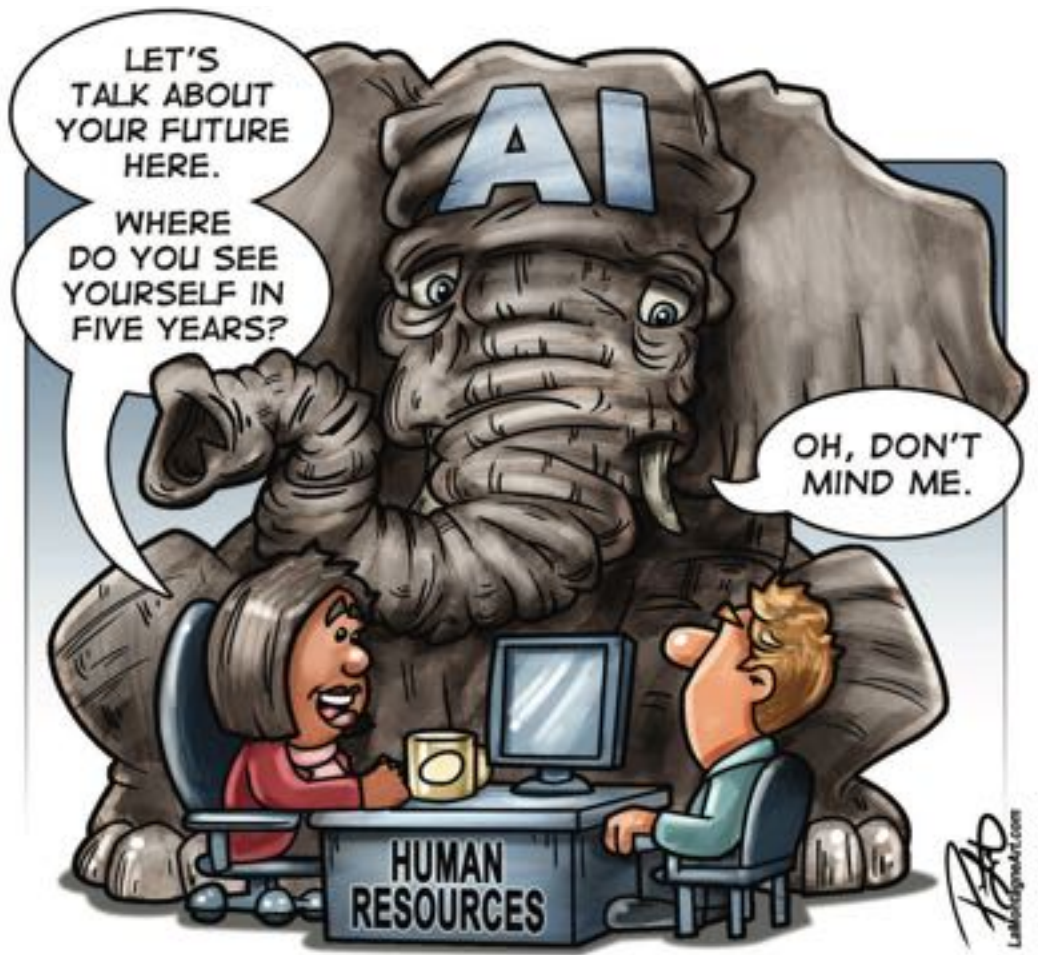
One can also only hope that some have also embraced the idea that while freedom of speech and expression is of the utmost importance, it needn't be a free-for-all and the words that you use can have the power to hurt and cause harm.

My mother, as a woman who embraces "fruity language" herself and really had no real ground to stand on feigning offence when I dropped my first "F-bomb" (without even knowing what an F-bomb was, mind you) brushed it off pretty easily – but I can only imagine it's a bit more of a challenge when one is on the receiving end of an outmoded, ridiculous, and inflammatory term that has been taken out of that historical dustbin and given a spit-polish out of, at best, ignorance, or, at worst, malice.

Freedom of speech and expression, as mentioned above, cuts both ways. No one person or group has the monopoly on it, but without being conscious of the words we use, and how we use them, it can be more fragile than we'd ever like to think.

THANK YOU

I'd just like to end this week's column by thanking all those who took the time to reach out last week with birthday wishes. It was heartening to hear from so many of you and it made turning forty all the sweeter. Thanks also to the anonymous individual who sent in a very generously-loaded coffee gift card. While it's getting harder and harder to find genuine milk from Becker's to brighten up the coffee a little bit, rest assured it will be well-used, whoever you are, and, as autumn has now officially arrived, I'm thinking something in the pumpkin spice family might hit the spot. Wait, that too is a divisive choice. But, if you disapprove of my beverage choice, I hope you defend my right to drink it!



Giving is really our ultimate legacy

by Mark Pavilons



"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." - Mother Teresa

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My oldest daughter, Lexie, has been a beacon of helping since high school and her mission trips to the Dominican Republic to help migrant Haitian workers. She inspired me to go on one of these trips myself, with my son, while he was still in high school.

It was eye-opening and humbling. Carrying on with her desire to help, Lexie coaxed me into volunteering at St. Francis Table on Queen Street in Toronto.

I had no idea what to expect, other than I had a task, a purpose.

Unlike most "soup kitchens," St. Francis Table is a restaurant dedicated to providing meals and a welcoming environment for the needy of our community. Patrons receive full restaurant service at the tables. They are presented with a choice of two different meals, as well as soup, hot and cold beverage, followed by dessert.

Half of their patrons are post-psychiatric patients who are unable to work due to their illness.

Many spend most of their meager income on accommodation. About one-quarter of the patrons are senior citizens who come for nourishment and companionship. They provide meals to single parents, refugees, the unemployed, transients, ex-convicts and people living in Toronto's city streets, parks and alleys.

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage," said Francis of Assisi.

In keeping with their namesake and Franciscan heritage, they don't turn anyone away. They ask for a small donation (\$1) which helps them retain their sense of dignity.

"A meal at St. Francis Table is more than simply another handout, but an opportunity for the community, advocacy, and friendship."

St. Francis Table currently serves nine nutritious and balanced meals per week.

We were on the Wednesday dinner shift and this was a first for me.

The service was non-stop for roughly 90 minutes, serving almost 80 individuals.

I was mainly on dish duty and with a focus and speed I didn't know I had, I scraped, cleaned and put away hundreds of pieces of kitchenware.

The kitchen staff and our team of volunteers were like a well-oiled machine, never missing a beat. This was crazy and yet so cohesive – kudos to everyone.

Since opening its doors in 1987 as the first expression of Capuchin Outreach to the Poor, St. Francis Table is well established with the people of Parkdale, serving an average of 250 meals per day.

St. Francis is known for his ministry to the poor and underprivileged, his care for nature and animals, and founding the Franciscan order. Son of an affluent cloth merchant, St. Francis of Assisi lived in wealth and ease until God used a meeting with a leper to change his heart.

One of the most venerated figures in Christianity, Francis was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in 1228. He is commonly portrayed wearing a brown habit with a rope tied around his waist, featuring three knots symbolizing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

According to Christian tradition, Francis received the stigmata during the apparition of a Seraphic angel in a religious ecstasy in 1224.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible," he once said.

You don't have to be religious or well-read in scripture to appreciate the actions of men and women from our history. While religion played a big part in their lives, they were motivated by genuine love for their fellow men and women. They wanted to improve the plight of average person. They were pioneers in advocating for human rights.

Our society venerates the likes of the saints, and people like Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Junior and Gandhi, for their work and ideology of brotherly love.

Gandhi put it plainly when he said: "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members."

Why is that list so short? Where are the Teresas and Martins today?

Our western system is so consumer-oriented and politically centred. We put on faces of tolerance and acceptance and our leaders do the dance in front of the TV cameras.

And yet, we haven't put a dent in homelessness, the housing crisis or food affordability.

Why aren't various levels of government doing more, by helping places like St. Francis Table?

If I were in charge, I would levy a nominal donation amount to all households and businesses within 10 kilometres of a homeless shelter, women's shelter, soup kitchen and any underfunded church or social services agency – the street level "knights." A tax with a specific purpose.

I find it weird that just a short distance from Parkdale (near Little Tibet), sits Roncesvalles and Swansea-High Park and their high-end homes – a huge dichotomy of circumstances.

Taking a break in the back alley of St. Francis, among the tiny lots and neglected fences, I felt at ease. I was intrigued by this part of society. I did not judge but just soaked it all in.

These are my fellow humans and I would love to sit and chat with each and every one of them, to learn of their lives, tales, trials and tribulations.

Martin Luther King Jr. said: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

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It's not just the leaves that are falling

The world can feel a little overwhelming at times. Okay, a lot of the time. Many of us are struggling with the economic impact of tariffs, the constant barrage of negative news, and even the uncertain future of those we rely on to tell the jokes that lighten our mood. Okay, that last part was a bit of a joke, but it's certainly no joke that right now, both in Caledon and around the world, it's not just the leaves that are falling. Democratic principles are dwindling, language needs parsing, flags aren't flying and speed still kills. That said, before those aforementioned leaves hit the ground, they are beautiful, bold in colour and brazenly shine in the sun, so I'll try to insert some good news into my column today too!

On the bright side, fall brings with it an unleashing of the creative spirit. Like shades of glimmering golden leaves, we welcome glimmers of culture in Caledon with the onset of Culturefest, Culture Days, and studio tours throughout town. Celebrate this creative arts festival by planning day trips to locations like the Alton Mill, The Humber River Centre and the Caledon East Community Complex. There are over 50 free things to see and do! Keep the arts alive, they provide a beacon of light in dark times.

On the darker side, as we approach September 30th and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we are learning that the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board is refusing to fly the Every Child Matters flag. In a move that seems to fly in the face of the principles Jesus espoused, after first, disappointingly, reaffirming in June of 2024 they would not fly the Pride flag, they maintained other flags might still be flown on occasion.

What does this have to do with September 30? It seems the trustees had a change of heart and in January of this year, amended their flag policy yet again, this time "removing the part that permitted additional flags within schools." Worse still, "a motion to specifically allow the Every Child Matters flag to be displayed was also voted down." I have only two words – for shame.

In other news, a recent fall event inspired somewhere between 150-200 Caledon residents to go for a hike across beautiful Belain farm, share a BBQ dinner and GoodLot beverages, and listen to speeches. The inspiration was the opportunity to take a personal look at Swan Lake, furthering our understanding of

what's at risk if we allow for construction fill to be dumped there.

Let's parse the language, shall we? Originally referred to as "an old aggregate pit," nothing could be further from the truth. From the viewing platform, as a magnificent sunset spread across the horizon, visitors noted a myriad of bird species resting on the shimmering waters and verdant green shoreline. Flora and fauna were in abundance, seemingly proclaiming, "I dare you to call me a pit." There's really nothing to parse. Saving this property from construction fill isn't just about the species at risk. It's also about saving our groundwater, and preserving lands for future generations. It's even about setting a precedent for how we handle similar applications that may (or already have) come before Caledon Council or the Ministry of Natural Resources.*

There's much at stake when it comes to "old aggregate pits," but rest assured, Swan Lake isn't one of those at all.

In some potentially good news, many of those same residents currently have their "fingers crossed" after a delegation by former Councillor Ian Sinclair, and a motion by Regional Councillor Christina Early, took place at the Region of Peel. The motion was that Credit Valley Conservation purchase Swan Lake under a special program that would help fund said purchase from the "prominent developer" who owns it.

While this is a promising move, every Caledon resident who cares about aggregates and environmental degradation must put September 29 on the calendar. This is when the Town will share its draft "Site Alteration Bylaw." During an Open house between 6-8 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Complex you can ask questions and learn more about how this bylaw potentially impacts not just Swan Lake, but the future of all of Caledon.

I wanted to also talk about Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE), but let's face it, I'm running out of space! Perhaps we can just say this: it's not a cash grab as our Premier has implied, it's literally just a sign that you should be driving slower. Police can't be everywhere, all at once and in places like school zones it just make sense to put up a reminder to folks to slow the f**k down. Yes, it is that simple.

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"Food Insecurity - The New Reality of Hunger." by Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Lead, Caledon Community Services



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Advocate: Share the facts about hunger and take a stand - together we can help ensure everyone has access to nutritious foods. The action you take depends on you – writing a letter to an elected official or using your social media are two options you could use.

Volunteer: You can join our amazing team of volunteers who help ensure necessities are there for our neighbours in need, whether it's sorting food, organizing or stocking the pantry or preparing meals in our kitchen.

Donate: Donations are always welcome and much appreciated. Items can be dropped off at 55 Healey Rd. Bolton, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Add a few items to your next grocery list, host a food drive or grow an extra row of produce in your garden. Contact Kim D'Eri (phone number and email below) for more information.

Your financial donations help fill the gaps for much-needed items when supplies are low, ensuring support is available when it's needed most. Donate online today at www.ccs4u.org/donate.

Having nutritious food is essential to maintaining good health and well-being. You have the power to make a difference, not only during Hunger Action Month, but all year-round. At CCS, we can't do it without you.

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.
Kim D'Eri, Food Bank Manager, Caledon Community Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 202 or kderi@ccs4u.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2024-0006 RELATED FILE NUMBER: 21T-24012C

A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to this application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon offers a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model with options for you to engage with Planning and Development Committee, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

MEETING DATE: **October 21, 2025**

PUBLIC MEETING
START TIME: **7:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Council Chambers,
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- Submit Written Comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form, available at caledon.ca/speak-at-council.
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- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT: **Malone Given Parsons Ltd.,
on behalf of Mayfield Tullamore Landowners Group Inc.**

LOCATION: **217 hectares (536 acres) are bounded by Old School Road to the north, Torbram Road to the east, Mayfield Road to the south, and midblock between Bramalea Road and Dixie Road to the west.**

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted an Official Plan Amendment application (File: POPA 2024-0006) for the proposed Mayfield Tullamore Secondary Plan. The proposed Secondary Plan has an area of approximately 609 hectares (1,505 acres), with approximately 217 hectares (536 acres) consisting of lands within the Greenbelt Plan Area and existing natural heritage features. The applicant is proposing a net developable area of approximately 392 hectares (969 acres).

The proposed development comprises approximately 7,650 new homes (a mix of detached, semi-detached, townhouse, and apartment dwellings) through future development applications. It provides for approximately 2,000 population-related jobs. A conceptual road network is also shown on the proposed Land Use Plan.



* The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon

LEAD PLANNER:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

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

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Notice Date: **September 25, 2025**



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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2025-0004 RELATED FILE NUMBER: 21T-25003C

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an application for an Official Plan Amendment. A statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to this application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

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APPLICANT: SGL Planning & Design Inc. on behalf of United Holdings Inc.

LOCATION: 9408 Columbia Way, 0 Mount Hope Road, and 14320 Mount Hope Road

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted an Official Plan Amendment application (File: POPA 2025-0004) to create the Mount Hope West Secondary Plan and has also submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision application (File: 21T-25003C). The proposed Mount Hope West Secondary Plan has an area of approximately 31 hectares (76.60 acres) of the net developable area.

The proposed plan of subdivision is comprised of a mix of single detached, semi-detached, townhouse and apartment dwellings, a neighbourhood park, a commercial area, and a stormwater management facility. The proposed subdivision is intended to facilitate approximately 700 to 1000 new homes. A conceptual road network is also shown on the proposed Land Use Plan for the Secondary Plan



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Dufferin Autism Walk to return to Orangeville's Fendley Park this weekend

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The 9th Annual Dufferin Autism Walk is coming back to Fendley Park in Orangeville this weekend.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, registration opens at 10 a.m., opening ceremonies at 10:45 a.m., and the walk gets underway at 11 a.m., with one-to-three-kilometre walking routes on the park's trails.

Registration for the walk is free this year, but funds will be generated from a raffle table, silent auction, and sponsorships.

"It's a free, fun-filled event for all ages and abilities, [with] free Tim Hortons and a slice of pizza from Toppers Pizza Orangeville," said Karrie Daponte, walk organizer.

"Events like this are imperative to bring to our community. Not only for the ASD community but for the whole community. It's an inclusive event for all."

The event will feature crafts, activities, dance demonstrations, music performances, special guests, an IODE Child Fingerprint Clinic, emergency vehicle tours, a silent auction, a raffle, a vendor area, and goodie bags.

This is the first year that the Dufferin Autism Walk is collaborating with Tori Spiteri, who owns Inclusive Perspectives Sensory Gym in Orangeville.

The gym offers a safe and welcoming sensory space for children and youth with autism. The proceeds raised through this year's walk will go towards funding social groups at the gym and in the community.

"We hope to host a few groups, given [that] the ages of our ASD walk participants [range from] one to 60, approximately. These group sessions will be free, and it's a time to meet new friends and be with families of similar diagnoses," explained Daponte.

Orangeville resident Theo, 6, who has autism, is this year's walk ambassador. He will lead the walk when it takes place on Sunday.

"He is our face and voice for the walk. His father, Mark, will speak at the opening ceremonies briefly about his son and their

family's journey," said Daponte.

There will be goodie bags for the first 100 special needs individuals and their siblings who turn out to the walk.

The walk is a rain-or-shine event.

"We hope the walk will be as successful as in the past with 250-300 people in attendance. This year has come with many changes and challenges as we, the Dufferin Autism Committee, collaborated with Inclusive Perspectives Sensory Gym and [are] trying to navigate this year's walk," said Daponte. "Together, our mission, is like all other years ultimately bringing the community together, spreading and increasing education, awareness, and most importantly, acceptance."

The first walk for autism in Orangeville was held in 2017, and it has been an annual event since then. However, the name of the walk changed this year to Dufferin Autism Walk from Autism Speaks Canada Walk.

The charity, Autism Speaks Canada, ceased operations on Jan. 31 of this year.

To date, roughly \$1,000 has been raised for the walk through two fundraisers held earlier this year and vendor fees. M&M Food Market in Orangeville held a fundraiser, and a Boston Pizza Celebrity Server Night helped generate funds.

Daponte noted the importance of the autism walk for local families and the autism community.

"For the ASD community, it's a time to come to an event in the community that they might not necessarily [have the opportunity to attend] if not hosted by us. Our events, they know, will have people whom they can relate to and know their life and what they endure on a daily basis raising a child with special needs," Daponte said. "It's a time to feel comfortable in your surroundings and not be worried about anyone staring, judging your parenting, and the ASD individuals can be themselves, making movements and any noises freely."

Fendley Park is located at 11 Fendley Road, Orangeville.

Registration for the walk can be done at the event or in advance by visiting tinyurl.com/ybmbavk3.



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“This is worth defending” – Community gathers in support of “Swan Lake”



“The swans are here speaking for wetlands,” says Donna Lewis, pictured here in costume.

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The community has been advocating for “Swan Lake” for months and its “rehabilitated ecosystem.”

During the event, attendees could take a tour on the neighbouring property to the site and see for themselves.

Anna de Langley, owner-operator of Belain Farm, opened her farm to the community for the event. She shared that they have several concerns regarding the motion.

“We’re very concerned primarily about the water, the lack thereof if they drain it, because it could affect our water table, plus whatever fill they end up putting in, we could have polluted water,” shared de Langley.

She has 40 acres worth of crops and “woods that are home to many animals.”

Another issue, she raises, is the truck traffic this operation would bring.

“We’ve been living here now with it [Swan Lake] rehabilitated,” said de Langley. “We’ve been witness to so much wildlife moving into that lake now. All the turtles, and I see all the swans, and their cygnets and the geese, it’s an active ecosystem.”

de Langley shared she first heard of the motion through a neighbour.

“When I first initially heard, it was super upsetting and scary because Caledon has just changed so much in the 17 years we’ve been here,” she says. “We wanted to thank every-

body for all the hard work and effort and put some faces to all the names. Also, as a thank you, and to provide people with a call to action and get a copacetic plan together for our next steps.”

“Sometimes it takes a cause to bring everybody together again and realize that this is worth defending.”

Various speakers spoke not only about the next steps, but also about what the issue at hand meant to them.

Erica McNiece with Democracy Caledon shared that standing there, on Belain Farms, she was “reminded of how beautiful every corner of Caledon is – the rolling farmland, the forests, the water, and the habitats that make our community unlike any other.”

“Swan Lake was a place that was once scarred by industry, but it healed into a thriving ecosystem, and it’s now under threat,” said McNiece. “After years of natural recovery, it’s become a haven for critical and threatened wildlife, a living reminder that even the deepest wounds on our land can heal. And yet the town of Caledon has set it on a path to be filled with truckloads of imported construction waste.”

McNiece shared decisions had been “rushed” and left neighbours “in the dark.”

“Let’s stand together for Swan Lake, stand together for Caledon. Let’s put our arms around this community and remind each other that we will not be silenced, we will not

be ignored, and we will not allow Swan Lake or Caledon to be destroyed under the weight of poor governance. Together we can defend Swan Lake, together we can defend democracy in Caledon.”

Resident Debbe Crandall said supporters were “standing on the shoulders of legacy” regarding the Greenbelt Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Keirstyn Parfitt addressed the crowd that night, saying, “If I’ve learned anything this summer, it is that this group of people will not be worn down, will not be giving up.”

“If you look around you right now, you are standing next to somebody who spent days, weeks, in some cases months, working on this. People have put everything into this,” said Parfitt.

Councillors, both present and past, also attended the community event.

Councillor Lynn Kiernan for Ward 1 said there was never any question of her supporting the event.

“I have such great respect for this community,” said Councillor Kiernan. “I’m here because what is being attempted is wrong, and I’m here to support democracy; the people have spoken out against this. I agree that it’s wrong, so we need to make sure this doesn’t happen.”

“I’m here tonight supporting the many residents that are working so hard to advocate against the filling of a beautiful lake

that they dubbed Swan Lake,” said Regional Councillor Christina Early.

Also serving on the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Board, Councillor Early shared that she is pleased the CVC is working to purchase the property.

This would expand the nearby Pinchin Pit Conservation Area, which they currently own and manage.

“We want to see this as a tremendous conservation area, and the lake would just be a beautiful part of Pinchin Pit and the conservation area for many people to enjoy for many years to come,” says Councillor Early.

Caledon’s Peel District School Board trustee, Stan Cameron, attended the event as a resident of Caledon for over 50 years.

He shared that as a resident, he has had the privilege of learning about farming, the use of the land, and the respect for it.

On the other hand, he shared, he reflects on the lessons they are teaching students in the current curriculum surrounding the ideas of “learning how to respect the land, to honor the land, to use the land for good, to try to help other people.”

“What is happening here with Swan Lake is a motion on the floor of the Town that has me reacting as both a resident of this Town and as somebody who helps to teach children to not do that to our land,” said Cameron.

Donna Lewis, a board member of Trumpeter Swan Conservation Ontario, attended the event to “to educate about the swans that they keep seeing in Swan Lake, and to let people know that there’s an organization that is trying to help to make sure that there’s a continuing existence of trumpeter swans in Ontario for generations to come.”

“Swan Lake” is home to a plethora of wildlife, including trumpeter swans.

Lewis shared that many people are unaware that swans were reintroduced after being hunted in the fur trade.

“Water is very important to swans, wetlands even more so. And with the event here, trying to protect a very large natural area now, even though it was developed,” said Lewis. “Our wetlands were destroyed. We try to keep some. We do all kinds of things to make sure that we don’t have to buy our water, but that won’t happen if we keep doing silly things.”

“The swans are here speaking for wetlands,” said Lewis.

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Grand opening of Shine N' Drive in Bolton celebrated with free car washes, ribbon cutting

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Shine N' Drive in Bolton has officially held its grand opening.

Formerly known as Bolton Classic Car Wash, they look forward to being Caledon's first full-service carwash.

Manager Jagnoor Grewal said after serving the community for 20 years as Bolton Classic Car Wash, they repeatedly heard from the people of Bolton that they wanted an in-and-out service.

They began this journey six years ago and worked with the Town of Caledon to create the new car wash, ensuring that the original building and its heritage were preserved.

Grewal shared he used to be a Bolton Resident, often stopping at the once Crabby Joe's.

One day, his father said he had a project. "Little did I know that my whole life would be involved in this car wash, it's a passion project," says Grewal.

"Our dad and myself, when we had spare time, we would always try to make this car wash. We hand-built it. We hand-painted it. We spent a lot of time and effort."

The car wash now offers both exterior and interior cleaning.

"We're hoping that Bolton sees this as an opportunity to allow more growth," he says. "We hope that this shows a change in the economic development, and we want



PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

people to be proud to open up a business in Bolton. We want to see a lot of people come. We want to see new people. We want to see new businesses, and we want to see everyone succeeding."

The day featured free car washes throughout the day, with local businesses

on-site offering giveaways and freebies, including the Chamber of Commerce and Caledon Community Services.

There were also multiple games and free food available for all to enjoy.

"Mayor Groves and members of the Town Council wish to congratulate Shine

N' Drive on their grand opening. Council, together with residents, warmly welcome you to the Caledon business community. We extend our best wishes for your business success and growth," said Mayor Annette Groves at the ribbon cutting.

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September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day to learn about the 150,000 childhoods lost to Canada's Indian Residential School system.

Humber River Centre Incubator launches with first cohort of local entrepreneurs

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After working in the travel industry for two years and going to school for web development, she wanted to combine the two and help the travel industry with its digital marketing strategies.

She shared that during launch day, they covered goal-setting, which she found extremely helpful, as well as meeting the other founders and entrepreneurs.

"I think we all face similar challenges or others are more experienced than me so I can learn from them what they've gone through and it can be really helpful," says Spallino.

Through the program, she looks forward to stepping out of her comfort zone.

"For them to help me network more, meet more people to be able to talk about my business and myself and then explain it better than I do now, I think that would be a good foundation."

She also looks forward to developing skills to grow her clientele.

"Throughout the program, I would love to learn more about business-to-business marketing and then get some guidance on that. And then at the end, [also] to have a better awareness of my business and how I can market to other businesses," she says.

To those thinking of joining the next cohort, she says, "Just do it."

"I'm a pretty busy person, I have two jobs on the go and trying to build a business, but two hours a week, a couple longer sessions, that's not a huge time commitment," says Spallino. "Everyone's so helpful. They get you in touch with amazing people who have amazing experiences."

Blissfully Baked x The Little Almond is one of the founders in this cohort, and has had their shop in downtown Bolton for almost two years.

Co-owners Taylor Arrowsmith and Shaina Lindeyer specialize in wedding, birthday, and celebration cakes, as well as treats such as macarons, cookies, and bars.

Over the two years preceding the pro-

gram, they shared that their walk-in business had significantly grown, as well as the overall volume of cakes that they have been making.

They shared their current business growth comes from word of mouth, people sharing their products, or Town events.

They frequently experience people coming into their store and saying they had no idea they were there, which is something they want to address through the DMZ program, as well as strategies not only to grow, but also to increase their presence in the community.

"We still are a small business. We don't have a ton of extra money on hand," says Lindeyer. "So, when we do spend that money towards marketing, we really want to make sure that it's focused and going to bring in and attract more people."

"It'll be really interesting to see someone who has a better understanding of marketing, where we can put our marketing budget to even more use," says Arrowsmith. "There's so many different avenues to explore and it's kind of overwhelming."

Aside from marketing, they shared that they look forward to establishing long-term plans.

"Having someone to hold you kind of accountable, but also to honestly ask you how things are doing and how they can help, is something that I'm really excited for," said Arrowsmith. "There's so many people that are excited to help all small business owners. The possibilities feel a little bit endless."

To those considering applying to the next cohort, they echo a similar message to other founders.

"Do it. It's just full of so many great resources, so many people willing to help, and I think that a lot of business owners who especially are feeling down and just don't know where to go, what to do. This could really help them," says Lindeyer.

"I feel like everyone should know and should try to apply for it," says Arrowsmith.

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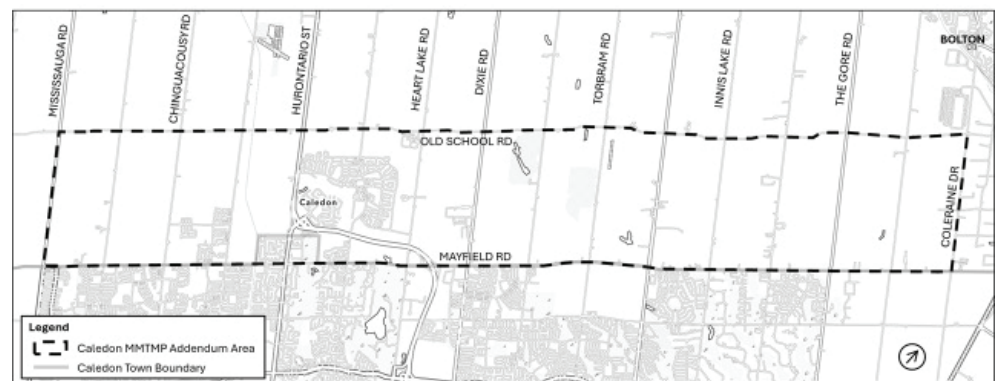
Addendum to the Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan (MMTMP)

Notice of Study Commencement and Public Consultation Centre

The Town of Caledon (Town)'s Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan (MMTMP) was completed in June 2024. The MMTMP expands upon Provincial, Regional and Town plans and initiatives to address mobility needs to 2051, which is consistent with the Future Caledon Official Plan. The MMTMP is a long-term strategy that guides the planning, policy, and infrastructure needs of the Town's multi-modal transportation system to accommodate future growth and development.

An Addendum to the MMTMP (the Study) is being undertaken to further refine the transportation network within the Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE) lands. The study area is bounded by Coleraine Drive, Mayfield Road, Mississauga Road, and Old School Road comprising approximately 62 square kilometres of rural and urban residential land.

STUDY AREA



STUDY PROCESS

The Study is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2023), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The MMTMP follows Master Plan Approach #1 under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process which is a broad level assessment requiring more detailed investigations at the project-specific level to fulfill MCEA requirements.

While the MMTMP identified a conceptual collector road network within the study area, this Addendum seeks to identify a preferred collector road network and alignment with a focus on improving east-west connectivity by considering alternative solutions and seeking feedback from the public and stakeholders.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

An Open House will be held to introduce the Study and gather feedback from members of the public. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

- MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, September 30, 2025
- OPEN HOUSE TIME:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- PRESENTATION:** 6:30 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Southfields Community Centre
225 Dougall Avenue, Caledon

CONTACT US!

Additional information regarding this project will be available on the Town website on September 15, 2025. If you would like to be placed on the project contact list, please visit the study website or contact one of the individuals below:

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Area women's club CFUW to host 50th anniversary celebration

BY MARTINA ROWLEY

CFUW Headwaters (formerly CFUW Orangeville and District) is having a party to celebrate the organization's 50th anniversary.

CFUW Headwaters was founded in 1975 as a chapter of the Canada-wide women's non-partisan organization CFUW. It is focused on improving the status of women, advocacy, making friends, and having fun. The national CFUW club was founded in 1919 with membership initially for women with a university degree, but that is no longer a requirement.

The mandate of CFUW is twofold: Firstly, it is a women's social club, bringing together women from all walks of life to share activities and make new friends. Members can sign up for any of the interest groups, ranging from various food clubs (breakfast or dining out, potluck soup and salad club, vegan cooking), a Friday night social, active living (e.g. hiking, snowshoeing), or arts and book clubs, travel discussion and day-tripping, or Women in Action activism, and more.

Secondly, it is about advocating and promoting social justice and the status of women and girls (including promoting human rights, public education, and peace).

Many close friendships have been formed and extend outside club activities, with many members being part of CFUW Headwaters for several years.

On Sunday, Oct. 5, the Headwaters chapter is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the theme "Celebrating our past, Embracing our future." They will be looking back at the past five decades of the club's existence, with greetings from municipal and provincial representatives, the national club's leadership, sharing stories of fun memories, and will have a short fashion show to take a look at past decades' styles from the 1970s.

The event is taking place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Monora Park Pavilion (500 Monora Park Rd., Mono).

Guest speaker and author Plum Johnson will talk about her new book about women's relationships, "The Trouble with Fairy Tales," at the anniversary event.

While the event is primarily for current and former members, anyone who is interested in joining the group will be warmly welcomed.

Any woman who's new to the area and wants to make new connections and friendships can email the club at info@cfuwheadwaters.com or find more details at www.cfuwheadwaters.com.

Annual membership is \$100 (\$25 of which goes towards the Club's Scholarship Fund) and includes access to around 20 monthly activity groups, a monthly newsletter, monthly general meetings every third Wednesday from September to June, a stimulating speaker program, and CFUW membership discount programs with a few local companies.

The group is always happy to welcome new members!

Sheen to donate pay to Kids Help Phone

Continued from FRONT

Both complaints were filed for the same comments, but were stated to be addressed in separate reports as "they raise different sections of the Code of Conduct."

These comments are included as stated in the Integrity Commissioner Reports.

"If staff run into difficulties, it'll be easy they can come back to Council – it isn't in the motion. That's a problem for me particularly in a Strong Mayor Power environment where there is an enormous pressure on staff to give the Mayor what she wants."

After the Mayor raised a Point of Order regarding the comments, Councillor Sheen said, "Fair enough, I don't retract them. We are working, staff and all of us, in a Strong Mayor environment and we can't ignore that. That is a factor at play here."

Councillor Sheen then added: "What if there is all kinds of pressure not to bring it back [to Council]...?"

Hyde shared that these comments violated sections 5.2 and 5.4 and the Policy Statement of the Code of Conduct, which includes: "Members shall acknowledge and respect the fact that employees work for the Town as a corporate body and are responsible for making recommendations that reflect their professional expertise and corporate objectives, without undue influence from any Members at any point in the policy making process."

"Members shall refrain from publicly criticizing employees, in a way that casts aspersions on their professional competence and credibility."

"Members demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental rights, privileges and obligations of their elected or appointed position;"

Mayor Groves shared these comments violated Section 3.4.

"Members may communicate a position that is contrary to that determined by Town

Council. In doing so, Members will accurately communicate the decisions of Town Council

and refrain from making disparaging comments about other Members or about Council's processes and decisions."

David Boghosian, Integrity Commissioner, Town of Caledon, said the meeting was "A key finding I made based on Councillor Sheen's responses and responses to questions I posed to him was that he had no evidence that Mayor Groves had in fact tried to influence or pressure staff to go along with their wishes at any point in time."

Councillor Sheen responded to this statement, saying, "I didn't have evidence of inappropriate pressure from the Mayor or unprofessional conduct by staff, because I didn't have it, and that's not what I was accusing them of. I was not focused on indi-

vidual staff members. I was focused on the concept of Strong Mayor powers and the impact that it has on municipal civil servants."

In the report, Councillor Sheen stated that the motion that was discussed at the time of the comments was brought forward by the Mayor and "was not based on an application from the landowner, a procedural detail that several members of Council and the public found unusual."

"This, combined with the evolving nature of leadership and staff roles within the municipality since the introduction of Strong Mayor powers, informed my remarks," said Councillor Sheen.

Boghosian also shared that "without a doubt in my mind" there were two clear staff members who "would be regarded as the target of the comments that Councillor Sheen made."

He shared there's "no doubt" that the vast majority of the public would think he was referring to specific staff.

"I find that the influential meaning or impression left by the impugned statements of Councillor Sheen is that Town staff generally, and the two specific senior staff persons having responsibility for dealing with the file that was under consideration in particular, could not be trusted to act professionally and objectively," said Boghosian. "His comments conveyed the impression that in the event they encountered problems with fulfilment of the conditions in the motion, these officials might well bend to the enormous pressure from the Mayor to waive the conditions nevertheless, and not let Council know about those problems."

He shared that he has no doubt Councillor Sheen did not intend to "cast dispersions on the professional competence and credibility" of Town staff.

Many delegates in Councillor Sheen's defence that evening called on freedom of speech.

Boghosian referenced the "Balancing Code Values with Freedom of Speech" section of the reports. There's a section called Section 24 of the Charter, and it says that the rights set out in the Charter are subject to reasonable limits, reasonably imposed in a free and democratic society."

He concluded that Sheen's statement went beyond the protection that political speech provides in the context of commenting on staff, because "Strong Mayor powers were not a legitimate issue in the debate."

"I found that at the May 22nd meeting, Councillor Sheen was stating that there is an enormous pressure on staff to give the Mayor what she wants," says Boghosian. "He did not say that it, right, hypothetically could be. He didn't say there may be. He said emphatically that there is enormous pressure on staff to give the Mayor what she wants."

"I found that Councillor Sheen's words would lead reasonable members of the public to believe that it was a fact known to him that the Mayor

routinely pressured staff to give her whatever she wanted."

Boghosian, in terms of penalty, determined a 15-day suspension of remuneration and an apology to the two staff members he felt the comments were aimed at. An additional 15-day suspension of pay was deemed necessary, along with an apology to Mayor Groves.

Councillor Sheen, in both the reports and in Council, said his "remarks were not intended as criticism of any individual staff member or their professionalism. Rather, my comments reflected sector-wide concerns about the systemic impacts of Strong Mayor powers on municipal staff and governance. This is a matter of public policy debate and not a reflection on the competence or objectivity of Town employees."

"I was surprised when I received on my daughter's 16th birthday that there was also this investigation, that I was to be docked 30 days' pay, and that he didn't believe what I intended to say," shared Councillor Sheen at Council.

He shared that he wished he had more time to reflect on his words at the time, but that the meeting at hand was "quite dynamic," referencing the May 20 Council meeting.

"Heated things get said in a Council Chamber, that's politics. We try to say it respectfully."

Councillor Sheen also shared he did not retract his comments at the time as he was expecting Mayor Groves to ask him to retract them, "but she didn't."

"While I respect the Integrity Commissioner and his role in our municipality, I must respectfully disagree with his conclusions about my remarks on May 20," says Councillor Sheen. "I meant no malice."

Councillor Sheen then apologized to the two staff members for "for any impact my comments have on their professional reputations", as well as to Mayor Groves for "or any unintended effects of my comments."

In terms of his "punishment," Councillor Sheen shared that he doesn't believe he did anything wrong, but if a punishment should be made, it should be "concurrent."

He argued that, since the same comments were used in both reports, a penalty of only 15 days should be imposed.

Boghosian countered with 20 days.

"I take my responsibility very seriously," said Councillor Sheen. "And this experience is reminding me again to choose my words carefully, which I'll probably learn to do. But this experience won't change my commitment to always do the right thing. To ask the tough questions that need to be asked and continue to press for openness, accountability and transparency."

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EDUCATION WITH BALANCE

Delegates, Council members weigh in on Sheen comments

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Seven delegates spoke in Council Chambers in support Councillor Sheen, all of whom said he should not be reprimanded for comments made at the Council table he contends were related to Strong Mayor powers.

“High school” and “school yard antics” were used by delegates to describe the matter before them.

“I personally see Councillor Sheen’s comments as a vehement defence of staff and their ability to function effectively at the Town of Caledon under the current administration, and I believe that staff’s actions surrounding the Mayor’s Shaws Creek motion demonstrate that point,” said Ward 1 resident Keirstyn Parfitt.

Delegate Debbe Crandall said Councillor Sheen addressed “the elephant in the room” regarding Strong Mayor powers.

Delegate Joanna Valerian shared that she has seen the Integrity Commissioner Reports “used as a tool to either silence a Council member, make them look bad, or worse, a distraction from the real job, things that matter.”

Concluding her delegation, she shared that “I leave here hopeful, but doubtful, that the vote on this matter will end with anything but the same as the 5-4.”

“The truth is there are many of us thinking exactly what Councillor Sheen said,” said delegate Mira Budd, who suggested this sentiment extended to staff members.

Councillor Lynn Kiernan noted this point and added that she has had similar things shared with her by staff members, “These are real times.”

“We have a fractured council. I feel that the IC is held over our head, my head, as an elected representative, as an intimidation.”

“These tactics of weaponizing a system where in the IC can come out of nowhere when you’ve just tried to do your job is problematic,” said Councillor Kiernan. “Councillor Sheen, I don’t think you did anything wrong. I think you said exactly what the people of the Town of Caledon feel, and what the people of the province of Ontario feel.”

Delegate Cheryl Connors said she believed Councillor Sheen was “doing his job.”

“He raised legitimate, evidence-based concerns about how the new Strong Mayor powers granted by the province may impact transparency, staff independence and public trust in local decision making. He did not single out individual staff for criticism.”

Councillor Nick de Boer moved not to accept any of Boghosian’s recommended penalties. He added that the comments pertained to “concern about the implications of the superpowers.”

“I have tremendous respect for what he does for his community and he has high-level integrity,” said Councillor Christina Early regarding Councillor Sheen. “I’m hoping that my Council colleagues will support Councillor de Boer’s motion, and I’m hoping that we can end this.”

“At no point in time would I suggest that Councillor Sheen did anything with intention. At no point in time do I think that Councillor Sheen does things at times that is trying to hurt people or trying to, but the reality is words have consequences and there’s rules,” said Councillor Mario Russo regarding the motion on the floor.

“It’s not about the intent of why it was said. It was what was said,” he says.

He said that Councillor Sheen had an opportunity to retract the comments and “doubled down.”

Councillor Sheen responded, saying that he was, on one hand, offering an “academic argument about the impact of strong powers on mu-

nicipalities,” and if he retracted it would have meant he didn’t mean what he said.

“But if you believe that my intention was to harm staff, or say something with malice or directed at individual staff members, then, of course, I should have retracted it. And if I understood that that’s what was being objected to when I was being asked to retract it, of course I would have retracted it. Because I am not here to attack staff.”

Councillor Tony Rosa shared that there were “lessons that need to be learned” regarding the process that night.

“I think that the moment we take our finger and we press the button here, that’s giving us an opportunity to speak, we really need to stop and think about what we say,” said Councillor Rosa.

He shared that he doesn’t feel Councillor Sheen was out to “crucify anybody,” but that there were “staff members who were offended by those comments.”

“We have people that come to work in this building, who try to do the best that they can to serve our community, that weren’t appreciative of the comments that were made. That’s the problem.”

“I’m extremely disappointed that we’ve had to reach out to the Integrity Commissioner over a Code of Conduct violation. To provide some context, the Councillor in question filed a counter-complaint and indicated that they would withdraw if I withdrew mine and the sanctions. That kind of conduct, in my view, undermines the integrity of the process,” said Mayor Groves.

“I sincerely hope this serves as a reminder of the importance of respectful and ethical conduct at all levels of Council.”

“I don’t believe that you intentionally made those comments about our staff,” she added.

For Councillor De Boer’s motion to pass the rules in Section 18 of the Code of Conduct would need to be waived, where the motion was defeated, with Councillors de Boer, Kiernan, and Early voting in favour.

Councillors Rosa, Maskell, Napoli, Russo, and Mayor Groves voted against the measure.

Following this, the Mayor put forward a potential amendment to change the period from 20 to 15 days.

Yet again, Section 18 would have to be waived for the amendment to proceed, now with reconsideration, as it had failed on the floor regarding Councillor de Boer’s motion.

Councillors Rosa, Maskell, Napoli, Russo, and Mayor Groves voted for the waving of the management as well as the amendment.

Councillors de Boer, Kiernan, and Early opposed both.

The motion for a 15-day extension was carried, and it was at this time that Councillor Sheen asked that the withheld salary be directed to a charity of his choice.

His charity, Kids Help Phone, is an organization he once worked for many years.

“I am especially grateful to the seven residents who took the time to delegate at the meeting,” says Councillor Sheen.

He shared that they raised thoughtful points “not only about the Strong Mayor powers but also about the Integrity Commissioner’s reports and the shortcomings they saw in the accountability process itself.”

“Their words were well-considered, articulate, and powerful. That kind of civic engagement is exactly what strengthens our community, and it reminds me why I’m proud to serve as an elected official in Caledon. Their contributions have reaffirmed my commitment to ensuring residents’ voices remain front and centre at Council,” says Councillor Sheen

Family Transition Place to hold joint event against gender-based violence

BY PAULA BROWN

Dufferin County residents have the opportunity to stand in solidarity against gender-based violence.

Family Transition Place (FTP) is inviting members of the community to participate in their annual Take Back the Night and Sisters in Spirit Day event on October 2, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The event will feature guest speakers and a two-kilometre empowerment march through the community, starting at the FTP facility, located at 20 Brendin Parkway in Orangeville.

“Join us as we raise our voices, walk together, and commit to creating a safer, more equitable future for all,” said Family Transition Place in a press release.

Take Back the Night is a global movement held annually in September to raise awareness and take a stand against sexual and gender-based violence. Sisters in Spirit Day, observed across Canada on Oct. 4, honours and remembers Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people (MMIWG2S+), and calls for justice and meaningful action.

In previous years, Family Transition Place has co-hosted the event with the Orangeville-based Georgian College, but this year the event will proceed without their involvement due to the ongoing faculty strike.

“FTP acknowledges Georgian’s past contributions and looks forward to future collaborations once the strike is resolved,” reads the press release.

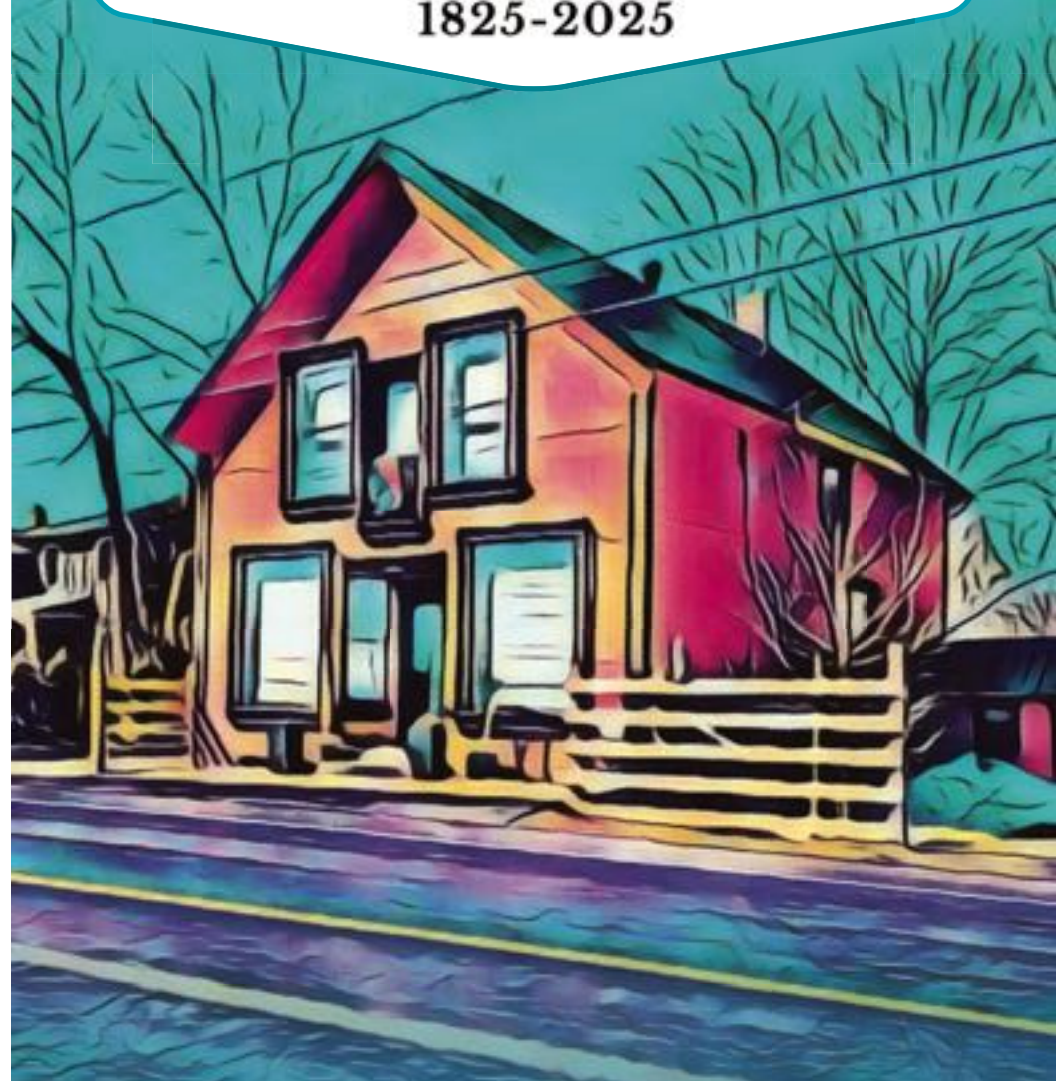
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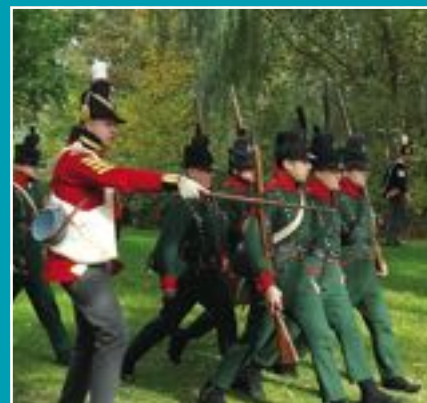
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Participants gathered at the grant celebration.

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Caledon Seniors Centre expands inclusive programs to support South Asian seniors through OTF grant

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Caledon Seniors Centre has received a \$40,900 Ontario Trillium Fund Grant from the Ontario Government to support and expand its inclusive programs for South Asian Seniors.

The support program launched in 2025, and the Centre shared that it has already made a “strong impact.”

The one-year project was designed to “launch culturally specific social inclusion and recreational programs for the growing South Asian senior population in the Caledon East community and surrounding area.”

The Centre has hired a dedicated Program Coordinator fluent in English, Punjabi, and Hindi, helping to bridge cultural and language barriers and engage seniors in meaningful ways.

Since the program began, 51 individuals have participated in the initiative.

As a result of the initiative, new members have also joined the Caledon Seniors Centre.

“The response from the community has been inspiring,” said Sabina Ishaq, Program Coordinator. “This program is not just about activities, it’s about creating a welcoming space where South Asian seniors feel seen, supported, and connected to the broader Caledon community.”

She shared that growing up, she saw the impact that these programs can have on the senior community.

“A lot of these members here that you’re seeing, they actually became friends and had the opportunity to meet in programs like this. So, without programs like this, they didn’t have a means of being able to connect with one another. So, it is so critical to have these types of programs and get them out into your community,” says Ishaq.

“Our government is proud to support the Caledon Seniors Centre in expanding inclusive programs that bring people together and strengthen our community,” said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. “This Ontario Trillium Foundation grant is helping ensure South Asian seniors in Caledon have access to programs that celebrate culture, build connections, and foster a true sense of belonging.”

“I know that these funds will go very far to expand the services that Caledon Seniors pro-

vide,” said Jones at an event to celebrate the success of a new initiative.

At the event, Mayor Annette Groves shared that over the next decade, Caledon is expected to grow and welcome 10,000 more senior adults.

“In response to this exciting moment, we’re committed to ensuring our seniors are served through programs, spaces that continue to involve each of our residents,” said Groves.

Added Nora Martin, President of the Caledon Seniors’ Centre: “On behalf of the Caledon Senior Centre, I’m truly honored to express our helpful thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their generous support. Without that support, we would not have been able to create such a vibrant program for the South Asian community, particularly here in Caledon East.”

Martin said the grant will make a big difference in their ability to serve and support the community.

“We do have programs and opportunities we’ve never been able to have, to build your culture, the connections, and ensure that all seniors feel welcome and are included and valued here at the centre,” said Martin.

The initiative, she shared, is a satellite program of the primary Caledon Senior Centre.

“We’re constantly trying to increase the numbers in the satellites, because that means people in West Caledon, North Caledon, South Caledon, they can feel a part of the Caledon Senior Centre” said Martin. “Thank you to the Trillium Foundation for believing in our vision and helping us to grow as a centre for all seniors in Caledon.”

Ishaq also noted the importance of the Caledon Senior Centre satellite locations.

“A lot of this demographic is not able to drive, they’re not able to communicate as fluently in the community with language barriers,” she said. “So having a group like this, having a place like this where we can come in, speak their language, understand their culture, and create a space for them, that they can facilitate and connect and communicate.”

“We have found the best way to bring people to our program is by word of mouth. You just have to invite your neighbor, or you see somebody and say, come join,” says Beverley Nurden, Manager of Caledon Seniors Centre. “You’re only a stranger once.”

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Open House Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2021-0012

Related File Number: POPA 2021-0006

An Open House will be held to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

DATE: October 15, 2025

TIME: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE

LOCATION: Atrium at Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Road

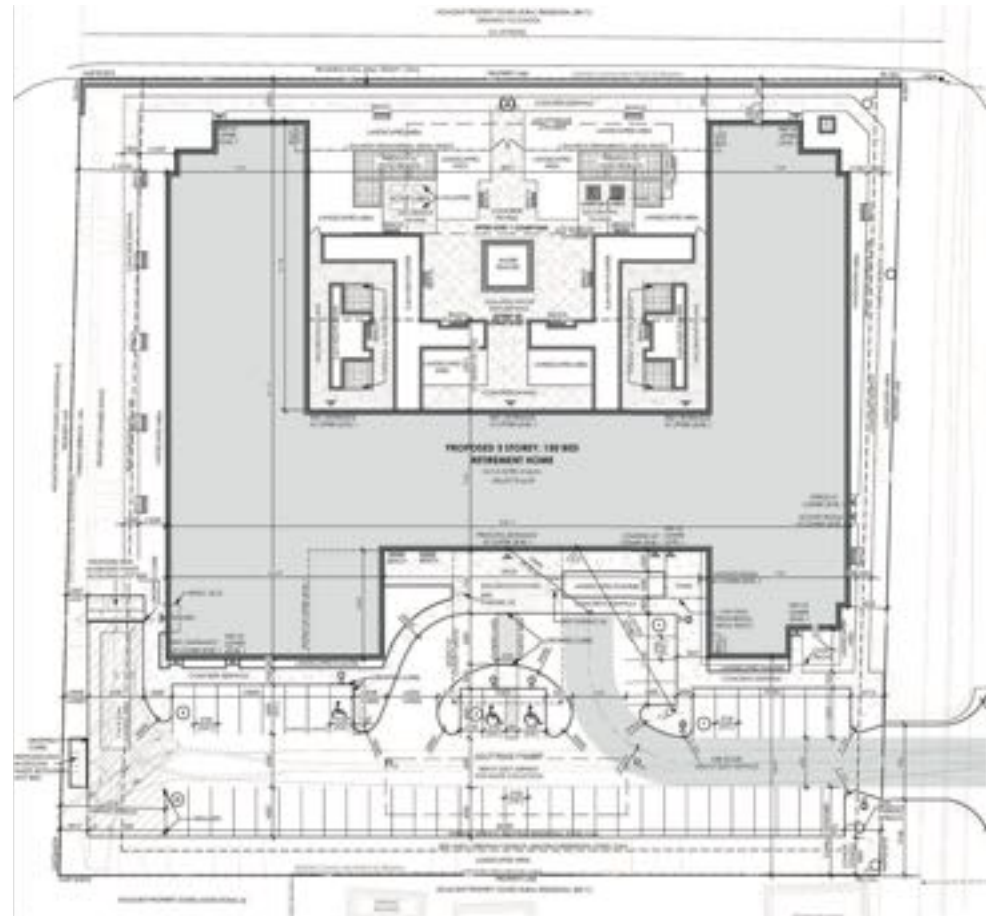
APPLICANT: Wellings Planning Consultants Inc.
on behalf of Wyndham Holdings Inc.

LOCATION: 15728 Airport Road East Part of Lot 2, Concession 6 (EHS)
West Side of Airport Road, north of Cranston Drive,
south of Hilltop Drive, Ward 3

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment application to facilitate the development of a three storey Seniors Retirement Facility with a total of 127 units consisting of a mix of unit types and levels of care. The applicant is proposing to rezone the lands to facilitate the proposed development.

This Open House has been scheduled to provide the public further opportunity to review the current proposal as a number of years has passed since the Statutory Public Information Meeting was held.



* The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon

LEAD PLANNER:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6.

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Notice Date: September 25, 2025

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- Roll No. 21 24 010 007 51236 0000; 18 DOVASTON GATE, BOLTON; PIN 14351-1343 (LT); File No. 23-09; Minimum Tender Amount: \$54,587.31
- Roll No. 21 24 010 007 53521 0000; 43 ERNEST BIASON BLVD., BOLTON; PIN 14351-1203 (LT); File No. 23-10; Minimum Tender Amount: \$43,669.17 CANCELLED
- Roll No. 21 24 010 002 03000 0000; MOUNT HOPE RD., CALEDON; PIN 14339-0015 (LT); File No. 23-22; Minimum Tender Amount: \$80,892.44

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Admirals extend winning streak to three games with 4-2 win over Hurricanes

BY JIM STEWART

Caledon's Junior A hockey club is on a heater. The vastly-improved Admirals navigated successfully through the treacherous waters of their mid-September schedule to garner three wins and a tie in their last five games.

On Sunday afternoon, the Admirals defeated the Newmarket Hurricanes 4-2 at the Mayfield Recreation Centre. William Divitjos led the way with two goals, including a short-handed marker to open the scoring. Head Coach Joe Washkurak praised Divitjos's effort and offered reasons for his team's solid performance versus the 10th-best team in the OJHL Power Rankings.

"Willy went out and played a great game and used his speed. His short-handed goal was massive and he scored two big goals for us, including the game-winner. As a team, we played our best game of the season. The guys were working hard and digging. We outworked them—plain and simple. We beat an older and well-coached team. Our guys dug in."

Divitjos's shortie at 8:08 into the first period staked the home side to a 1-0 lead, but Newmarket tallied the tying goal when Nathan Phillips fired the equalizer past Caleem Yorke. With 1:21 left in the first frame, Nolan Keeler set up Cam Lang's first of the season to restore Caledon's one-goal lead. It was Keeler's team-leading 9th assist.

The Hurricanes scored the only goal of the second period when Nate Brentnell tied it up 2-2 at 13:13.

Caledon fired thirteen shots in the final frame and two beat Newmarket netminder Max Grovestine. Divitjos's second of the game proved to be the game-winner and Deacon King's sixth of the season provided breathing room for the Admirals with 2:21 left in the contest.

Yorke stopped 32 of 34 shots to earn the W and lowered his GAA to 2.66.

Coach Washkurak praised his starting goalie's performance versus the Hurricanes: "He's played fantastic during our winning streak. Caleem's been our best player."

The win over the former Toronto Junior Canadiens ended years of frustration for the Admirals. Until Sunday's win, Caledon had lost all seven games to JRC over the last five seasons.

On Saturday, Caledon defeated the Chargers in Mississauga 3-2 in an OT thriller. During the extra period, Curtis Freeman notched his sixth of the season on the power play when he finished a feed from Nolan Keeler and beat Chargers' goaltender



The 2024-2025 Admirals, pictured here versus the King Rebellion, opened their season 1 – 7 and were mired in 12th place in the OJHL West. This season's squad is sixth and on a three-game winning streak. PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Michael Tamburro.

Yorke blocked 50 of 52 shots he faced at the Port Credit Memorial Arena, including all 27 in the opening period, to ensure the road win. Coach Washkurak was critical of his team's effort in Mississauga, but offered more superlatives to assess his goaltender's heroics versus the Chargers.

"On Saturday, we weren't at our best in Mississauga, but Caleem played out of his mind to win the game for us."

Owen Meli's power play goal with 1:57 left to play in regulation secured the tie and forced OT—setting the stage for Freeman's heroics. Clarence Allain fired the other Caledon goal with 3:23 remaining in the second period to tie the game 1-1.

The Admirals' three-game winning streak started at the Gale Centre in Niagara Falls at the Governors' Showcase on Wednesday. Curtis Freeman's four-point performance paced Caledon's 6-3 victory over Cobourg.

After Cougars' forward Jack Foley opened the scoring at 1:47 to give Cobourg an early lead, the

Admirals responded with two goals to take a 2-1 lead. Deacon King's power play goal at 3:17 tied the game and Xavier Rowe put the Caledon juniors ahead at 9:39. The last-place Cougars rallied with two second period goals by Zach Gardner and Wyatt Gregory, but Nolan Keeler tied it 3-3 and Freeman provided the go-ahead goal with 3:22 left in the middle frame.

Freeman scored shorthanded at 3:45 into the third period to stretch Caledon's lead to 5-3. Jack Fang closed the scoring at 7:37 to provide the Admirals' three-goal margin of victory.

Although the Admirals dropped their opening game at the Showcase 6-2 to the fifth-ranked Stouffville Spirit on Monday, the line of Freeman, Keeler, and Lang accumulated six points.

Caledon drove into Collingwood last Friday and competed effectively in one of the most challenging arenas in the league.

The Admirals boarded the bus back to Peel with a 3-3 tie and a hard-fought point secured due to Deacon King's goal with eight minutes left in the

third period versus the seventh-ranked Blues.

Comparing Seasons

What a difference a season makes for The Fleet!

In 2024-25, the inexperienced Admirals struggled out of the gate and were mired in twelfth place in the OJHL West. They were 1-7-0-0 after eight games and outscored 52-14.

Flash-forward to 2025-26 and Caledon holds down sixth place in the West Conference with a 3-2-1-2 record and a .563 winning percentage. They have three players—Nolan Keeler (3G and 9A), Curtis Freeman (6G and 5A), and Deacon King (6G and 5A)—ranked 9th, 10th, and 11th, respectively, in the OJHL scoring race.

With all these improvements, Coach Washkurak summarized his team's excellent week: "I'm happy for the kids and the organization."

The Admirals' next home game is Thursday, October 2 when they host the King Rebellion (4-2-0-0). Puck drop at the Mayfield Recreation Centre is 7.30 p.m.

NDBL senior championship will be decided in the final game

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The North Dufferin Baseball League senior division championship series will go to a deciding Game 7 after the New Lowell Knights and Owen Sound Baysox traded wins over the weekend.

Going into the weekend, the series was tied with both teams claiming two wins in the best-of-seven series.

The Baysox won the first two games of the series on Sept. 6 and 7.

It was all tied up the following weekend when the Knights won both games to make it a 2-2 series.

Back on the diamond in Owen Sound on September 20, for Game 5, the Knights jumped out to a three-run lead in the first inning.

The Baysox moved ahead in the third, scoring four runs off an Adam Shaver grand slam.

The Baysox added two more in the fourth inning and one run each in the sixth and seventh innings to seal an 8-3 win.

Shave also added a single for Owen Sound

with Robert Doyle contributing a home run and a double. Ryan Bartley, Greg Slater, Steve Barrett, Bryan Post, and Kevin Zettler each chipped in with singles.

In Game 6 on Sunday, Sept. 21, the Knights took control early in the game on some sloppy plays from the Baysox.

New Lowell scored two runs in the first and four more in the second inning.

A triple from Kurt Roy drove in two of those runs.

Owen Sound's lone run came on a right-field home run from Adam Shaver – his second home run of the weekend.

Strong pitching from both sides kept the remainder of the game scoreless over five innings.

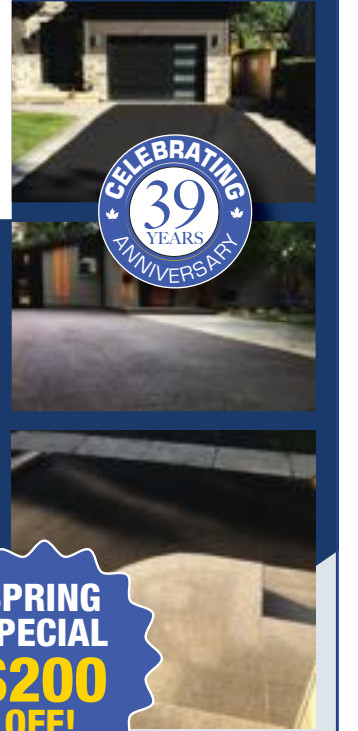
The final was a 6-1 win for New Lowell.

With the series tied at three games each, the entire season will come down to one final game to determine who will raise this year's Strother Cup to claim the 2025 NDBL championship.

The final game will be played in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The first pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society hosts 167th annual Fall Fair

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The 167th Bolton Fall Fair, hosted by the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society, had something for everyone this year.

The three-day celebration was action-packed, featuring delicious food, thrilling rides, neck-to-neck competitions, and endless fun.

First Vice President of the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society, Heather French, shared that this year's theme, Apple Trees and Honey Bees, was "beautifully showcased in entries across all categories—thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the fair so vibrant and memorable."

Reflecting on the weekend, she said it was "amazing."

"We are so grateful to everyone who came out to celebrate with us at the 167th Bolton Fall Fair. Your support, energy, and community spirit made this year truly special," says French. "A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, your continued support helps keep this cherished tradition alive year after year."

The Opening Ceremonies kicked off the fair on Friday.

At the ceremony, area dignitaries spoke on the importance not only of the fair, but also of those who run it.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones shared that "these fairs do not happen without an incredible amount of volunteer work; make sure you acknowledge all of the work that they've done, not only this weekend to make sure that you have a great weekend of family and friends and learning and fun, but also the work that they do all through the year to plan for this."

Mayor Annette Groves shared that she recalls a time when some of the volunteers that day were just young kids attending the event themselves.

"You're still here volunteering and helping out," says Groves. "This doesn't happen without volunteers."

French called volunteers, "the true backbone of the Bolton Fall Fair."

"Their dedication and tireless efforts brought the fair to life and made everything possible."

Following the opening ceremonies was the ambassador competition.

The ambassador program seeks to identify youth leaders who will represent the organization at various events, fostering a sense of community spirit and promoting agricultural awareness.

The two in this year's competition were Kayla Emmerton and Maddy Boughen.

The Senior Fair Ambassador competition concluded with Kayla Emmerton nominated as the winner.

Friday wrapped up with free line dancing lessons and a barn dance featuring Hillbilly Martini.

The fair didn't stop for long, as it resumed at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Attendees could enjoy the live petting zoo, Ag Learning Kids Zone, free pony rides, the Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Display, Pedal Kart Raceway, Kiddie Pedal Pull, Chilli Cook-Off, and more.

4-H was present at the fair, featuring various shows, including a dairy show where 4-H members proudly presented their calves, showcasing the months of commitment and care they had invested.

Peel 4-H Ambassador Emma Matson spoke on how 4-H is much more than just a club.

"4-H has changed my life in so many great ways. I've learned so many new skills and valuable lessons that I'll take with me for the rest of my life. I would recommend 4-H to any youth who would like another activity or just something to do after school."

Running throughout the fair was also the live demo stage, where onlookers could learn skills such as quilt making, knitting, crocheting, and more.

Saturday afternoon began to heat up as the ever-popular family competitions emerged.

Competitions included apple pie eating, husband-and-wife calling, arm wrestling, and apple bobbing.

The apple bobbing concluded with a video replay to confirm the winner, who had a millisecond win.

During the competitions was the lip sync battle, where returning participants Hailey and Sophie prevailed with their "Duck Song" performance.

Laura Slocki, Hailey's mother, shared that they have come to the fair every year since the kids were babies.

The duo, she said, love to come to the fair to see their friends and everyone from the community.

"We always go to a local fair, we want to support local events," said Slocki. "They put on a great event; it's always a ton of fun for the kids."

But it was not only about activities for the kids, "Love having the beer tent for the adults," she added, laughing.

Saturday wrapped up with power wheels, the demolition derby, a beef barbecue and Ramblin Soul.

The last day of the fair was Family Day.

It featured a pancake breakfast, more family-friendly competitions, endless shows, and wrapped up with the closing ceremonies.

On Sunday, the Society waived admission prices and instead requested non-perishable food items as admission to Caledon Community Services.

"The community responded in a big way," says French.

They collected an incredible 3,947 pounds of food, more than double what was donated last year.

All items were delivered to Caledon Community Services to help support local families in need.

"We can't wait to see you all again next year!" says French.



Pictured here with the new monument are Glen Hester, Dale Blaire, Jack Gibson, Tracey Patterson, and Bob Gibson. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

100th Year of Caring in the Community: Morningside Cemetery

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

For 100 years, Morningside Cemetery in Palgrave has stood as a place of remembrance, and for just as long, its Board of Directors has been its stewards.

Now, a new monument pays tribute not only to the cemetery's century of service, but also to those who have cared for it across generations.

Tracey Patterson, a member of the Board of Directors, shared at the unveiling that Morningside Cemetery has stood as a "sacred space where generations have come to honour their loved ones, find peace, and connect with the stories that shaped their lives."

She shared the monument also stands for the board that "through changing times, evolving needs, and countless challenges, the Board has remained committed to preserving the dignity, beauty and purpose of cemetery grounds."

The current board of directors is as follows.

- President Bob Gibson, who has held the position of president for 34 years, was on the board for eight prior years;
- Jack Gibson, who has not only been on the board for 39 years, but was a groundskeeper before that;
- Tracey Patterson has been a board member for two years, but has been the cemetery's administrator for 21

years;

- Dale Blaire, who has been on the board for five years; and
- Glen Hester, who has been on the board for three-and-a-half years.

"To the past, present, and future members of the Morningside Cemeteries Board of Directors, thank you. Your legacy is etched not only in stone, but in the lives you've touched and the peace you've preserved," said Patterson.

One hundred years ago, three long-time residents of Palgrave, Dr. Albert Reynar, Robert J. Lavery, and George Wilson, thought there should be a place for residents to be laid to rest.

In 1925, the land was purchased, and, with the community's help, the cemetery was established.

As of today, there have been 980 burials since 1925.

"We cannot overlook the exceptional work of our grave diggers over the years. In the beginning Sam Jones and Forrest Clark dug each grave by hand," says Jack Gibson.

With the implementation of machinery, Albert Clarkson and Len Robinson dug the graves.

To this day, Darryl Barber takes on the grave-digging job.

"Our assets are many; the building, a shovel, a rack, and a hand earth packer. We hope to continue to provide this service to the community of Palgrave, so the residents will be able to have a final resting place in the area they call home," says Gibson.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2025-0009

A Statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide those interested an opportunity to make representation with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is now offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model offering options for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING START TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
- Submit Written Comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments regarding the proposed application by completing the Participation Request Form, available at www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council.
- Virtually:** Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information, please visit www.caledon.ca/notice or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines to request participation at the Public Meeting.

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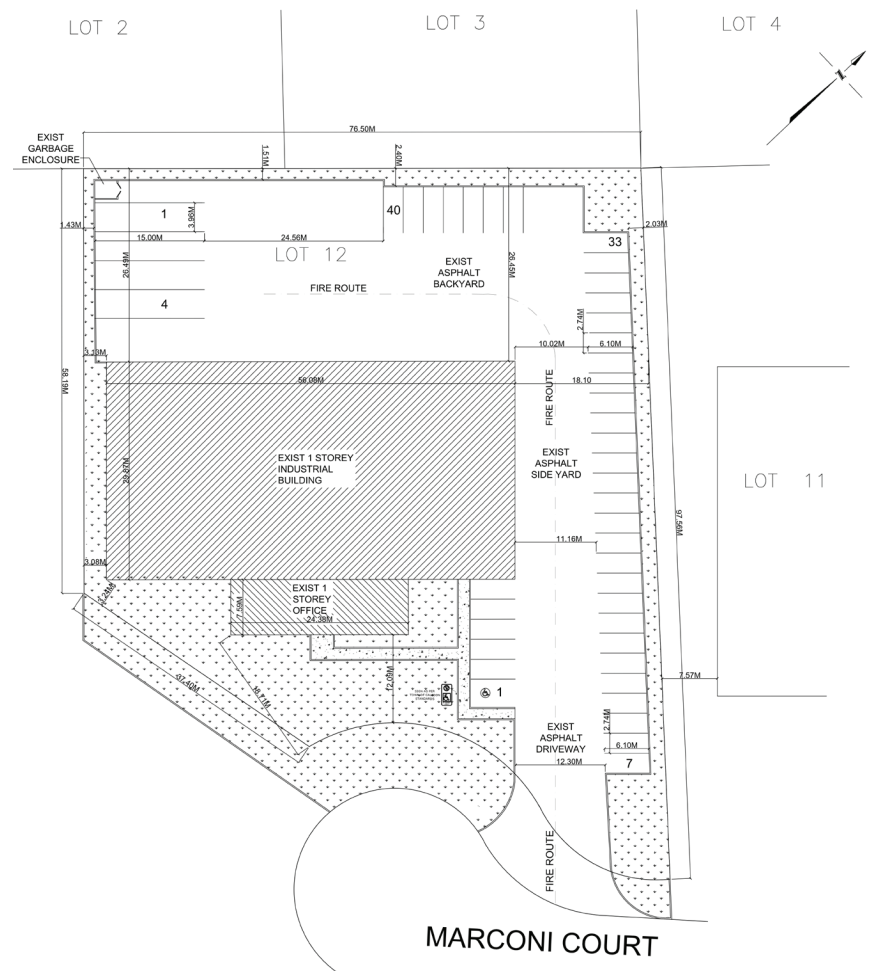
- Submitting written correspondence to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca for consideration during the Public Meeting. Please note that written comments will form part of the public record.
- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email (See contact information below).
- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT: Recon Consulting (Reza Sekhavati) on behalf of Elite Trucking Repair

Location: 8 Marconi Court
 West of Simpson Road and South of Healey Road
 PLAN M418 LOT 12
 Ward 5

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone the lands from Service Industrial (MS) to a site-specific Service Industrial (MS-XX) to permit a Tractor Trailer Repair Facility, with accessory trailer parking. The proposal includes an existing industrial building, the addition of 5 truck doors to the existing building, 40 surface parking spaces and 4 Tractor Trailer parking spaces.



** The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon*

LEAD PLANNER:
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 Planning and Development Department
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
 For more information about this matter, including appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment or a copy of supporting materials, please visit www.caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

Form 2

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



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

Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land.

Permanent Drainage Easement: Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to enter, occupy, pass, repass over, and re-enter the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies and equipment at any and all times in, on, over, through, under, above, along, across, and upon the applicable lands for the municipal purpose of constructing, installing, placing, laying, erecting, operating, using, maintaining, inspecting, altering, removing, replacing, reconstructing, renewing, upgrading, relocating, enlarging and repairing drainage ditches, culverts, retaining walls, headwalls and related appurtenances, and side-slopes and grading appurtenant to the improving of Airport Road, including without limiting the foregoing removal of trees, shrubs, bushes, branches, stumps and roots and prevention or control of growth of same ("**Permanent Drainage Easement**").

Permanent Hydro Easement: Limited Interests in Perpetuity for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed permanent easement in gross or rights in the nature of a permanent easement in gross to access, enter, occupy and re-enter the easement lands at any time by The Regional Municipality of Peel and its authorized users, including but not limited to its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, workers, and by The Regional Municipality of Peel's successors and assigns and their authorized users, and by entities authorized by statute to enter and occupy lands for the purposes set out herein, with all necessary material, including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies and equipment at all times in, on, through, under, over, across, along and upon, the easement lands for the purposes of facilitating the improving of Airport Road together with all works ancillary thereto including, but not limited to: (i) to erect, maintain, operate, repair, replace, relocate, upgrade, reconstruct and remove at any time and from time to time, an electrical transmission line or lines and communication line or lines consisting of poles and anchors with all necessary guys, braces, wires, cables, padmount equipment, if necessary, underground cable and associated material and equipment (all or any of which works are herein called "**the Line**"); (ii) to enter on and erect, maintain and use such gates in any fences which are now or may hereafter be installed on the easement lands required for access to the Line; (iii) to enter on and mark the location of the Line under the easement lands, where applicable, by suitable markers, located so as to minimize interference with any reasonable use of the easement lands; (iv) to enter on and selectively cut trees and shrubs on the easement lands and to keep same clear of all trees, shrubs and brush which may interfere with the safe operation and maintenance of the Line; (v) to conduct engineering and legal surveys in, on and over the easement lands; (vi) to clear those portions of the easement lands on which the Line is located and keep such lands clear of all buildings, structures or other obstructions of any nature whatsoever (including swimming pools and wading pools) including removal of any materials which are hazardous to the Line; and (vii) to remove, relocate and reconstruct the Line on or under the easement lands ("**Permanent Hydro Easement**").

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Temporary Construction Easement - Sign Relocation and Curb Reconstruction: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon, occupying, passing, repassing over, and re-entering the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and workers, with all necessary vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies, material and equipment required for the relocation,

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Temporary Construction Easement - Driveway Relocation: Temporary Limited Interests for the purpose of a free, uninterrupted and unobstructed temporary easement in gross or rights in the nature of a temporary easement in gross, on an exclusive basis as necessary, for the purposes of entering upon, occupying, passing, repassing over, and re-entering the lands by The Regional Municipality of Peel including its servants, agents, employees, contractors, sub-contractors and workers, with all necessary vehicles, machinery, tools, supplies, material and equipment required for the relocation, reconfiguration, alteration, removal, replacement, construction, reconstruction, restoration, grading, and paving of driveway access and other works ancillary thereto resulting from the improving of Airport Road ("**Temporary Construction Easement - Driveway Relocation**"), for a term of two (2) years commencing the earlier of (i) no less than three (3) months' written notice to the registered owner, or (ii) on the fifth anniversary of the date of registration of the plan of expropriation (the "**Commencement Date**") and expiring no later than seven (7) years after the date of the registration of the plan of expropriation.

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

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

- in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;
- in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

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

Name of expropriating authority:
The Regional Municipality of Peel
 10 Peel Centre Drive
 Brampton, ON L6T 4B9
 The Regional Municipality of Peel
 Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2025.

SCHEDULE "A"

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

- Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14293-0449 (LT)
Part of Lot 1 on Registered Plan 43M-1039, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42020
- Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14293-0545 (LT)
Part of Lot 1 on Registered Plan 43M-1057, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42024
- Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14335-0103 (LT)
Part of Lot 19, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42023
Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading
Part of PIN 14335-0103 (LT)
Part of Lot 19, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42023
- Permanent Traffic Easement**
Part of PIN 14293-0121 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42018
Permanent Hydro Easement
Part of PIN 14293-0121 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42018
Temporary Construction Easement - Sign Relocation and Curb Reconstruction
Part of PIN 14293-0121 (LT)
Part of Lot 4, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 43R-42018
- Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0144 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42014
Temporary Construction Easement - Grading
Part of PIN 14336-0144 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42014
- Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0141 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42027
Temporary Construction Easement - Grading
Part of PIN 14336-0141 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42027
- Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0142 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42013
- Temporary Construction Easement - Grading**
Part of PIN 14336-0139 (LT)
Part of Lots 6, 7 and 8, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42012
- Temporary Construction Easement - Driveway Relocation**
Part of PIN 14336-0134 (LT)
Part of Lots 15 and 16, Town Line Plan ALB 5, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42019
- Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14289-0156 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41997
- Permanent Drainage Easement**
Part of PIN 14289-0158 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41996
- Permanent Drainage Easement**
Part of PIN 14336-0045 (LT)
Part of Lot 22, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42004
- Permanent Drainage Easement**
Part of PIN 14289-0157 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-41998
- Fee Simple**
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- Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14289-0154 (LT)
Part of Lot 5, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42000
- Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14289-0148 (LT)
Part of Lot 6, Concession 6, East of Hurontario Street, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Caledon), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-42032
- Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14335-0032 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42005
Temporary Construction Easement - Grading
Part of PIN 14335-0032 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42005
- Temporary Construction Easement - Entrance Grading**
Part of PIN 14335-0033 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 43R-42022
Temporary Construction Easement - Grading
Part of PIN 14335-0033 (LT)
Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 43R-42022
- Fee Simple**
Part of PIN 14336-1704 (LT)
Part of Lot 22, Concession 1, Town of Caledon (Geographic Township of Albion), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 5 on Reference Plan 43R-40899

Headwaters Arts opens 29th Annual Fall Festival Juried Art Show

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER



Sofiya Stevens is pictured with her art. PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

Sofiya Stevens is an artist featured in the festival, and her piece, “Colors of the Sun”, displays a large body of water, with multiple reflections from the sun.

“I wasn’t painting a specific place, I was painting a feeling and that feeling was that when you look at this, there’s so much depth,” she explained.

This is her second consecutive year in the show.

She shared it’s an “amazing feeling,” as the jurors change from year to year, so she can never expect what they will like.

“It’s such a rewarding feeling; I consider myself an emerging artist. But there’s very well-established artists in this room,” says Stevens.

She shared that these events are vital for artists because they provide exposure and have “opened doors for her.”

“Every time I walk away from this show, I feel like I want to create more,” says Stevens, adding that when jurors find something in her art that resonates with them, it encourages her to create more.

Hildegard Sausik’s piece, Universal Cosmic, is made with textile.

She used shibori dyed indigo silk for the piece. Her piece encapsulates the idea of the celestial world that we both see and explore.

“I get my inspiration from looking at the sky looking at nature,” says Sausik.

She shared that she’s always been fascinated by the celestial world.

Sausik says being at the festival is a “privilege”; she has been a part of Headwaters since 2018.

“It’s a real compliment to be able to be in the show so I’m thrilled,” said Sausik. “The people are great, it’s a real community.”

Headwaters Arts’ upcoming “Artists’ Market” will be held on September 27 and will feature a multitude of unique, crafty, colourful, practical and one-of-a-kind creations for sale by 15 vendors.

Headwaters Arts has officially begun its fall festival with an Opening Soiree to kick it all off.

Headwaters Arts’ 29th Annual Fall Festival Juried Art Show and Sale will run through to October 5.

The show features over 70 works.

The opening soiree featured the works and their accompanying artists, Jazz by vocalist Shelisa Akbar and guitarist Paul Llew-Williams, a silent auction, and artist awards.

Nancy Kluger, Events Committee Chair at Headwaters Arts, said the festival marks the “beginning of the season.”

She shared it’s also exhibited through the art and extraordinary fall colours.

This event is the only juried show; the other gallery shows are not.

This year, she shared that they had 152 entries, and from that, jurors selected 79 pieces of work from 52 artists.

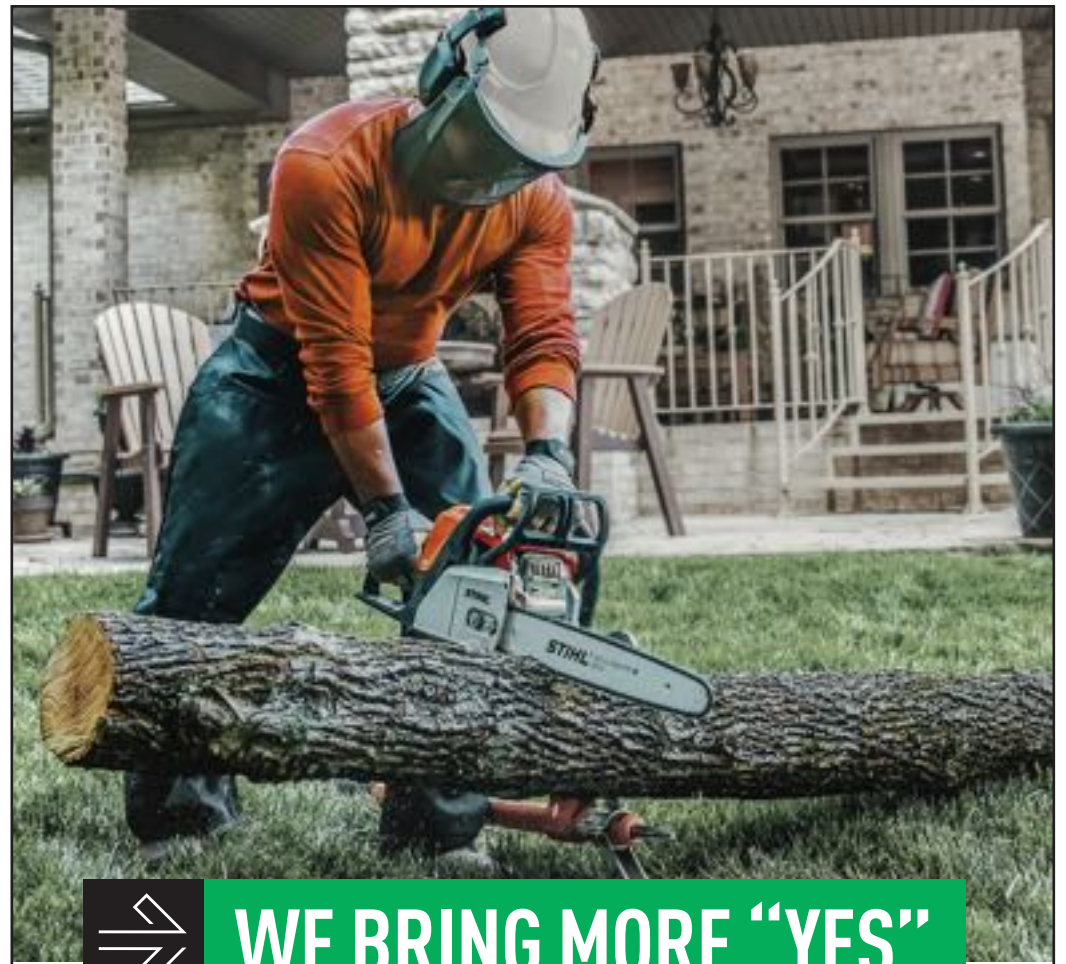
The media range from fibre, oil, water, sculpture, and more.

Kluger said that over the years, she has seen the quality of work submitted improve significantly, largely due to the high standards required for acceptance.

A new addition this year is the opportunity to “Meet the Artists.”

There will be nine different occasions where community members can ask artists questions and gain an inside perspective.

“I think the more people understand art and what goes into making a piece, maybe the larger the audience will get,” says Kluger. “We’d really like people just to come out and experience the art.”



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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Public Information Session Aggregate Standards Manual, Rehabilitation Master Plan and Excess Soil projects

You are invited to attend a drop-in public information session about three of the Town’s aggregate policy implementation projects.

This is an opportunity for you to learn about the proposed Aggregate Standards Manual, Rehabilitation Mater Plan and Excess Soil projects and provide your input. Registration is not required.

MEETING DATE AND TIME: October 8, 2025, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Caledon East Community Complex - Hall A and B
6215 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J7

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

If you are unable to attend the information session but would like to receive email updates about the Town’s aggregate policy implementation projects, please contact the Lead Planner. You may also ask questions or provide comments to a Lead Planner by mail, email, or phone. The best way to stay up-to-date is to register for project updates through the Have Your Say Caledon project webpage, available at <https://haveyoursaycaledon.ca/supplementary-aggregate-resource-policy-study>.

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(LEFT) Team ABBA Cadabra. (RIGHT) The Rotary Club of Bolton is pictured with Mayor and Council, and other parade participants.

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Caledon Seniors Centre hosts the Grand Parade

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Members of Caledon Senior Centre, Rotary Club of Bolton, Bolton Kin, Caledon OPP, Council Members, Mayor Annette Groves, and members of the public banded together this weekend to walk in the Grand Parade.

On Saturday, the Caledon Senior Centre invited one and all to join them to walk together in the Grand Parade. This walk, featuring 2.5km and 5km routes, has been designed to raise vital funds and awareness in support of the Centre.

The Grand Parade is a family-friendly fundraising walk that celebrates and supports seniors by providing them with a cost-effective centre that allows all seniors in Caledon an opportunity to participate in activities that keep them active, healthy and connected.

Teams were told not only to bring their energy, but also all the colours they had.

One team, ABBA Cadabra, with members RaDeana Montgomery, Beverley Nurden, and Barbara Wynne from the Caledon Seniors Centre, knew how to make an appearance.

Adorned with colourful wigs and bell-bottoms, their hope wasn't just to bring attention to the parade, but to the multiple programs the Caledon Seniors Centre offers.

The team shared that this is the first year the Centre is taking part in the Grand Parade, and they are hoping it spurs "momentum."

"It's about having fun and camaraderie, and it's all about the center," said Nurden.

Nurden said another of their goals is to "widen their scope" of people who help fundraise.

"Even though we've been here for 30 years, there's still new people coming in all the time that don't know about us," said Montgomery. "You've always got to be keeping that information flowing so people know about you, and then they'll support us."

Montgomery shared they're hoping to raise awareness that what they do at the Centre isn't just for seniors.

"We're raising money for the seniors, but our events aren't just senior-oriented necessarily.

They're for the whole community to be part of," she says. "This would have been a great opportunity to have schools involved and different people because it's a parade in honor of seniors. It doesn't mean it's a parade for seniors; it's in honor of seniors."

Rotary Club of Bolton attended in full force that day.

Rita Cantelon is not only a member of the Rotary Club of Bolton, but she is also a member of the board of Directors for the Caledon Seniors Centre. She shared that the Rotary Club of Bolton meets at the Centre every Monday.

"We're very connected with them, we really appreciate what they do," says Cantelon. "To be able to do what they do, they need sponsorship, they need fundraising. So anytime there's a cause, Rotary is there. We're very community-minded, and this is how we give back to them."

Proceeds from The Grand Parade will support the essential programs and services of the Caledon Seniors' Centre, enhancing social connections, active living, and quality of life for adults aged 55+ across Caledon.

Recently, the Caledon Seniors Centre was the primary grant recipient of this year's 2025 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament.

They will receive \$75,000 to install a new sound and audiovisual system in the original wing of Rotary Place, the Centre's central location in Bolton.

The new sound and AV system will significantly improve audio clarity and overall accessibility, ensuring that seniors can fully engage in all activities.

In addition to the new AV system, the Caledon Seniors Centre is looking forward to hosting a variety of programs throughout the fall.

Their next big events are the Country Hoe-down on October 14, Holiday Portraits day on November 1, and the ever popular Silent Auction, Bake and Craft Sale on November 8.

To view upcoming programs and activities, visit https://caledonseniors.ca/ecwd_calendar/calendar.



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COMMUNITY events

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Monthly Dinner – Friday, Sept. 26

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having their Monthly Dinner on Friday, September 26. The menu is lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread and chocolate eclair dessert. Cost is \$16.

Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for \$2.

Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 by Wed. September 24 at 3:30 pm to buy your tickets! Everyone is welcome!

Caledon Chamber Concerts starts off this exciting 2025-2026 season with six spectacular concerts. These wonderful concerts are held in the Great Hall at St. James Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Road, Caledon East. Our first of the season concert starts on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 7:30 pm, featuring REBEKAH-JURECKA DUO.

These musicians are professional, high level musicians, playing a large variety of styles of music.

Free Refreshments are served at intermission.

Tickets are \$40. Children 18 years of age or younger are FREE!

Visit CaledonChamberConcerts.com for ticket information.

Need Help? Please contact Janice Reed. 905-838-0888

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Art lights up our brains and ignites action

BY DAVID SUZUKI
OPINION

When we think of solutions to the climate and biodiversity crises, we often imagine technologies, government policies or new infrastructure. But sometimes the most powerful tools are far older and more human: stories, songs, images and performances. Art doesn't just decorate our world; it shapes how we see it.

Neuroscience offers evidence for this. When we encounter art — whether it's a painting, dance, music or story — our brains engage networks tied to emotion, memory and empathy. Studies have found that aesthetic experiences activate the brain's reward system, much like food, exercise, hobbies, spending time in nature and social connection. Experiencing art literally lights up our neural pathways, making us more open to new ideas and more likely to activate them.

That matters when it comes to rewilding — restoring ecosystems and their processes and reconnecting people with the natural world. Too often, conservation discussions rely on numbers and warnings. But facts alone don't always move people. Art is an affecting way to bridge the gap between data and action.

That's why the David Suzuki Foundation and Rewilding magazine launched the Rewilding Arts Prize. This national prize celebrates artists in Canada whose work reimagines our relationship with nature and community. The inaugural prize, launched in 2022, drew more than 550 applications. The winners' work spans textiles, sculpture, installation, photography and sound. It's on view at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa until October 2025 and is the first major exhibition in Canada devoted entirely to rewilding-themed art.

Walking through the museum, you arrive at Amanda McCavour's embroidered garden of 500 poppies suspended above, fragile yet immersive, transforming the gallery into a rewilded ecosystem of thread and brilliant colour.

Natasha Lavdovsky's moss and lichen-inspired work blurs the line between art and science, inviting us to see rewilding as a partnership with often overlooked organisms that stitch ecosystems together. Amber Sandy's birchbark and hide works honour Indigenous knowledge and relationships with the land, rewilding cultural connections alongside ecological ones.

These works aren't just beautiful; they also change how we perceive the natural world and how we imagine rewilding our communities.

Science backs up what visitors feel. An abundance of research shows that nature-themed art and place-based aesthetic experiences can strengthen ecological identity and inspire stewardship. Art grounded in environmental contexts nurtures empathy, deepens our connection with nature and motivates pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours.

In other words, art doesn't just make us think; it makes us care, and caring leads to action.

A 2025 study shows that strengthening human-nature connectedness is essential to addressing climate change and biodiversity loss, and art is uniquely positioned to catalyze that bond.

An earlier study, from 2024, notes that environmental professionals often point to artworks that shaped or reinforced their values. Psychologists even describe the "awesome solution" — art that ignites the strongest emotional and cognitive responses, opening people to new perspectives and action. Art doesn't just reflect our world; it can help us reimagine it and move us to protect it.

The Rewilding Arts Prize was built on this understanding. By elevating artists who draw attention to the fragility and resilience of ecosystems, we're helping shift culture. And culture change is at the heart of environmental progress. Laws and policies may set the framework, but people need to envision different ways of living. Art opens that door.

This fall, the David Suzuki Foundation is launching the second round of the Rewilding Arts Prize.

Through November 18, artists from throughout Canada can apply. Five winners will each receive \$2,000 and join the Rewilding Arts Collective — a growing network of artists advancing ecological awareness through creative practice.

Alongside the prize, there will be a Toronto art show, a panel in Montreal discussing rewilding and art and a national webinar to showcase art's role in advocacy and community building.

The science is clear: Healthy ecosystems are essential for our survival. But facts and numbers alone can't tell the whole story. We need artists to spark wonder, shift perspectives and help us envisage a more just, biodiverse future. If we are to rewild our landscapes and communities, we must also rewild our hearts and minds. Science shows us why this matters, and art shows us how.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Rewilding Communities Program Manager Jode Roberts. Learn more at davidsuzuki.org.

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON

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Finally, in other news — this time good — residents are invited to celebrate history and to honour veterans. Belfountain is celebrating its Bicentennial (200th anniversary) with a large festival on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Enjoy some fall "leaf peeping" while you're at it, but be aware there will be some road closures in place as the festival is in progress. Speaking of roads, you'll also want to keep an eye out for upcoming changes to some Caledon roadways which will soon feature Veteran crosswalks.

After several residents brought the idea to the attention of Mayor Groves, crosswalks will be installed in spots across Caledon including: in front of Town Hall, at Centennial Dr. and Highway 50 and in multiple Alton locations. I can't help but feel this is an important opportunity to bring visibility and attention to our veterans and all they have done — or are doing — to help preserve our freedoms. They will act as a reminder all year long, not just on Remembrance Day, of their sacrifice and when we see what is happening in other parts of the world right now, visible reminders are more important than ever.

Yes, the leaves are falling, but it's not all doom and gloom.

*In an example of just one of several applications, Aecon is asking the Ministry of Natural Resources to allow the company to import up to 11 million cubic metres of fill to dump in a 571 hectare below the water table pit, "including into the "pond"/lake which occupies a large part of the site."

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Open House and Statutory Public Meeting Proposed Community Planning Permit By-law

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2025-0019

APPLICANT: The Corporation of the Town of Caledon

LOCATION: Bolton settlement area, southeast Caledon (Ward 5)

The Town of Caledon is holding an Open House as well as a Statutory public meeting to provide information and receive feedback on the proposed Community Planning Permit System.

PROPOSED CHANGES

The Town of Caledon is introducing a Community Planning Permit System (CPPS) for the potential Bolton South GO Major Transit Station Area (MTSA). The potential Bolton South GO MTSA is envisioned as a mixed-use, high-density, multimodal community in the draft Bolton Secondary Plan being concurrently led by the Town. A map showing the proposed CPPS area is included below.

The CPPS is being advanced through the Town's Housing Accelerator Fund initiative and will support the implementing policies of the draft Bolton Secondary Plan by streamlining the process of development applications within the area. As a land use planning tool, the CPPS combines three development application processes: Zoning By-law amendments, Minor Variances, and Site Plans, into a single permit application and review process.

A draft Community Planning Permit (CPP) By-law has been prepared to implement the CPPS, which can be viewed online at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/bolton-secondary-plan-review.

Once in effect, the CPP By-law will replace the Town's Zoning By-law as it applies to the area.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Open House – October 14, 2025

- Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may visit to learn about the proposed CPPS, ask questions, and view the draft materials.
- Provide feedback:** Comments and feedback collected at the Open House will help inform staff for further consideration but will not be considered formal submissions for appeal purposes. You can also provide input by contacting the Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours (details below). Please submit any written comments to the Town via email to agenda@caledon.ca and planning@caledon.ca before the Public Meeting to be included as part of the public record.

Public Meeting – October 21, 2025

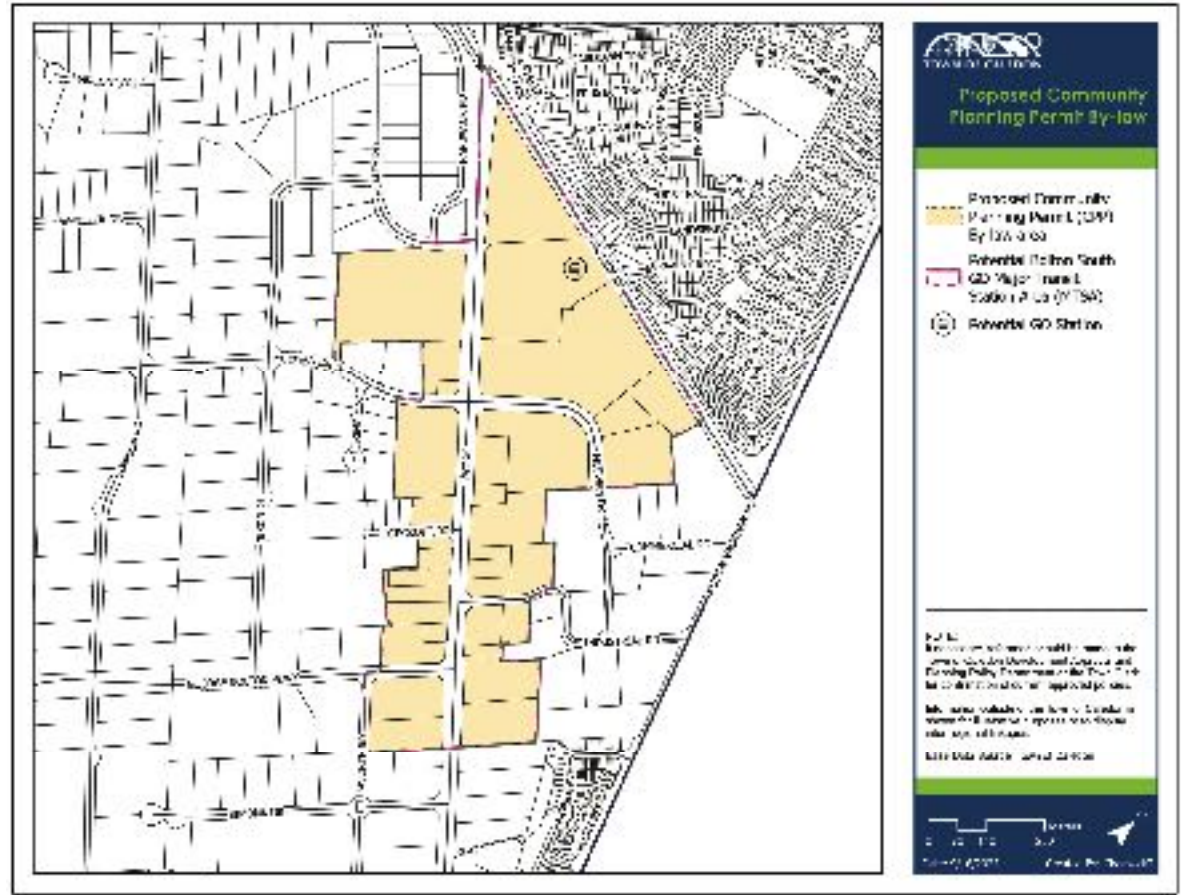
- Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to items on the agenda or sit in the gallery to observe.
- Submit Written Comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments regarding the proposed CPP By-law by completing the Participation Request Form, available at www.caledon.ca/speak-at-council.
- Virtually:** Members of the public are welcome to participate via phone or WebEx Meeting upon request. For more information, please visit www.caledon.ca/notice or contact the Planning Department. Please note that there are deadlines to request participation at the Public Meeting.

OPEN HOUSE

DATE: October 14, 2025
TIME: 5:00 to 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Hall B, Caledon East Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East

PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: October 21, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING START TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

LEAD PLANNER:

Tara Shukla
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Planning and Development Department
Phone: 905-584-2272 ext. 4037
Email: tara.shukla@caledon.ca

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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Notice Date: September 25, 2025



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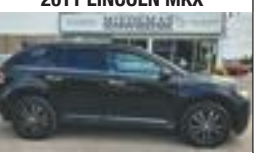
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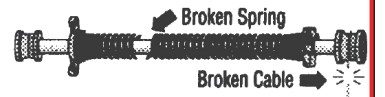
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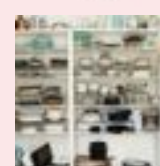
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