

Community map to be launched at CEAC 10th anniversary party

What do the Albion Hills Conservation Area, the Alton Mill, an American elm tree and the Caledon Trailway have in common? They are all listed on a new and exciting Caledon map which features more than 100 sites of natural and cultural heritage interest.

June 27, the Caledon Community Map will be unveiled by Mayor Marolyn Morrison at the Caledon East Park as part of the 10th Anniversary celebration for the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC).

Over the last 10 months, more than 200 local people and groups attended meetings to provide suggestions on what natural and cultural features should be included on the community map. From there local illustrator Jim Stewart, cartographer Chris Brackley, and project co-ordinator Deanna Coop worked together to bring the map to life.

"The map is a testament to Caledon and the community's appreciation of its natural and cultural heritage. We've collected

over 100 submissions, stories and photos telling us about trails, parks, churches and heritage buildings that people really value" said Coop.

The Caledon Community Map is a project initiated by the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) as a way to

celebrate its 10 years as one of the Town council's most successful volunteer advisory committees. Heritage Caledon, which celebrated its 30th anniversary recently, and the Caledon Countryside Alliance, with its commitment to countryside values, were natural and

enthusiastic partners.

"Like so many great ideas, the idea of a community map to celebrate CEAC's first 10 years happened over a glass of wine," said Debbe Crandall, CEAC project leader. "A map made by the citizens of Caledon is a perfect fit with a committee like CEAC."

Having Heritage Caledon and CCA come on board as partners was the icing on the cake."

In all, 10,000 copies of the map have been printed and will be distributed to businesses, libraries and community centres throughout the summer. Businesses wishing to request copies of the map should contact Coop at deanna@caledoncountryside.org.

The financial support of the Metcalf Foundation, the McLean Foundation, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, Town of Caledon Community Green Fund, and project partners is gratefully acknowledged.

Caledon village passes water tests

By Mandi Hargrave
Orangeville Citizen

Nearly half of the 36 Ontario municipalities recently tested for drinking water quality failed after elevated levels of lead were found.

However, the 20 samples taken from Caledon village showed zero signs of contamination.

In Caledon, all samples came in at or below the provincial standard, which is 10 ug/L, in both the tap and hydrant test samples. Other nearby municipalities didn't fare quite as well. In Guelph, just 17 of 20 tap samples came in at or under the requirements, although all tests at hydrants came in on target.

The cities among the worst results were areas with a lot of older homes. Those include Hamilton, Renfrew, Thunder Bay, Smith Falls and Quinte West.

The executive director of the Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association, Frank Zechner, says a lot more municipalities would have failed if the tests had of been taken under "real life" conditions. Instead, he says, the tests were taken after taps had been running for five minutes twice per hour.

"Most homeowners do not run their taps that frequently or for that long," he says. "Even under these unrealistic conditions, the lead concentration in some cities such as Hamilton, St. Catharines and Guelph increased by anywhere from 20 to 5,000 per cent. If the water was allowed to stand in those pipes for several hours instead of 30 minutes, the number of failures would have been much higher."

The province-wide tests were ordered after elevated levels of lead were discovered in London. A government appointed panel of water experts, the Ontario

Drinking Water Advisory Council, made a number of recommendations to be put in place after the water quality tests.

Schools and daycares are to immediately start testing for lead annually. As well all facilities built before 1990 are to flush their systems daily, rather than weekly.

There is a proposed new regulation to make it mandatory for municipalities to regularly test for lead at a specified number of taps. Homeowners and facility owners are to be notified of the results so they can take corrective action if elevated levels of lead are found.

As well, low-income parents with infants and young children or pregnant women who live in older neighbourhoods are to be assisted with the cost of filters if they are recommended.

The provincial government is also to assist municipalities with advice on how to adjust water chemistry in the municipal system to pick up less lead, encourage municipalities to conduct public education campaigns and provide them with the best practices to make lead line replacement more affordable.

Fred & Dollie Ford, Caledon, are pleased to announce the arrival of Grandchild #7.



Madelyn Nicole Ford was born March 28, 2007 at Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga, weighing 8lbs., 9ozs. Madelyn is the 3rd child for Fred Ford & Sue Buckley, Cheltenham. A sister for Sophie (4) & Freddie (3) and the 4th Grandchild for Carl & Jeanne Buckley, Perth, Ont.



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Macville public school recently donated \$7,918.30 from its Jump Rope for Heart event to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the highest amount ever raised by the school. Jennifer Tremaine (back row, left), program co-ordinator with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, accepts the cheque from Grade 3 pupils Meagan Donohoe (left) and Megan Williams, and teacher Lorraine Lapp.

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