



Photo by Thomas Dannenberg

This barn on Mississauga Road was completely destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon.

Barn fire causes \$50,000 in damage

Sunday, Sept. 23 at approximately 2:41 pm., Caledon Fire & Emergency Services responded to a report of a structure fire received from a 911 call. Fire crews were upgraded en route to the call on Mississauga Road that this emergency incident was a barn fire.

Upon arrival, fire crews found the barn to be fully involved with fire. Crews commenced a defensive fire attack from the exterior using hand lines due to the advanced fire conditions. The structure collapsed shortly after the fire crew's arrival. Embers from the fire caused the grass in nearby fields to ignite which were also extinguished by fire crews.

Additional water supply and firefighters were requested through Mutual Aid from the Town of Erin Fire & Emergency Services.

The barn was used for storage of personal goods. There was also some old hay in the hayloft. Damage was contained to the barn and surrounding brush. There were no injuries.

The cause is under investigation and damage is estimated at \$50,000.

Agencies responding included Inglewood, Alton, Caledon Village, Caledon East and Erin fire stations, Caledon OPP, Peel EMS.

Non-compostable bags no longer collected

Starting Oct. 1, the Region of Peel will not collect green bins as part of the Organics Recycling Program if they contain non-compostable plastic items, such as plastic grocery or shopping bags.

"Participation in the Organics Recycling Program to date has been encouraging, and we're pleased that so many Peel residents have embraced the program," says Andrew Pollock, director, waste management. "But for the program to be most environmentally effective, non-compostable plastic bags must not be placed in the green bin. Starting October 1, the Region will not collect green bins that contain these items."

The Region's Organics Recycling Program collects organic waste and diverts the material from disposal by converting it into compost. However, the program is not designed to manage non-compostable plastics. Items such as plastic grocery or shopping bags, food wrap and other plastic containers are not permitted in the program because they contaminate the finished compost.

Residents may line their kitchen containers and green bins with newspaper, paper bags or certified

compostable plastic bags, available at hardware and grocery stores. Only certified compostable plastic bags with the logo are permitted in the program.

"Since the launch of the program in April 2007, we have asked residents not to place non-compostable plastic bags in their green bin," continues Pollock. "We hope that residents who

have been using non-compostable plastic bags will continue to participate in this important initiative and will line their bins with newspaper or compostable liners."

For a complete list of acceptable liner options and retail outlets carrying these products, visit www.peelregion.ca/waste or call 905-791-9499.

Participate in Caledon's World Record Walk Oct. 3

To promote a healthier lifestyle, the Town of Caledon is pleased to announce participation in the province-wide "World Record Walk" Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Ontario's "World Record Walk" aims to break the existing Guinness World Record for the most people walking one kilometre simultaneously. Western Australia won in 2006 with 100,915 participants.

"Individuals, families, schools, clubs and businesses within Caledon are all encouraged to get out and get active on October 3," said Mayor Marolyn Morrison.

The Caledon walk will take place promptly at 12:30 p.m. on the Caledon Trailway behind Town Hall at 6311 Old Church Road. The event is free and participants will receive fresh apples compliments of Albion Orchards and bottled water. A limited amount of walking gear (water bottles, pedometers and flashing lights for night excursions) is available on a first-registered first-serve basis. There will also be a gift bag for the youngest walker!

On-site registration occurs from 12 to 12:15 p.m. on Oct. 3. All walkers must sign in at the walk site and walk the full kilometre on the marked route in order to be counted for the record.

For more information, contact the Recreation & Property Services Department (905-584-2272, ext. 4235) or visit www.worldrecordwalk.ca.

Can takeout beverage cups be recycled in your blue box?

YES

NO

Only the following beverage containers can be recycled in your blue box: plastic bottles, glass bottles, metal cans, beverage cartons and drink boxes.

Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.



Learn why certain beverage containers are not recyclable, and how you can affect change. Visit www.peelregion.ca/waste or call 905-791-9499.

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