

Caledon bantam Emery Woodworking bring home gold

Caledon bantam Emery Woodworking went undefeated in their pursuit to capture the gold medal this past weekend at the HMHA House League Olympics Tournament in Cambridge, Ont.

Starting with a round robin, Emery blanked Hespeler 4-0 and tied Mount Forest 3-3. In the playoffs, Emery defeated Burlington 2-1 and advanced to the semi-finals where they shut out Georgetown 5-0.

The championship game was a difficult one with Emery tied 3-3 all against Waterford after regulation time. Sudden death overtime solved nothing but Emery prevailed in the shootout to bring home the gold.

The whole tournament was a complete team effort with everyone giving it their all, from sharp goal-tending to solid defense and back-checking forwards.

The Caledon bantam Emery Woodworking team went undefeated in the HMHA House League Olympics Tournament this past weekend. They consist of the following: Back row (left to right): Chris Stanford (assistant coach), John Cunti (coach), William Bowman, Robert Barnes, Grayson Williams, Carlo Cunti, Andi Fiorini, Michael Moorman, Brian Cunti, Tracey Fiorini (manager). Middle row (left to right): Philip Stanford, Jordan Martel, Dillon Hesketh-Bince, Joseph Iellimo, Kenny McMullin, Christina Lapicciarella, Bill Mitchell (trainer). Front row: Jordan Mitchell.

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"LINC to the Community" By Dominika Farrelly



Caledon Community Services (CCS) started the settlement services journey in 2007 by offering the community's first-ever services for immigrants in their new adopted

community. We began by offering two LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) classes, free language skills training and opportunities that enhance the economic and social integration of newcomers to Canada. The purpose of LINC is to help learners become participating members of Canadian society by developing essential language skills. LINC's curriculum is broken down into relevant "real-life" themes including employment, housing, banking, customer service, customs and social behaviour, and health and safety, etc. LINC is fully-funded by the government of Canada through Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

With continuing outreach to immigrants in Caledon for LINC services, there concurrently emerged an increase in inquiries from those immigrants requiring additional services for their successful settlement into the community. What they asked for were language, employment and networking opportunities to help them gain meaningful employment and make friends in their new home. As a direct result of those needs, CCS reached out to volunteers to coordinate and instruct in a new program called the Eh Café (English Help Café). The Eh Café is an informal network of volunteers and immigrants that meet weekly over coffee to tackle and overcome the real-life

challenges faced within a resettlement process. Launched in 2008, the program has already served more than 150 participants and has branched out again to offer individual and small-group tutoring.

All of these services are an integral component of helping facilitate settlement and integration of immigrants into the Caledon community through networking and language learning.

It is expected that as demographics in Caledon continue to evolve, the demand for all language programs and additional settlement services will continue to increase. This is confirmed by Statistics Canada 2006 Census data, which reported that of the 50,605 residents living in the Town of Caledon, nearly 12,000 are immigrants, a 19 percent increase in the number of immigrants from the previous census! The number of newcomers living in Caledon also jumped significantly with a 53 percent increase from the previous census.

We are fortunate and grateful to the many volunteers in our community who have stepped up in a very big way to "help people help themselves", the continuing mission of CCS. Their support has meant that our newcomers learn English and become active and participating members of the Caledon community. CCS also acknowledges and is grateful to the financial contribution of the government of Canada through Citizenship and Immigration Canada, without which none of these programs would be possible.

To find out more about CCS settlement services, or if you're interested in joining our team as a volunteer, please give me a call - I'd love to hear from you.

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.

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Tourism association opts to be a services delivery model

The Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association has been working on behalf of their municipal partners and tourism members for the last 15 years to promote tourism as a viable economic sector and to bring more visitors to the region.

At a special general meeting Jan. 27, a motion was put forward to move the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association to a tourism services delivery model that will represent all tourism operators and businesses within the region, rather than a paid membership model. The motion was approved, with

no dissenting votes.

This change in structure will allow the association to grow and expand its role as the primary agent for marketing and promoting the Hills of Headwaters region within the provincial landscape as a premier tourism destination.

Association members plan to continue providing regional tourism operators and service providers with marketing services on a pay-for-use basis at competitive market rates. This will allow them to develop and expand the marketing opportunities that will be available to all tourism

operators and businesses in the region, based on demand and interest.

This new model will take effect April 1.

They report they are looking forward to working with the regional tourism industry, municipal partners, regional business groups and associations, and provincial tourism agencies to promote the area as a premier tourism destination within Ontario and to encourage the growth of the regional tourism industry.

The association welcomes input and direction from tourism industry representatives and stakeholders in shaping the direction of the organization. There are currently openings on the Board of Directors, and individuals who operate or have experience in the tourism industry would be welcome to provide their expertise in providing strategic direction for promoting the Hills of Headwaters (Caledon, Dufferin County and Erin) as a premier tourism destination.

The association will continue to actively promote our regional tourism industry and welcomes the opportunity to work with a broader group of regional tourism industry businesses and service providers, to help grow the economic value of the tourism sector in the Hills of Headwaters.

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