

# MiNews

## Hazel McCallion Died at the age of 101 years



By Issac Shiff

Former Mayor of Mississauga Hazel McCallion died at the age of 101 years. After retirement she did not rest at home and worked as a consultant to powerful quarters. Hazel enjoyed the trust of the people of Mississauga for decades. Present Mayor of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie, wrote her condolence messages on her social media account with these words. "Today, we grieve the loss of Mississauga's matriarch, Hazel McCallion, a fierce and passionate leader who touched the lives of so many. She lived a life of service before self - everything she did was for the betterment of our City. My deepest condolences to the McCallion family."

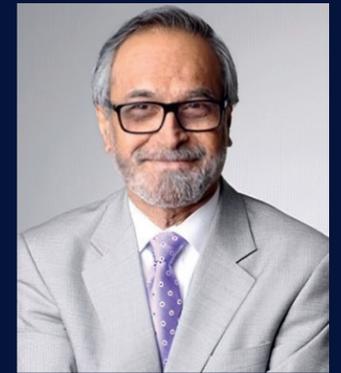


Hazel became extremely famous when she decided to evacuate 250,000 residents after a train derailment that carried Chlorine

gas and there was a fear that it may disrupt due to derailment shocks. At the age of 93 Hazel decided to say goodbye to may-orship and handover the torch to someone else.

In her biography she emphasised that the life has a purpose and indeed she served with purpose, to make a difference in the lives of the people she served. Constituents believed in her and had complete trust in her. Hazel was a strong voice people would never hear again. Goodbye Hazel. May God bestow peace upon you.

## Housing Shortages



By Amir Ali

Since the home prices have become too high in western Toronto area, an experienced Realtor took the client to Oshawa and short listed 3 homes. One home had 8 offers, one 7 and the last one got 5 and all went on the higher price than it was listed.

The reason is quite simple, there are more buyers than the inventory available. Meanwhile, in Mississauga, the new condos are still selling. A 530 square feet, tiny one bedroom condo with a car parking is still selling for \$650,000.

Rents are high too. A one bedroom is being rented for \$1800 in a good building. In the dirty rather filthy buildings those are going for \$1500. Thanks to refugees and foreign students who live there because they can't afford. Even the basement rents are doubled.

Builders are blaming inflation in the material cost, but across the border, the cost of the condo is half than what we pay. Not far away, Calgary and Saskatoon, the new homes are about the half price. Meaning, someone must control the builders who are taking advantage of the shortage.

Ontario's problem is that most of the jobs are here and the people move where the jobs are. There were times when there was a balance and the people were equally divided into east and west, but since the old boom slowed, Alberta and Saskatchewan is offloading.

Finally, the governments must find ways to attract businesses into less populated provinces and enforcing immigrants quota system to make a balanced country where everyone can live happily rather living with frustration and home budgets in deficit.

## Burnhamthorpe/Hurontario Protest Gets Public Attention

By Editha Hugh

In pretty minus temperatures a huge crowd gathers every weekend with the sign boards in hand, panners at the corner and stickers on the vehicles. The main theme of the protests as far as it's heard, they want less control of the government on the common person's life and that is the real freedom. Some lost their job because they refused to get the needle. God knows who is right here.

Slogans like "Stop the Shots", "W.H.O Pandemic Treaty - Global Control over 194 Countries" or "Trudeau Must Go" shows a little anger but it's okay to get their voices heard. We all have freedom of expression. Years ago, former Prime Minister Paul Martin said, "Don't cherry pick the right, right is a right." Mainly, the protesters are against the COVID vaccination. They think that vaccine might save you from COVID but people would lose their life with vaccine reaction anyway.



The other side advocates that the vaccination has saved thousands of lives. They also say that if they did not move towards vaccination, suffering would have been too great. In Mississauga, the panic started when many people died in a nursing home and the virus was carried in the premisses by the caregivers who eventually died too. Hospitals were full and there was acute shortage of ventilators. Other cities and even countries had the same situation. Scientists came up with a solution that was adapted.

People have full sympathy with the protesters, and someone must sit with them and both sides should bring the evidence to reach to a solution and a peaceful end to protest in a harsh weather. If talking can end the wars, why not to apply here. This maybe just a small issue for one side but a huge for other.

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## Caledon

# Caledon acts on Bill 23 changes

Monday, January 23, 2023

The Town of Caledon is responding to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, with immediate action items to address impacts of the Bill, and position Caledon for success. The Town is also asking the Province to further consult with municipalities and Indigenous communities before all parts of the Bill come into effect.

“There are many layers of changes under Bill 23 and we are carefully working through them and what they mean for Caledon’s future growth,” said Mayor Annette Groves. “Our concerns remain with impacts to our environment, heritage, parkland and ability to plan and fund the infrastructure needed to meet the Province’s housing targets. We are doing the work now to help prepare Caledon for a prosperous and successful future, and we will need support from all levels of government, residents and stakeholders to plan for what is important to Caledon.”



### Caledon’s Growth Targets

The Province has provided housing targets for 29 selected municipalities in Ontario. Caledon’s target is 13,000 new residential units by 2031. The Province has requested that Caledon sign a ‘Housing Pledge’ committing to the new target by March 1, 2023. Staff will bring forward more information on the Housing Pledge in February.

### Bill 23 Impacts

“Changes proposed through Bill 23 will impact our land use planning and processes,” said Antonietta Minichillo, Director, Planning/Chief Planner. “Staff across the Town of Caledon continue to explore opportunities from the legislation. Caledon’s greenfield growth requires significant investments (transit, water and

wastewater, infrastructure, etc.). We look forward to working with the Province for better understanding of impacts to greenfield developments, new funding tools and solution creation.”

### Financial Impacts

“Bill 23 presents financial challenges to municipalities such as Caledon who are at the

beginning of their growth journey” said Myuran Palasandiran, Director, Finance and Chief Financial Officer. “The Province has indicated they understand these impacts and will offer new financial tools to assist municipalities with housing enabling infrastructure funding. Caledon is eager to learn what those tools are.”

## Brampton

# The City of Brampton’s Bramalea Civic Centre home to Ontario's newest medical school, TMU School of Medicine

Friday, Jan 27 2023

The City of Brampton, Government of Ontario, and Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) announced the City’s Bramalea Civic Centre will be home to the new Toronto Metropolitan University School of Medicine at 150 Central Park Drive in Brampton.

The Civic Centre is strategically located within the City’s health and life sciences cluster, and was selected for its proximity to both the Brampton Civic and Peel Memorial Hospitals as well as its accessibility to municipal transportation, GO transit and highway systems. The site also meets the space requirements to build a school of medicine that will require 250,000 square feet for classrooms, offices, research facilities and an integrated health clinic. The City of Brampton will invest \$20M



of funding to support building renovations required for programming and operations of the School of Medicine.

The TMU School of Medicine marks the first new medical school in the GTA in over a hundred years and will make Brampton the home of a community-centric medical school focused on inclusivity, innovation and primary care.

Establishing a medical school in Brampton has been a significant part of the City’s ongoing advocacy work. In 2021, Brampton City Council voted in favour of a \$1 million planning grant to help fund a future School of Medicine in the city, matching the funding invested by the Province of Ontario earlier that year.

A shared vision for a School of Medicine in Brampton builds on existing partnerships between the University and the City of Brampton, including the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst and the Brampton Venture Zone.