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# The View from Belfountain

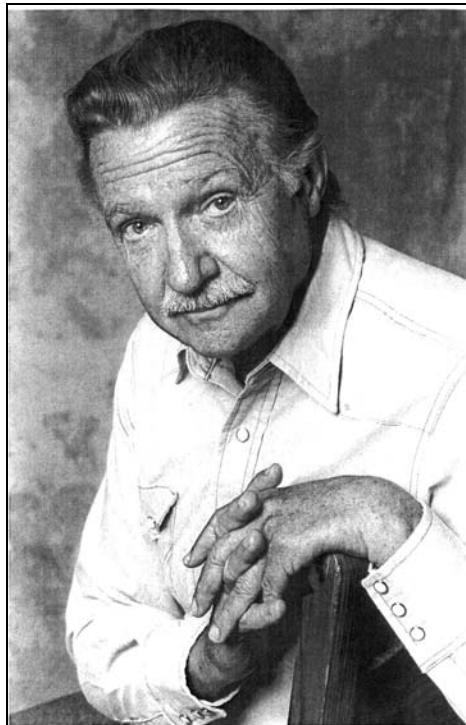
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## BPS Learning Grounds In Full Swing!

On Saturday, November, 14th, 2009 the community had a chance to get together and support outdoor learning and play in Belfountain at The Climber Social. Close to 300 people came to the Caledon Ski Club for dinner, dancing, shopping at the Belfountain School Marketplace and a silent and live auction. The event raised over \$24,000 which will go towards the Phase II of the Belfountain Public School's Learning Grounds Project. The Learning Grounds Project is a playground, outdoor learning area and wildlife habitat all in one! Residents are encouraged to find out more by visiting the school or going online to <http://belfountain.peelschools.org/>

Many thanks to those who came and supported Belfountain Public School!

*Heather Kendall*



## A Final Curtain Call

Long-time Belfountain resident James B. Douglas passed gently from this earth on December 29th, 2009, at home in Stratford in the company of his beloved Myfanwy. A well-attended memorial was held in his honour at All Saints Church in Erin, on Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>.

An application is under way to have Mr. Douglas added to the Caledon Walk of Fame.



## 'e' is for, well, everyone!

Hear ye, hear ye! As the village of Belfountain and surrounds does not (presently) boast a Town Crier, it is time to rely upon that good olde fashioned thing called word of mouth! Please tell all of your local friends and neighbours that circulation of a printed copy of *The View* is about to be discontinued (while trees applaud). So, **e** is for email, and email it is, for everyone!

With proposed village centre improvements, road changes, traffic and safety planning and ongoing fun and fundraising, getting village news on time is as important as ever. Let's make sure that you, and all of your neighbours, in the village, the Caledon Mountain Estates, on Shaw's Creek Road, The Grange Road, Mississauga Road and at the Ski Club, alike, all receive their email copy of *The View* without delay.

Please send us an email, with your full name and street address included, to:

[theview@belfountain.ca](mailto:theview@belfountain.ca)

or call the Editor at 927-9762.

## *Belfountain Residents, Speak Out!*

The BCO was pleased to host a significant meeting at the Community Hall on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting was to collect as much community input as possible, to assist the early stages of the Region of Peel's Environmental Assessment along Mississauga Road, Old Main Street and Bush Street.

In total 36 participants attending gave extensive and often lively consideration to the following key questions about the Study Area shown here:

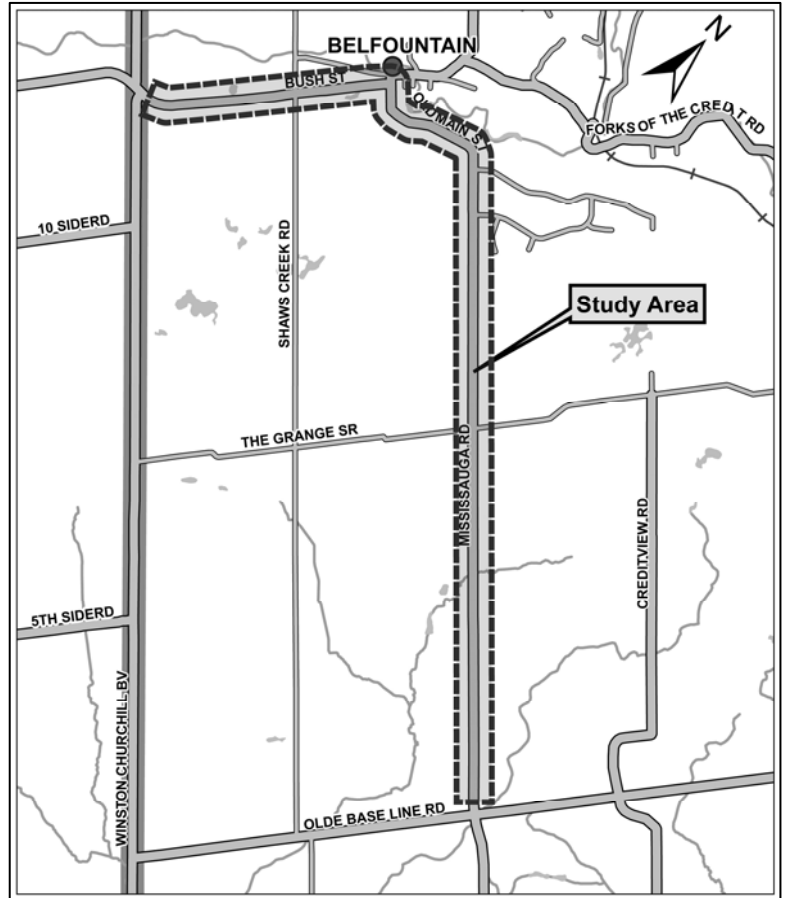
1. What safety, infrastructure and traffic concerns do we have about the roads leading into and out of Belfountain?
2. What do we wish to see improved, in terms of safety, road use, or aesthetics?

In a short ninety minute discussion, a strong consensus was gathered in support of the following considerations, in no particular order:

- Retain existing elevation (profile) of Mississauga Road, Old Main and Bush Streets.
- Retain existing widths (footprint) of same.
- Determine traffic calming alternatives for the Hamlet including Bush Street to Shaw's Creek Road and Mississauga Road south to Grange Sideroad.
- Determine alternative traffic diversion techniques, especially pertaining to current commuter traffic flowing through Belfountain
- Create/retain a 'country hamlet' atmosphere. Specifics about look and feel of Old Main and Bush Streets within the Hamlet to be determined:
  - Provide a safe place for non-vehicular traffic within the existing footprint, from Mississauga Road north through the Hamlet and Bush Street west to Winston Churchill Boulevard, thus encouraging children to walk to Belfountain Public School.
  - Enhance the non-vehicular link for safe passage between the Hamlet centre and Caledon Mountain Estates (from Woodland Court);
- Enable drainage, in an environmentally sensitive area, avoiding an 'urban' profile.

Safe and sustainable future use of these roads and the enjoyment of our village centre is now up to everyone, so it is essential that every interested community member contributes to identifying what would enhance our quality of life as residents.

Please email your ideas to the Region of Peel's Environmental Assessment Project Manager:  
[Kathy.cater@peelregion.ca](mailto:Kathy.cater@peelregion.ca) or to  
[djobe@sympatico.ca](mailto:djobe@sympatico.ca), or call 519-927-3434.



### **COMINGS & GOINGS...**

Judy and Darryl Mabee shyly wish to acknowledge that yes, we love it here in our garden in the hamlet, after moving here in May. Many times we lament, 'Why didn't we move here long ago from Brampton?', as we have made so many friends here. As empty-nesters and grands-in-waiting, we love coming back up the mountain roads after visiting son Mikey and daughter-in-law Daniela in Leslieville, or returning from our cottage in the St. Lawrence south of Gananoque. We look forward to exploring our more artistic side with all this space to do projects! Please stop in any time, there's always something to sip or cook up for visitors yet to be friends! If we aren't home, we're out looking for costumes to be the Salamander mascot...

*Darryl & Judy at #760 Forks of The Credit*

# **Belfountain Community Organization**



## ***Annual General Meeting & Elections***

***Everyone is welcome.***

***Wednesday, February 17, 2010***

***Belfountain Community Hall, 7:30 pm***



Tammeron Karaim, owner of Tammeron Centres for Well Being (aka the general store), Michelle Stewart, manager of The Shed, and Genie Hayward, owner of The Ascot Room, will give brief presentations about their plans for the village's landmark store.

Q&A to follow.

***7:30 p.m.***

***Financial Report***

***Update on Belfountain Issues***

***Nominations welcome from the floor***

***Election of Board***

***Refreshments***

***8:15 p.m.***

***Guest Speakers***

***Call 519-927-0523 for more information.***



## From The President

*Teamwork* — It's good to be out of the "naughts," as some called the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It was a challenging time with 9/11, economic woes and back-to-back cold summers. Let's hope 2010

brings international agreement on climate change, a government that doesn't prorogue parliament, fewer motorcycles in our village, and cooperation on the rebuilding of Mississauga Road, Old Main and Bush streets.

The BCO had a busy year in 2009. We kicked things off with Brock Pickens entertaining us at our AGM and followed that up with a successful Goods Exchange Day. The Salamander Festival dominated our efforts between April and October, and then it was time to prepare for the Christmas Potluck. We hosted a community discussion about plans to beautify the village's main intersection, met regularly with the OPP about traffic, and were part of the Town of Caledon's visioning process. I'm exhausted thinking just about all of it!

The good news is that we've put more money in the bank thanks to the Salamander Festival and will be starting Phase I of the re-construction of the village centre. In 2010, and beyond, we also encourage everyone to get involved in the Mississauga Road environmental assessment.

We have a great crew at the BCO. If you would like to take up a role on the board, we'll be signing up new members at our AGM on February 17.

My warmest thanks to everyone who helped out with community events in 2009, and a special thanks to all board members. You showed up at meetings, completed whatever needed to be done, never complained when rain poured during the Salamander Festival and had a smile when it was most needed. Thanks to all of you.

*Nicola Ross*

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## Calling All Lovers of Local Shops & Services

Tom and Nicole Wilson of the Spirit Tree Estate Cidery have applied to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to extend their existing application and allow the cidery to remain open on weekends this winter. Your signature on a letter of support would assist in the approval process.

The NEC recently requested that Spirit Tree Estate Cidery stop food service indefinitely, and close their business until April, per their current approved application. They have submitted another application to the NEC to allow the Cidery to stay

open year around and to continue with their food service. Customers are requesting this extension of their service, and winter revenues will sustain this business going forward.

Under the Niagara Escarpment Plan, wineries & cideries are permitted to be open year round and offer a limited menu. Hence the application for expanded hours of operations.

If you like fresh cider, produce and baked goods close at hand, please support these innovative owners of the Cidery. Just make a weekend visit to the Cidery at 1137 Boston Mills Road just east of Mississauga Road, between 10 am and 5 pm. Buy something and sign the letter of support. Please call Nicole or Tom at 905-838-4278 with any questions.

Theirs is the type of sustainable business and industry that is appropriate in this part of Caledon. As third generation Caledon residents, they are uniquely devoted to local being logical and they have the battle scars to prove it!

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## A Local Master Seamstress...who knew?



So, the Ascot Room has been keeping a secret. It seems that tucked behind the quiet Sale signs in their subtly lit windows, lurks a retired master seamstress from the Stratford Festival just waiting to alter your orphaned clothes for your next big debut! But before you go there, if you need a little help clearing those gems from your closet that fit your twenty-something body back when the decade started with 19, Genie will come to you and help you sort through what is worth keeping, and what's worth building on. Don't be afraid, just dig in and make room for the new! After all, life does require that you get up, take a shower, and show up. So show up dressed for success, in designer ladies wear that goes effortlessly from daytime to evening. The 50% off sale is a limited time event. They will even teach you how to tie a tie...gentlemen?

For more information call The Ascot Room 519-855-9467.

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