



Autumn Afternoon

The View from Belfountain

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Fall 2010

The Sound of Silence

*Regulating Excessive Motorcycle Noise:
Town of Caledon Proposes
By-Law Amendment*

I think most of us can relate to the noise of a loud motorcycle disturbing our peace and quiet; the owner/rider disrespecting our living space. It has taken time and energy, but Caledon is on the cusp of being the leader in Ontario once again. This time in passing a by-law amendment regulating excessive motorcycle noise.

Modeled after the City of Edmonton, Alberta existing by-law, the Town of Caledon by-law amendment has come to fruition as a result of an effective partnership comprising your BCO with the Forks of the Credit Residents (FCR), Town of Caledon (ToC) Council and Staff, the Caledon OPP and the Motorcycle & Moped Industry Council (MMIC). Other jurisdictions in Canada are also examining the motorcycle noise standard and considering passing their own similar by-laws including Moncton, Windsor, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and the Province of Quebec.

Such a by-law is easy, quick, inexpensive, and an effective, objective measurement tool. The test equipment is easy to handle, manufacturer-installed/stock systems pass, and is a win-win for everybody. As with the anti-smoking by-law, we suspect the Province will eventually adopt this by-law as provincial legislation.

Wednesday night, 8 September, members of your BCO attended a public information

session at Council Chambers in Caledon East. There was an impressive turnout from west Caledon; residents recognizing excessive motorcycle noise as a quality of life issue; and as an imposition by others on how we can live. As proponents, our message was well coordinated, consistent and complete. Key elements were well articulated:

- respect;
- the spirit of sharing and a welcoming environment;
- lack of tolerance for excessive noise imposed by others;
- additional and continued communication;
- behaviour modification;
- health and safety;
- lack of evidence that loud exhaust pipes are a safety feature;
- noise level emitted from manufacturer-installed exhaust pipes is generally legal vis-à-vis SAE J2825 and the proposed by-law;
- regulation where self-regulation and other control mechanisms (e.g., signage) are not effective.

We have had very little control over excessive noise, until now (well until when the by-law amendment is passed by Council!). This by-law amendment will enable us (i.e., the OPP and the ToC) to take some of control of the situation and give us back our village, and our quality of life, for which we moved here for in the first place.

Thank you for your support.

David Jobe



Belfountain



Salamander Festival 2010

Saturday, October 2
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FREE ENTRY with coupon from CVC booth in hamlet

**What's happening...
Belfountain Hamlet**

- Artisans' and farmers' market
- Live entertainment – music & dance
- Squash and pumpkin growing contest
- Hot breakfast with organic fair trade coffee
- BBQ lunch – beef, bison & boar burgers – squash soup
- Trash-free & earth-wise practices – local food
- Silent auction & bake sale
- Dog agility trials
- Earth Rangers Wild Bird Ambassadors



Meet Sciensational Sssnakes!

See, touch and discover a variety of snakes, salamanders, frogs, turtles and more in this interactive display of live animals!

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at Belfountain Conservation Area

**What's happening...
Belfountain Conservation Area**

- Free wildflower seeds & tree seedlings
- Tie a fly with the Izaak Walton Fly Fishing Club
- Eco Zone Activity Centre
- Electrofishing demos
- Discover river critters
- Belfountain Public School Goes Green
- Get active with the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club

GREAT GIVEAWAYS FOR YOUR GARDEN!

DIRECTIONS:
Travel 30 km north on Mississauga Road from the 401 interchange to reach the Historic Hamlet of Belfountain



The Salamander Festival is sponsored by the Belfountain Community Organization in partnership with the Belfountain Village Church, Belfountain Public School, the Belfountain Inn, The Bruce Trail Conservancy, the Caledon West Rotary Club, the Town of Caledon, The Shed, Kinetic, and Credit Valley Conservation. Money raised will go to local environmental awareness projects.

For more information visit: www.belfountain.ca or www.creditvalleyca.ca

14th Annual Salamander Festival — October 2nd

Excitement is in the air, as the Salamander Festival gets ready to take over the streets of Belfountain on Saturday October 2nd. Come out for the music, the food, and the fun.

Start the day with a hearty egg and sausage on pita, served at the church. Don't forget to bring your own mug for a free coffee. Check out the booths on Main Street and stroll down to the conservation park for the Credit Valley Conservation's Sciensational Show, with live snakes and other critters. Plus you can catch an electric fishing demo. There's so much more on the Festival Program, from a dog show to the silent auction.

Later, live music and the scent of grilling bison and wild boar (!) burgers will draw you back to the centre. Savour a baked potato with all the fixings and squash soup, donated by the Belfountain Inn's own kitchen.

This is your annual fundraiser for the community, so please be generous and get out your wallets for the silent auction.

For bake sale contributions call:

Sarah Bohan 519-316-0060

Silent Auction Contributions call:

David Jobe 519-927-3434

To volunteer to take tickets, set up the stage and tents, and help in general, please call:

Stacey Mortimer: 519-217-6999

At the 2010 Belfountain Salamander Festival



The 3rd Annual Squash Growing Contest

Judging Categories

▪ <i>Biggest Squash</i>	▪ <i>Smallest Squash</i>
▪ <i>Oddest-Shaped Squash</i>	▪ <i>Most Colourful Squash</i>
▪ <i>Most Animal-looking Squash</i>	▪ <i>Most Human-looking Squash</i>
▪ <i>Bumpiest Squash</i>	▪ <i>Smoothest Squash</i>
▪ <i>Just Plain Ugliest Squash</i>	▪ <i>Dog-Gone Cutest Squash</i>
▪ <i>Ms. Belfountain Blue</i> (A blue-coloured squash will be crowned)	

How to Enter

- 1) Select a category (where you think your squash belongs and has a chance of winning!)
- 2) Bring your specimen(s) to the squash contest table
October 2nd by 11 am
- 3) Entrants will be judged and winners announced at 12 noon
(Judge to remain anonymous)

Fabulous Prizes for Contest Winners!

Brought to you by the Belfountain Community Organization

"Desire is the sole motivating Principle of the world"

The phrase, ascribed to Andre Breton, was printed on a wall at the Art Gallery of Ontario in 2005. It was the subtext of an exhibit of designs for theatre, fashion and furniture, influenced by surrealist artists such as Salvador Dali whose works were derived from dreams.

I wrote the line on a scrap of paper and for a few years it sifted around in a pile of magazine clippings, business cards and mailings until it eventually found a permanent place at the front of my journal.

Last year, led by my heart, I moved from Toronto to Belfountain. I wanted to live in a place of natural beauty, and in a place where there might be some civilization. I also wanted to be away from the malls and billboards that plague so many rural communities. Having grown up in Bolton in the days when a child could play and wander all day along the Humber River and through green hills and woods, I've seen what happens when no one's paying attention: Unplanned suburban sprawl, strip malls and chain stores that kill pedestrian shopping in the old centre of a town. Add to that, heavy transport traffic blasting a wide path through the centre like a moving wall of stench and noise.

I've come to see Belfountain as a true place of civilization, where citizens make conscious choices, about the way they want to live, where the impact on nature and community is a top priority. In the short time I've been here I've seen our community groups work systematically on several fronts: opposing the development of a new quarry, reducing noise levels created by streams of motorcycle traffic, monitoring road works. In all cases there is top consideration for the needs and the aesthetics of the hamlet. The people of Belfountain know they have something rare, precious and worth fighting for. Someone is paying attention.

In future editions of *The View* we will continue to follow the progress of these and other issues that concern us directly.

To celebrate the Year of Biodiversity *The View* will bring you articles that relate to the land and wildlife in our area. [Also, watch for a podcast on our website of CVC's project with Belfountain Public School on Flying Squirrels.]

To design a community within the natural world is a dream underscored by World Biosphere ideals. Here in a small part of Ontario, desire creates destiny.

Amy Phelan

Block Party in the Hood

Flat tires be damned, the BBQ made it to the cul de sac on time. A small set back, it was a sad sight to see a stranded BBQ in the middle of Woodland Court, but neighbours rallied and all was good; especially when the foreboding clouds dispersed come party time and the sunshine warmed the cockles of the hearts (and feet, by the way) of the residents of Caledon Mountain Estates. About 100 residents gathered together for food, drink, entertainment and merriment. One family who had to leave us a few years ago, came back to share in our event. I believe a great time was had by all.

Locally-raised boar, bison, and angus beef burgers from Heatherlea, dressed with condiments from around the world, complimented by the delectable salads and desserts contributed by residents, made for a feast fit for a king or two, or maybe even three. It was a smorgasbord of fine and lovingly prepared foods, representative of the cultural backgrounds of the folks now calling Caledon Mountain Estates home. It was the perfect opportunity for the several new families to meet new neighbours and for us 'veteran' residents to share a few bits of knowledge about living in beautiful Belfountain.

David Jobe



Autumn Afternoon (featured in our header) is a painting of a house on Main Street, reimagined. Artist, Jan Zimmerman of Georgetown, is a member of a collective called Innerscapes.



Photo by Mark Robins

Carole Bellamy with Linda, Honor and Anna Strahl

Belfountain Village Church Celebrates 175 Years

The Belfountain Village Church celebrated 175 years of history on September 12th. In a wonderful twist of coincidence, 175 people came out to participate in the festivities. Rev. Bert Radford, who had seen some history in the village as a pastor of the church between 1963 – 1968, was guest speaker, and Hillsburgh Baptist Church Choir brought music to heighten the spirit of the occasion.

The Belfountain Village Church did not always reside in its present stone building on Main Street. The first pioneer, Baptist worshippers met at the private home of Highlander, Mr. Gilles. Later, in 1859, a frame building was erected at the northeast corner of what is now called Shaw's Creek Road and Bush Street. It was not until 1889 that the corner stone was laid for the present building and built from local, quarry rock. In the same year Maria Longstreet—who later became the mother of Roy and John Trimble—was baptized.

Since 1918, when sister churches were invited to share communion, the church has been moving toward a more inclusive ideology.

The name of the church was changed in 1978 to 'The Belfountain Village Church'. To serve the community better the church opened its membership to people of other Christian denominations, bringing more of the local population under its roof.

About two decades ago, the members looked around and noticed there were only two Baptists in

the whole interdenominational congregation. As Carol Bellamy, church clerk, said, "Christianity is not about a religion, but is about a relationship with God."

Ms Bellamy talked about the idea that The Belfountain Village Church is not contained only within the walls of the building. Referring to the church outreach programs, she quoted the byline on the church website:

*"with the community
at heart."*

Amy Phelan

The Passing of John Trimble Marks the End of an Era



John Farley Trimble passed away on August 12 at Headwaters Healthcare Centre in Orangeville at the age of 92.

Known in Belfountain for the former Trimble's Garage on Main Street, he is predeceased by his wife, Berniece, and his brother, Roy. He leaves behind a large three-generation family including his sons and their wives. An obituary by Nicola Ross will appear in a later edition.



COMINGS & GOINGS...

Linda Bridges, resident for five years of "The Gingerbread House", moved to a new address at the edge of the hamlet on Mississauga Road at the end of July. During her stay at the white, fairy-tale house on Bush Street, photos were taken of this historic cottage for an edition of "Home and Country" magazine. We wait with anticipation to see what transformations Ms. Bridges, an interior designer, will perform at her new home. Previous examples of her design savvy have appeared in national magazines including a cover story for "Style at Home".

The "Gingerbread House" on Bush Street now has new residents. We welcome Jenni Leforrestier, Alister Sumner & their infant daughter, Josephine.

New in the World

Congratulations to Darryl and Judy Mabey on becoming grandparents. Luna Violeta Maybee-Strum was born on July 22 to their son, Mike, and daughter-in-law, Daniela, of Toronto.



From The President

As October rolls around in the delicious cycle that we call the seasons, things are ramping up for the Salamander Festival. The team that puts it on, under the gracious leadership of Grecia Mayers, is now a well-oiled machine – at least we like to think we are! Anyway, October 2 should be a smashing day, one when the community gets together in same place at the same time.

I hope you've noticed how the village commons has been cleaned up. This was only the first step – more is about to happen as Mike Schenk will begin creating a lovely meeting area and your BCO begins spending the funds it has generated through the annual Salamander Festival.

The Waste Exchange Day last spring was better than ever and don't you love those Canadian flags.

But the biggest news, bigger even than the 2010 Salamander Festival if you can believe it, is the chance that Caledon may have an excessive motorcycle noise bylaw by the time we meet over butternut squash on October 2. After what seemed like never-ending meetings with our councillors, Richard Paterak and Doug Beffort, and countless emails with the OPP, it appears that our message was heard. A noise bylaw for motorcycles may not solve all of our problems with two-wheeled vehicles, but it is an enormous step in the right direction and the BCO thanks the Town and OPP for working hard on this issue. As BCO president, I would like to thank David Jobe for tirelessly working on this file and being very much responsible that it has come this far.

So villagers, enjoy the autumn, hopefully you have some squash to enter in the Salamander Festival contest or some baking goods to donate. It should be a great day to get together with neighbours and friends. We have a tonne of activities for kids and adults. Yahoo, the dog show is back!

Finally, a big thanks to all ongoing BCO executive and organizers: Sarah Bohan, Carole Bellamy, Jen Clark, Amy Darrel, Wade Domet, Pamela Grey, David Jobe, Heather Kendall, Darryl and Judy Mabee, Grecia Mayers, Brian and Linda Moorcroft, Stacey Mortimer, Alan Seymour, Ann Seymour, Madelon Stevenson. And our appreciation to outgoing BCO friends: Amanda Elias and Cate Sandilands.

Nicola Ross



Readings at the Belfountain Book Club

Our book club has nine members and each month a new slew of books lands at the library for us to read and discuss when we meet. This title makes the rounds, month by month, through the Caledon Library system and eventually stops at Belfountain for a month's stay. It then resumes its journey on the inter-library truck to the next stop, until the books have gone full circle, month by month, through all the branches in Bolton, Caledon East, Caledon Village, Inglewood, Alton, and Valleywood. Every book club rates the book on a scale of one to five and the information is passed along the line. The ratings vary widely from one club to another and some passionate discussion goes on around a library table over cups of tea.

In August we received *Remember Me*, by Treeza Azzopardi. The author's first book, *The Hiding Place*, had much attention and was short-listed for the 2000 Booker Prize. Azzopardi is a master of words, her story of Winnie Foy, a homeless woman searching for her stolen possessions, told in prose poetry style.

An artist makes choices about which tools to use and Azzopardi uses the character's own voice for rendering the story through a 'weak' and unschooled mind. We are taken into a world edited by Winnie's limited understanding of it. This makes for good art. It is hard, however, to spend a long time in as dreary a landscape as this one.

To read the full review, read our web version of The View.

[Our club's rating of this book was three out of a possible five rating.]

Amy Phelan

Please note, our branch has the Internet available to the public. This is a great resource for those in our area where the Internet is limited.

The Belfountain Library offers many services to the public. As a branch of Caledon libraries, any book, CD, or video in the system can be brought to the Belfountain location for your convenience. Materials can be reserved by members of the library online or in person.

The Belfountain Library is open to the public: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 – 8:00 PM, and Saturdays, 10:00 – 4:00.

Maples: *The Good the Bad & the Ugly*

By Ann Seymour

Autumn is the season to celebrate our treasured Sugar Maple. As residents of Belfountain we have the privilege of living alongside one of the most beautiful natural areas in southern Ontario. We can choose to act as custodians of nature and support International Year of Biodiversity 2010 by removing invasive species such as the Norway and Manitoba Maple on our properties, and planting native trees such as Sugar Maple and Silver Maple.

How to I.D. your maple trees:

The Good: Our **Sugar Maple** valued for its syrup, wood and beautiful fall colours. Economically it is one of the most important trees in Ontario. The Sugar Maple leaf adorns the Canadian Flag and was designated as Canada's national tree in 1965.



Sugar Maple leaf

The Bad: **Norway Maple** is a **highly invasive species** that unfortunately is widely sold from garden centre nurseries. Once established it dominates the forest canopy and forms dense roots that prevent native plants from growing underneath it. This tree threatens our woodlots and natural areas where it shades out other species. The Norway Maples appearance is very similar to our native sugar maple. Here are a few ways to identify a Norway.



< Tar spot affects mainly Norway maples. It is caused by a fungus, which arrived here from Europe.

When in doubt, a more foolproof method of identifying a Norway maple during the growing season is by removing a leaf and observing the white sap that oozes from the broken leaf stem as shown in the photo at right. >



Norway Maple Leaf

Sugar Maple Leaf

Can you see the difference in shape?

Both leaves on the left were collected on the same day in mid October from two trees growing next to one another. As the photo implies, there are differences in the fall foliage. The Norway maple leaves tend to change colors significantly later during the autumn than do the leaves of the sugar maple, which is famous for vivid displays of reds, oranges and yellows. By contrast, the Norway maple leaves turn primarily to a uniform pale yellow color, typically after many other trees in the landscape are bare. The late dropping of the leaves of the Norway maple also prolongs the raking and yard clean-up season for homeowners.

The Ugly: Manitoba Maple

The Manitoba Maple is classified by Credit Valley Conservation as a **Category 1 Transformer Species**, meaning that it will exclude all other species and dominate sites indefinitely. This tree is a threat to natural areas wherever they grow. It is top priority for control; immediate removal is recommended to stop it from spreading.



Note: The Manitoba leaf does not resemble a classic maple leaf.

2010 is the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity. We are an integral part of nature; our fate is tightly linked with biodiversity. However, it is being lost at a greatly accelerated rate because of human activities. People all over the world are working to safeguard this irreplaceable natural wealth and reduce biodiversity loss. Why not participate in a tangible way and remove Norway maples and Manitoba maples from your property?



Biodiversity is life
Biodiversity is our life

Invasive Species at Belfountain

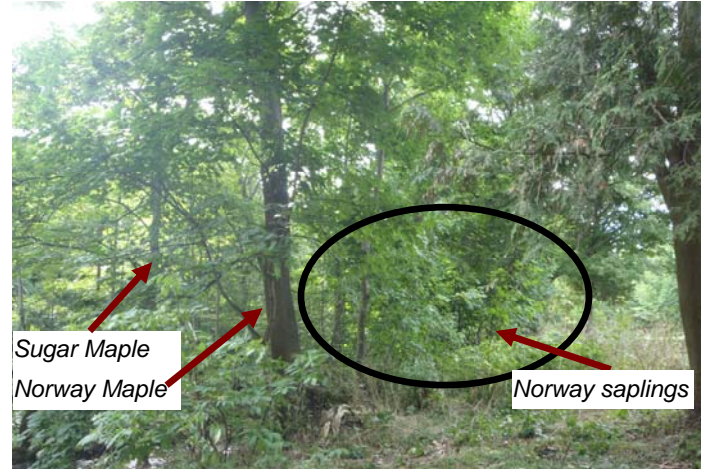
In the past few months, invasive species like the infamous **giant hogweed** have created a lot of media attention. This plant has become the unfortunate 'poster child' for invasive species. Not only is it invasive, but its impacts are very dramatic because of its toxic effects. However, there are many other invasive species whose impacts are often measured more indirectly and are not so sensational, that have been quietly taking over our natural areas and this includes Belfountain Conservation Area. Due to the history of the site, many of the invasive species found at Belfountain originated in the horticultural industry. These species include goutweed, lily-of-the valley, Japanese knotweed, periwinkle and Norway maple.

In urban areas, some of these species may not seem so bad, however when they escape into natural areas they out-compete native species for food, resources and space. Because of this, invasive species are considered by many national and global agencies to be the next greatest threat to biodiversity after habitat loss.

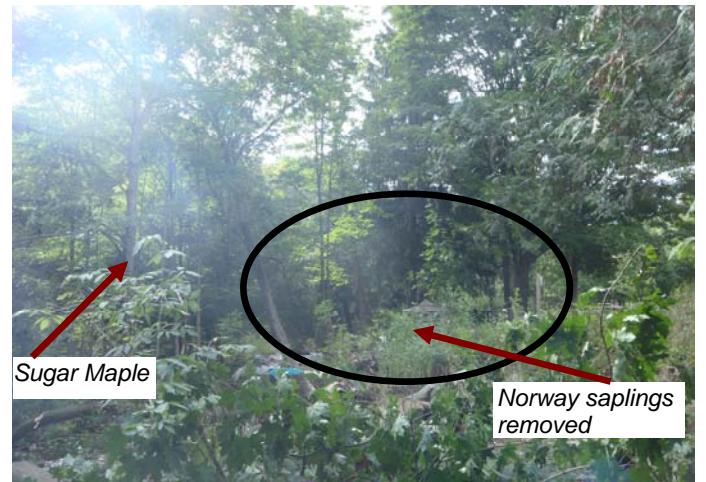
Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has been controlling invasive species for many years. This summer at Belfountain Conservation Area, CVC has focused on invasive species including Japanese knotweed and Norway maple. You may have noticed the large mulched area near the entrance road into the conservation area. This site used to be a large patch of Japanese knotweed, which was cut down, covered by tarps and mulched to try and smother out future growth. The remaining isolated plants were then injected with a herbicide. Over the next few years, we will be revisiting the site and removing any plants that come back up. This process was also completed on a smaller patch by the river.

Another project completed at Belfountain was the removal of a large Norway maple and a stand of Norway saplings found by the river near Picnic Area 2. The large tree was the seed source for all the smaller saplings which can be seen in the "before" photo to the right of the large tree. The "after" photo shows how dense the Norway maples were at the site, as you can now see the top of the rock cairn and picnic sign. Due to the amount of vegetation removed we will be putting in some native trees and shrubs at the upcoming Belfountain Salamander Festival on October 2. You can even help out with the planting – be sure to stop by during the festival to see the progress.

Before:



After:



Keep a look out for an information session this winter to gauge the community's interest in scheduling volunteer invasive species control work days at Belfountain Conservation Area in 2011.

If you have any questions about invasive species or the work we are doing at Belfountain, please visit the invasive species booth at Belfountain Conservation Area during the Salamander Festival, or visit our website at www.creditvalleyca.ca/invasives, or contact us at 905-670-1615.

Freya Forsyth



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and I am here to assist you and your family with
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