

'STATUS MEANS FREEDOM'



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Migrants and civil society organizations marched on the office of Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland to fight for permanent residency to 500,000 undocumented people.



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Immigration Minister Sean Fraser announced plans on March 17 to allow post-graduation work permit holders to work in Canada for longer.

Canada to extend international work permits

John Wong
Senior Reporter

International students with expired or expiring post-graduation work permits (PGWPs) will be qualified to work in Canada longer, Immigration Minister Sean Fraser announced March 17 at Humber College's Lakeshore Campus.

Foreign nationals whose PGWPs have expired or are about to expire can extend their stay in Canada for up to 18 months starting April 6, Fraser said.

Migrant rights supporters say the move is a step in the right direction but say ad hoc solutions for those with post-graduate work permits aren't good enough.

Fraser said the announcement ensures Canada meets the long-term needs of its economy by retaining high-skilled talents who have studied in the country.

"We need to use every tool in our toolbox to support employers who continue to face challenges in hiring the workers they need to grow," he said.

The new policy allows international graduates with PGWPs expired in 2022 and 2023 to get their work authorization back, even if it has been longer than the standard 90 day grace period for re-application after expiry of the original permits.

They will be granted a temporary work permit while their applications are being processed, Fraser said.

"We're providing international graduates whose work permit is expiring or has expired with some additional time to stay in Canada to gain valuable work experience and potentially qualify to become a permanent resident," he said.

The federal government's PGWP program allows international graduates to gain work experience in the country with an open work permit for up to three years. This permit is typically non-extendable.

PGWP holders who want to extend their stay in Canada as workers are expected to apply for other types of work permit as their PGWPs expire, such as employer-specific work permits, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) said.

Advocates for migrant rights see the extension as a win, but they also want the federal government to find a permanent solution.

"Instead of putting people in crisis and fear for months and making last-minute changes, we again call for permanently renewable post-graduate work permits," said Sarom Rho, an organizer for the advocacy group Migrant Workers Alliance for Change.

"Most migrant student workers, including those in low-wage jobs, are disqualified from permanent residency despite being essential to our communities," Rho said. "Keeping people on temporary work authorizations with few rights is never the solution."

Maria Alfaro, a former interna-



MIGRANT WORKERS ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE

Sarom Rho, an organizer for the group Migrant Workers Alliance, is calling for a permanent solution for post-graduate work permits.

tional student from El Salvador whose PGWP is about to expire, said migrant workers need permanent solutions instead of just more time, calling for the government to allow work permits to be permanently renewable.

"The announcement today is a win for sure," Alfaro said. "We deserve more than an extension of time, we need permanent solutions so that we're not left wondering if

we'll make it to the end."

More than 286,000 international graduates were in Canada with a valid PGWP at the end of 2022, with about 127,000 permits set to expire in 2023, according to IRCC data.

But about 67,000 holders have already applied for permanent residence and will not need to extend their work permits through this initiative, the same data showed.

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Migrants and civil society organizations marched in Toronto on March 19, 2023, to the office of Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland to fight for a regularization program for Canadians.

Migrants in Canada fight for permanent residency for all

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Politics Editor

Caroline Michael, who fled from Nigeria in 2018 seeking asylum, said she felt people should be free to move to other places when things are not working in their own countries.

But the journey to restart her life in Canada has been full of obstacles, Michael said.

She said without status, she has no choice but to accept low-income jobs that offer little to no employment protection.

“Status means freedom,” she said. “It gives you access to everything you want to do.”

Micael was among the crowd of migrants and civil society organizations marching on March 19 to the Bloor Street West constituency office of Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland.

Sarom Rho from Migrant Rights Network, one of the protest organizers, said they are fighting for a fair society where newcomers are given the same status to thrive in Canada.



PHILIP LAU

Oluwayemisi Odunlami joined the protest on March 19, 2023, to fight for permanent residency in Canada for all undocumented people like her.

“We are calling on Prime Minister Trudeau to ensure an uncapped regularization program that grants permanent status, not temporary and more exploitative work permits, for all undocumented people,” Rho said.

Trudeau asked Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Sean Fraser in a mandate letter in December 2021 to find

more ways to regularize the status of undocumented workers contributing to Canada.

But Migrant Rights Network said Trudeau is stalling and the delays put migrants in an endless cycle of exploitation and deportation risks.

Veronica Zaragoza, an organizer for Workers’ Action Centre, said a regularization program would

be a change from death to life for undocumented people.

Zaragoza said she has witnessed undocumented people becoming homeless or even dying in the workplace.

“This is why I come here to ask Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to keep the promise he has made many times,” she said.

The protest saw undocumented people speaking out, such as Oluwayemisi Odunlami, a single mother who fought successfully in March to defer her deportation to July.

“But after July, what is going to happen? I don’t know,” Odunlami said.

She said staying in Canada without documents offers no promising future for both her and her three children.

“Canada is our home,” she said. “The children are the future of the country.”

Odunlami said granting permanent residency to people like her means they can continue to contribute to Canada and make the country a better place.

Another undocumented migrant speaking out was Ursula Ortiz, who said she escaped to Canada to save her life and embark on her new dreams.

“The reality was completely different,” Ortiz said. “I am being discriminated.

“We did not have any rights. We couldn’t stay safe,” she said.

The protest also attracted second-generation Canadians like Al Quinn Alquinto, who said people should be aware of the damage Canada does to the home countries of different migrants.

“Canada plays a role in exploiting these countries,” Alquinto said. “We take materials, raw minerals, set up businesses there and defund their economies just to benefit our own country.

“If you feel that you are not a fan of immigration as a Canadian, I would suggest you look at it from a different side,” he said.

Michael said she hopes Canadians can treat newcomers equally and work with them as one.

“We are all the same,” she said.

Federal environmental study could pause Ford's Greenbelt plans

Scott McLaughlin
Editor-in-Chief

Canadian minister of environment and climate change, Steven Guilbeault, announced on Tuesday the federal government will launch an environmental study on Rouge National Urban Park which could potentially put a pause to Ontario's Greenbelt developments.

Guilbeault said in a media conference at the park that the study will be conducted as soon as possible and if it finds a negative impact on at-risk species, Ottawa would consider using all possible measures to halt Premier Doug Ford's plan.

"If we come to the conclusion that they have irreversible impact on species at risk, then these projects won't be allowed to go forward. That's very clear," Guilbeault said.

Premier Doug Ford spoke on the potential conflict at a press conference in Vaughan on the same day. While he was unaware of the study, he said that he was not concerned that it would affect the development.

"It wouldn't slow down our development plans. It's adjacent, it's not right there, but good luck to them and we are going to build

a beautiful community," Ford said. Guilbeault acknowledged the necessity for the study, as he felt the provincial government had shown a lack of concern for the potential impact of these Greenbelt plans.

"[The province] made it very clear they have no desire for public consultation, no desire for transparency, and no desire to understand the impacts," he said.

He said that he has put a stop to previous development plans when impact studies show the potential to harm at-risk species.

Following the advice of Guilbeault, in 2021 the federal government put an emergency order in place to protect 20 hectares of land in Longueuil, Que., according to a report released by the Department of Environment.

This had previously been the location of a development which threatened habitat that was critical to the survival of the western chorus frog.

In a letter released on Dec. 4, Parks Canada warned the province of the potential damage that could be caused by removing the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve from the Greenbelt.

In the letter, Park Canada made

it clear that removing the land surrounding Rouge National Urban Park had the potential to cause "irreversible harm to wildlife, natural ecosystems and agricultural landscapes."

Jim Robb, general manager of Friends of the Rouge Watershed, said the park is currently home to more than 35 species considered at risk. He feels the location of these Greenbelt plans will be detrimental to the area's endangered species.

"It will damage the biodiversity of the park which goes against the legislative purpose of Rouge Park, which is to protect and restore ecological integrity," he told Humber News.

The director of conservation and education for Ontario Nature, Ann Bell, acknowledged Ontario's need to develop housing, but questioned the decision to do so on Greenbelt land.

"We all understand and support the critical need for affordable housing in Ontario, but housing needs can be adequately addressed through building and investing in existing communities and within the thousands of hectares that are already designated for develop-



CANADIAN PRESS/PATRICK DOYLE

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault rises during Question Period in the House of Commons on Feb. 14, 2023.

ment outside the Greenbelt," she said.

Guilbeault expanded on the dangers of putting a development so close to an area known for its biodiversity, and why he would consider using federal protections to stop it.

"While this is an urban park, we know the dynamic and enduring

ecosystem don't exactly flourish next to fences, asphalt roads, wastewater ditches, and urban sprawl," he said.

Ford's plan to develop the Greenbelt would open up 3,000 hectares of previously protected land in the Greater Golden Horseshoe in order to develop 1.5 million new homes.

Humber students from India react to scam over immigration documents

Barbara Patrocino
Senior Reporter

Humber College student Gursimran Kaur said she was really shocked when she first heard about a scandal involving fake immigration documents that allowed students to get visas to Canada.

"It is revolting. Our community is suffering so much," said the first-year Business Management student who is from the Indian state of Punjab.

Dozens of international stu-

dents from India have reportedly had their visas suspended and have been asked to leave Canada because of fraudulent documents that were used in their immigration processes to come into the country.

Students say they were misled by an immigration agent who used false acceptance letters from different colleges all over the country. So far, that one agent has not replied to requests from these students asking for answers.

"These students had been living

in Canada for around five years. Then one day they were told they would have to leave. The agent disappeared," Kaur said.

"Now, I really think the government should listen to them. They deserve one more chance. The documents were accepted at a first glance, and checking them just now and denying them the next step in their lives in the country is just not fair."

Kaur wonders why the government didn't check the students' documents earlier.

"They entered in the airport with this letter when they arrived, they got their visas approved."

Humber has said it is aware of the issue.

Andrew Leopold, Head of Communications at Humber, released the following statement on the case:

"Last week, Humber became aware of media coverage about Canada deporting 700 Indian citizens whose admission letters and visa documents were found to be fake. The media coverage is the first information we have seen on this matter," the statement said.

"Humber has no knowledge, nor have we worked with the agency and agent mentioned in the media

articles. Further, Humber has not received any inquiries from students about the situation, nor has any student asked for admission to Humber without our knowledge. As part of our work with Canada Border Services, the agency has copies of our authentic letters of admission to verify against any students coming into the country. Any suspicious documentation that we may find out about is immediately reported to Canada Border Services."

Another Business Management Humber student from India, Mehakpreet Kaur, says these scams can ruin lives.

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Gursimran Kaur
First-year Business Management student

"That's really sad, really heartbreaking and immigration agents involved should be held accountable for their actions," Kaur said.

"The government should support the students, cause they were victims here," she said.

"It is really sad to be asked to leave at this point, after spending so much money, time and effort," she said.

This kind of scam can happen easily because young people can be naive, she said.

"They just get happy to be approved to come to the country so they don't check for themselves," Kaur said.

She said she had a cousin falling for a similar scam, in which an agent has told him his visa got refused and made he reapply. In this process, the applicant has to inform the government that he had been refused once.

However, since his refusal letter was false, he then got banned for five years from the country.

"He is living in Australia now. He is still banned, and he will be for two more years. He is willing to come here after this time, but now his image was affected so he might not make it," Kaur said.

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Many students from India are now under the risk of being deported due to false documents used during their immigration processes.



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Building of the Bank of Canada in Wellington St, Ottawa. Financial institutions in the United States prove to be more vulnerable than similar institutions in Canada.

Canadian financial system less volatile than US

Antonio Peláez Barceló
International Editor

Professor Kim Pernelle has devoted her PhD at Harvard and more than 10 research papers to study the risks and regulations banks face in Canada and the U.S.

Pernelle, a U.S. citizen who worked at the University of Toronto for six years before moving back to Texas July last year, said she prefers the Canadian financial system.

"You could argue that constant ups and downs or financial crises every 10 years is like not a well-designed banking system," Pernelle said.

Her comments came as the U.S. witnessed the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank, the largest bank failure since the 2008 financial crisis.

She said mortgage-backed securities were part of the portfolio Silicon Valley Bank sold off that caused so much disaster.

"They may be incredibly vulnerable to the effects of rising interest rates," she said.

The U.S. Federal Reserve increased its interest rate to between 4.75 and 5.00 per cent on March 22, up from just between 0.25 and 0.50 per cent one year ago.

The interest rate hike came despite pressure in the banking system, as the Federal Reserve pushes hard to get inflation under control.

Bank failures in the U.S. have sparked concerns across the border in Canada.

However, Pernelle said mortgages have a different structure in Canada, and Canadian regulations were proved to be a success during the 2008 financial crisis.

"Canada really came out ahead in the quality of its regulatory system and the U.S. fell short," she said.

Pernelle also said Canada deregulated credit in 1966, 14 years before the U.S. followed suit.

"It will come as a surprise to many Canadians that Canada was actually a global leader in deregulating the banking system," she said.

But she said the collapse of two Alberta banks during the Labour Day weekend in 1985 inspired a

applied all around the world.

"Each Basel Accord was a reaction to the perceived failures of the one that came before," Pernelle said.

But her dissertation shows how different countries have applied the accords in different ways, especially when it comes to key banks.

These banks, known in the financial system as being too big to fail, are subject to tighter rules, but each country gets to decide which ones are systematically important.

The accords' incorporation into laws of different countries has also been delayed. Basel III will not become law until 2024 in Canada, and 2025 in Europe and the U.S., according to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions.

Some scholars also argue banking systems in Canada and the U.S. diverged at a much earlier point.

A study in 2015, written by Professor Michael D. Bordo and Hugh Rockoff from Rutgers University in New Jersey and Angela Redish from the University of British Columbia, said there were no bank failures during the Great Depression in Canada, but more than 9,000 collapsed in the U.S.

The professors said the 2008 financial crisis reflected the different institutional foundations laid in place in the early 19th century.

They said the Canadian system is centralized, has few supervisory agencies and fostered big banks.

The U.S. system fostered the creation of numerous regional banks with several supervisory agencies, both state and federal, they said.

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reckoning among the public and regulators, and sparked changes in Canadian policies.

The changes coincided with the approval in 1988 of the Basel Capital Accord, known as Basel I.

Basel I, backed by the G10 countries, fixed a minimum capital ratio so banks can face a sudden surge in demand for cash.

The accord was revised to Basel II in 2004, and gradually updated to Basel III from 2010 to 2017. The new versions introduced additional ratios and information requirements for banks to operate.

The accord is now supported by the G20 countries and practically



STEPHEN HUTCHINSON

Kim Pernelle, Assistant Professor of Sociology at University of Texas.

This was what allowed the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation to take possession of Silicon Valley Bank on March 10.

The California government subsequently appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as the receiver of the Silicon Valley Bank.

The bank now operates under the rules of the federal agency.

"The existence of multiple regulatory authorities may facilitate regulatory capture," Bordo, Redish and Rockoff said. "The Canadian system produced greater financial stability."

Nevertheless, Pernelle said a centralized system has its drawbacks like credit restriction and banking fees.

"When I first moved to Canada, the only credit card I was eligible for was one with a \$500 limit, like a Tim Hortons branded card," she said.

Pernelle said the U.S. system is inherently less stable, but is much

more competitive.

However, Bordo, Redish and Rockoff said the Canadian banking system was not significantly less competitive than that of the U.S. between 1880 and 1980.

Their study showed the Canadian banking system had already absorbed its main sources of risk by the end of the 20th Century, namely investment banking and the mortgage market.

Pernelle said this is why mortgage-backed securities can cause more trouble in the U.S. than in Canada.

She said it is usual in the U.S. for borrowers to receive a 30 year fixed rate mortgage, while in Canada mortgages are reviewed every five years.

"In Canada, there are going to be people who can't continue to own a house because of variable rates," said Pernelle. "But in the U.S., the banking system absorbs all of the consequences of the rising interest rates."

Josh Matlow announces mayoral bid

Scott McLaughlin
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Four-term Toronto city councillor Josh Matlow announced on Tuesday he is putting his hat in the ring for mayor in the city's upcoming by-election.

In an interview with Humber News, Matlow spoke about his excitement to join the race.

"I've had a very different vision than the previous two mayors, and I have the opportunity to actually go and really change lives and affect the city and actually fix our problems," he said.

The Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's councillor also acknowledged the work that needs to be done to fix the many issues that the city is facing.

"Even if I win the election, the victory party will be very short. The day after, we're going to have to really address the problems that we've been left with," he said.

His first priority would be to

launch a City Works Fund, paid for by a dedicated property tax, which would raise more than \$390 million during the next five years to improve city services.

When discussing the fiscal issues that Toronto may have to deal with in the coming years, Matlow said he would continue to advocate for different approaches to cash-eating problems such as the Gardiner Expressway.

"It's just sucking hundreds of millions of dollars into this black hole of 1950s planning, which is just so stupid and backwards," he said. "If we open up the city lands and build the boulevard rather than rebuild a section of elevated expressway, we could bring in almost half a billion dollars in new revenue along with building new housing in the midst of a housing crisis."

Matlow also mentioned he would like to see growth in Toronto's mental health services.

"We're doing a pilot now where

there's community response services to address people who are going through a mental health crisis, rather than have police be the first responders," he said. "But that needs to expand. It needs to expand quickly."

First elected in 2010, Matlow has remained a popular councillor for his ward. In the most recent 2022 election, he won his seat with almost 85 per cent of the vote.

Before joining city council, he spent seven years serving as a trustee for the Toronto District School Board.

Matlow joins a growing field of candidates looking to replace former-mayor John Tory.

Gil Penalosa, Chloe Brown, Blake Acton, Giorgio Mammoliti, and Mark Saunders have all already announced their intention to enter the race.

Nominations will open April 3, 2023 and close on May 12, 2023 with the by election occurring on June 26.



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Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul Councillor Josh Matlow enters the council chamber ahead of John Tory's final budget meeting on Feb. 15, 2023. Matlow recently announced on Twitter that he is running for mayor.

German labour minister declares Canada 'a role model' on STEM education

Ashima Agnihotri
Senior Reporter

Germany's Minister of Labour Hubertus Heil expressed his desire on Tuesday for further collaboration with Humber after touring the Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation.

Heil met with students and toured the centre with Ontario Minister of Labour Monte McNaughton.

They were joined by Humber President and CEO, Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan.

"The combination between theoretical and practical education, I think, is very important for the future of manufacturing," Heil said.

"Humber College is a good example."

Heil said he was amazed by the multicultural population of students at Humber.

"Germany needs skilled migration, that's why Canada is a role model for us."

Humber currently hosts over 9,000 international students from 120 different countries.

"The modern education,

research and infrastructure are attributes which makes Humber attractive to students," Heil said.

"The exchange of views and ideas between colleges and the collaboration between the business sector and the college is already tremendous," he said.

Located on Humber's North campus in Toronto's northwest end, the Barrett Centre is home to more than 35 interactive labs, technology zones and maker spaces.

The building has been outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment such as Stratasys' industrial 3D printers and Festo Didactic's Cyber Physical Factory which provides in-depth knowledge of fully-automated digital production technologies.

"We're situated in one of the best geographic centers of the GTA," said Neal Mohammed, the director at Barrett, who also spoke of the college's "friendly environment and also the multicultural nature. I think that really helps."

"From the 3D printers, to the CPU factory, to laser cutting, to the autonomous vehicles that we have here, everything is exciting," said Temu Moore, project manager



ASHIMA AGNIHOTRI

Humber College students and faculty members took a photo with Hubertus Heil before he returns to Germany.

at the centre.

When asked about next steps, Heil said that colleges can further evolve in the future by "exchanging experience and exchanging students sometimes."

Mohammed said that "fifty per cent of the partners are German with whom we've been working with for more than 20 years."

The German minister visited after a request from his country's Consulate General's Office. They wanted Heil to visit Humber because "they really liked the presence of the German companies in the building," said Mohammed.



ASHIMA AGNIHOTRI

Germany's Labour Minister Hubertus Heil had coffee with technology built by Humber students during his visit to the college's North campus.

Shake Shack to open 30 Canadian locations by 2035

Karl Lewis
Senior Reporter

Canadians may soon no longer need to cross the border for crinkle-cut fries and frozen-custards as the famous Shake Shack announces its arrival in Canada by 2024.

Just six years ago the New York based burger 'joint' gave Canadians a teaser of their famous burgers and hand-spun milkshakes at the former Momofuku Daisho in downtown Toronto.

"Shake Shack has wonderful food. I've never had bad food from them—not a lot of fast food joint have mastered the burger and fries industry like Shake Shack when it comes to beef burgers in particular", said popular Toronto food critic Tasheka Mason.

Mason — with 13,000 followers on Instagram and 91,000 on TikTok — is known to her following as 'tashthemillionaire.' She has gained her popularity for reviewing most if not all restaurants in the GTA in a comedic yet critical way and even now reviews food in the U.S.

On Wednesday Shake Shack announced that it will open more than 30 stores across Canada by 2035 with Toronto named for its



AP PHOTO / NG HAN GUAN

Shake Shack workers practiced their cheer before the opening of the first Beijing outlet on Aug. 12, 2020.

first flagship location.

"We have been eyeing this incredible opportunity in Canada for quite some time," said Michael Kark, Shake Shack's Chief Global Licensing Officer, in a press-release.

Mason said she believes that Shake Shack will "shake things up" in the fast food market in Canada.

"Having a Shake Shack in Canada will be a lot of fun and I believe Canadians would want to line up for the fun of it."

The company said it plans to

introduce a new style of fast-food dining with an introduction to alcoholic beverages to its Canadian menus as well as their famous crinkle-cut fries and frozen custards.

"It is a great experience for Canadians — Shake Shack provides a restaurant style quality burger for a fast-food price," said Jayquion Mitchell another Toronto based travel and lifestyle influencer who said he was excited about the announcement.

"They hire really good employees

that are knowledgeable about their menu and the food they offer is always made fresh despite the wait.

"It is nice and fresh and always hot!" Mitchell said, reposting the Shake Shack announcement by captioning it with "my heart" followed by two yellow heart emoji.

Toronto based investment company in charged operation Osmington Inc. and Harlo Entertainment was named as the prime investors for the company.

The question remains about how

Shake Shack will do once it comes here.

It is on the list of companies such as Trader Joes, Ulta Beauty, Homegoods, and Sam's Club are among a list of popular stores which Canadians visit the most when they cross the border.

Some Canadians are worried the burger chain may not succeed following the exit of Carl's Junior another fast-food company that hyped up Canadians and left within a year of opening.

Mason said some firms fail because of high prices.

"Sometime dem come wid dem farin price and we nuh deh pan dat," said Mason commenting on the reason why most U.S. companies tend to fail in the Canadian market.

"Come wid the Canadian decent price," Mason continued.

Other companies such as Chick-Fil-A and Daves Hot Chicken seem to have a vast understanding of the Canadian market and have already began expanding within a year of opening.

"I'm more interested to see if the quality converts because a lot of times the quality changes when it comes to Canada — Mi nuh wah nuh old burger weh nuh taste good!"

Humber faculty counter-protesters outnumber anti-abortion group

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Newsletter Editor

A trio of anti-abortion protesters demonstrated outside the Learning Resource Commons (LRC) this morning with Humber union faculty staging a counter protest, outnumbering them by one.

The trio staged the anti-abortion protest for an hour and showed graphic images of aborted fetuses.

They tried, mostly unsuccessfully, to distribute flyers and strike up conversations with students.

Union faculty stood across the crosswalk, greeting students getting off buses with signs reading "we care about our students," and "right for you equals right choice."

The anti-abortion group, Toronto Against Abortion, is part of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform and has protested on Humber campus since 2016.

Chandra Hodgson, a Humber English professor, was part of the four union faculty today. She said she was present during the 2016 protest.

"They were in a main hallway where students really didn't know how to avoid them," she said. "It was quite difficult to find a way around them. You kind of had to

be subjected to quite graphic, violent and misleading images and messages on your way to class."

Hodgson said these images are problematic at a post-secondary institution because Humber is about teaching science, not propaganda.

Hodgson said Humber faculty launched a grievance after the 2016 protest and successfully fought for advance warning of such protests, as well as a degree of control over where they take place so that students can choose to avoid them.

Blaise Alleyne, a spokesperson of Toronto Against Abortion, said in an interview with Humber News that while the group advocates for a ban against abortion in Canada, their focus is on "education."

He said they do not advocate for specific policies when they are out having conversations.

While Alleyne does not regard abortion as murder, doctors should be punished for providing abortion access, he said.

"I don't have much hesitation in terms of targeting physicians who are decapitating, dismembering and disemboweling innocent human beings with the full weight of the law," Alleyne said.

He called the graphic images victim photography and compared

them to photos of war victims in Ukraine and the video of police murder of George Floyd.

Alleyne defended what many would see as a deeply offensive comparison.

"An analogy isn't an equivalence," he said. "I'm talking about specifically the use of victim photography."

Angad Handa was one of the few students the protesters managed to stop and talk to. He described his position on the issue as neutral.

"Of course, killing a child is not good," he said. "But at the end of the day, it's a woman's body, you know, they can do whatever they want."

Miriam Novik, a Humber English professor who was on campus during the 2016 protest, was also part of the faculty's counter presence.

"A lot of my students were really upset and we talked about it and one of them said, 'no matter what you think about this issue, what they're doing doesn't help anyone.' And to me, that's the bottom line," she said.

Hodgson said while it is the protesters' right to be there, it was important to offer a counter presence.

"It's putting some love out into the world and letting people know that there's more than one way to look at this issue," she said.



ANTONIO PELÁEZ BARCELÓ

Faculty union 562 members stage a counter-protest in front of LRC.

EDITORIAL: Childcare options in Ontario reflect growing inequalities

Child care shouldn't be a luxury that parents have to choose in order to keep their children safe and cared for.

However, that is how it can end up feeling for many Ontarians trying to balance work and family life.

After the COVID-19 pandemic, many jobs that were temporarily remote returned to being in-person.

This means the temporary relief of not having to think about child care has ended for many families with young children. Once again, parents are forced to reckon with the realities of the often expensive options of child care.

While child-care prices vary from province to province, with Quebec at the lower end and Alberta at the higher end, Ontario finds itself with the second highest child care costs on average.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives announced in a report last year that the average monthly cost of child care in Toronto was \$1,675.

According to a Statistics Canada survey on early learning and childhood arrangements conducted in

2019, one in 10 parents with children under five had to change their work schedule due to difficulty finding child care.

This is an issue that disproportionately affects women.

Lisa Durante, a working parent consultant, said women often end up shouldering the burden of child care when the system fails them.

"This responsibility propels some women to take extended leaves out of the workforce or choose jobs with reduced working hours," she said

This is an idea that is also supported by Statistics Canada. In a 2019 study, it found that when child care was not available, women took on 60 per cent of the child-minding duties in the home.

This reduced their work hours significantly and contributed to an already existing wage gap.

Many post-secondary institutions and public government bodies offer some kind of child care for their employees or students.

This is a practice that should be celebrated and repeated in all working environments.

It's a system that has proved



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Finding affordable child care has caused strain on parents as they return to work post COVID-19 pandemic.

lucrative for the parents as well as the places of work.

In a 2007 study done by Michigan State University, researchers found that in 90 per cent of cases, parents who were able to leave their children at an on-site day care where they worked reported to have a boosted moral and higher productivity levels.

The study also reported that

having these facilities meant that they were able to retain employees 23 per cent more often than before.

Although these numbers are promising, outside of the education and public sector, Ontario has very few options for on-site child care.

Nationwide, Quebec seems to be leading the way with a handful of private companies such as Ericsson

and L'Oréal offering on-site child care for their employees. Toronto has seen a few of these kinds of spaces open up in recent years with companies such as KPMG offering similar benefits to employees.

Although experts may agree that having affordable or free child care would pay for itself in the long run, it seems Ontario may still have a long road ahead.

OPINION: Turning the clocks back once and for all could benefit Canadians



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Ontarians pushed their clocks forward one hour on a Sunday night, only to wake up in darkness the next morning.

The semi-annual time change has become a worldwide habit, but the aftermath of this switch needs to be addressed. It's time that Canada takes a look at whether these changes are still necessary.

The Sunshine Protection Act in the U.S., if it passes, will establish permanent daylight savings time in the country and most of Canada beginning in November 2023.

However, research shows that permanent standard time aligns best with people's internal clock. This is the time between November and March.



SAJEL MISTRY

After the clocks change in March, the sun begins to set around 7:19 p.m. and will continue to set later each evening during the summer months.

University of Toronto professor and neuroscientist, Richard Horner, said these changes affect human behaviour.

"Moving the clocks forward and moving them back has impacts on people's function," Horner said. "It's been shown to have impacts on sleep and performance, and accident-related injuries and productivity."

Horner said these changes in time could potentially affect students the most.

"What happens when the clocks go back is that it's like moving a

time zone and it takes a while to adjust," he said.

"In that period of time, if you look at the populations, you know, accidents do go up. Particularly for those people that are night owls, which a lot of the student body is," Horner said.

The Sleep Research Society (SRS) indicates that daylight savings time causes chronic circadian misalignment. This is when the timing of natural light is not in sync with the body anymore.

"Most people are not aware of the value of exposure to morning

light," he said. "We are affected strongly by light in particular, which is the strongest stimulus."

Moving to permanent standard time allows people to wake up in natural sunlight and fall asleep when it's dark.

According to the American Heart Association, U.S. researchers conducted a study that showed the risk of a heart attack increased by 24 per cent the Monday after switching over to daylight savings time.

In the same study during the fall, the risk of a heart attack dropped

by 21 per cent the Tuesday after the time change.

Horner stresses the importance of people taking care of themselves to regulate their sleep schedules after losing an hour of sleep.

"One of the best tips for adjusting is to get out and get some light exposure in the morning to boost alertness," he said. "This helps reorganize our body clocks to get on the time."

Eliminating the time change can bring positive outcomes to people's mental health. It's time that Canada makes a decision.



AP PHOTO / CHARLES BENNETT

Jeffrey L. Dahmer (left) talks with his attorney, Gerald Boyle in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Thursday, July 25, 1991. Dahmer faced four counts of first degree intentional homicide.

OPINION: Media companies exploit societal curiosity about death



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Evans Peters, the actor that played Jeffrey Dahmer in Netflix's *Dahmer - Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story* received a Golden Globe this year for his role in the dramatization of the real-life story.

His glory was Shirley Hughes' heartfelt pain. The mother of one of Dahmer's victims, Anthony "Tony" Hughes, was re-traumatized by the memory of her son being murdered in May 1991.

The two outcomes of the one show display the stark differences of what two people received from the same thing.

"There's a lot of sick people around the world, and people winning acting roles from playing killers keeps the obsession going," Hughes said.

The obsession she referred to

points towards society's ongoing desire to engage in media that dramatize the recounting of infamous serial killers and the victims they take along with them.

However, curiosity about societal taboos should be answered with authentic media forms that paint the real picture, not dramatized multi-part series that result in the sensationalism of a tragic event.

Jeffrey Dahmer was an American sex offender and serial killer that murdered 17 boys and men between 1978 and 1991.

He would often obtain his victims by sexually engaging with them, luring them back to his apartment in Milwaukee, drug them, kill them and then dismember them.

He would often store their body parts around his apartment, or burn them in an acid tank in his bedroom.

Or he would cook the body parts and eat them.

The Netflix show that dramatized Dahmer's story had been watched for 196.2 million hours in its opening week, and stayed on Netflix's Top 10 list for seven weeks after its release.

Although viewership is high, levels of curiosity are higher.

University of British Columbia's film professor, Ernest Mathijs, said it is curiosity that drives people to

engage in media that represents the taboos of society, such as serial killers like Dahmer.

"It's the same reason why we slow down when there's a traffic accident on the other side of the road," he said. "We're curious about the danger of others."

Mathijs said engaging in media about forbidden constructs of reality is done through a process called safe transgression.

"Media like this allows us to sort of touch on or come as near as possible to those things that we're

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Film Professor, University of British Columbia

afraid of, knowing very well we don't have to actually endure it," he said.

However if Netflix was just trying to join in on the true-crime genre, then all they needed to do was create documentaries that capture real-life events with real-life victims.

Dramatizations with actors and hyperbolized events of some of the most traumatic, horrifying events in a victim's life are unnecessary.

But alas, they are available.

And not only are they available, but they are watched. By millions.

Aside from releasing a dramatization of the Jeffrey Dahmer story, Netflix also released a docu-series version two weeks later.

Conversations with a Killer: The Jeffrey Dahmer Tapes included interviews with the lawyers, journalists, experts and victims who

received about one-sixth of what the dramatized version got.

Although it may be puzzling as to why the dramatized version of a story was more sought after than the authentic one, it's because society relishes sensationalism.

And Netflix relishes profits.

If it wasn't Netflix, it would be Amazon Prime Video or Crave TV, said Toronto Metropolitan University criminology professor Ajay Sandhu.

Netflix isn't reinventing the wheel, it's just adding to the market of sensationalism-based storytelling that audiences prefer to engage with due to its entertaining and phenomenal nature.

Viewers are left to decide between drinking the Flavor-Aid or choosing a less entertaining, more serious version of a story.

Usually audiences choose the former, while the real-life victims of said stories are left with the glitz and glamour of a Hollywood production based on some of the darkest times in their lives.

Media companies such as Netflix owe it to their stakeholders, which include the victims of the tragedies they base their content on, to end to the dramatization of real-life stories. They need to invest more into their documentaries and docu-series so that a story isn't skewed by hyperbole, but rather told authentically.

were involved with the case in the early 90s.

It included real pictures, videos, court documents, and trial testimonies from the story.

However, according to the Netflix Top 10 list, viewership for its opening week was at 31.4 million hours viewed. The real story only

Maple syrup festival welcomes spring



RHEEGAN GOODALE

Mary Gawen checks to see how much sap this maple tree has released into the metal bucket. Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, where the annual maple syrup festival is held, collects syrup from around 50 maple trees.

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Culture Editor

Canadiana is alive and well, as maple season welcomes in the spring.

Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in Stouffville, Ont., is holding its annual Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival, and is seeing crowds every day.

Mary Gawen, the site supervisor of community learning with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), said the festival has seen up to 1,000 visitors per day.

The Sugarbush Festival has been

running for more than 60 years at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area and is buzzing with activities, maple syrup tastings, wagon rides and games for children to play.

In recent years, the event has introduced new interpretive stations. Gawen said this year, local

vendors have set up as a welcomed addition to the event.

"We've got a little mini market," Gawen said. "You've got sweet treats, you've got cured sausages, and we've got green products as well."

The festival also works to preserve and celebrate the history of maple syrup production in Canada. Several educational stops are present along the Maple Syrup Trail, explaining the discovery of maple sap, and the evolution of maple syrup.

Gawen said the festival's Indigenous station has undergone a revamp this year.

She said they were the first to discover sweetwater or sap, so this station delves into how they started the process of sap collection and transformation.

"They did take their cues from nature," Gawen said. "They discovered that deer and different animals were licking the sap, so they started to go look and see what the animals were doing."

Indigenous communities were also the first to boil sap down to create the sugar present in modern-day maple syrup.

As early European settlers came to Canada, Gawen said Indigenous communities were the ones to share the process and pass on their knowledge surrounding maple

syrup manufacturing.

Maple syrup production has come a long way since Indigenous communities discovered sweetwater. Gawen said production times have gotten 14 times faster since then.

"It would have taken early Indigenous people seven days to do that full process," Gawen said. "Early Europeans, probably about two days, and then we've got it down to half a day."

About 50 trees are tapped at Bruce's Mill Conservation Center.

Gawen said they still utilize the Early European method, where trees are tapped with a spile, and sap is collected in metal buckets.

There is also a new, modern method used, which collects sap using tubes and pipes. This process involves significantly less collection labour.

Tapping started earlier than usual this year. Gawen said sap typically starts to flow in the spring, around March, but warmer temperatures caused the collection process to start in February.

"It might be a shorter time in March," Gawen said. "Temperatures increased, and the sap has done its job."

The Sugarbush Maple Festival will continue to run on weekends until April 1, 2023.

South Asian community hosts Eid ul-Fitr market

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Senior Reporter

As Eid ul-Fitr approaches, the South Asian community across the GTA is beginning to get preparations underway.

Saira Faisal, an event organizer for South Asian events within the GTA, hosted Bassant Mela on Dholki Beat, an event for Muslim women to shop, dine, play games, and enter giveaways in preparation for Eid.

"We organized different stalls to give Muslim women a chance to do shopping before Eid ul-Fitr," she said.

The market was hosted earlier this year on Feb. 28 at Snelgrove Community Centre in Brampton.

There were jewellery, clothing, mehndi and other booths for guests to enjoy.

"We had decoration stalls, clothing and shoe stalls, mehndi stalls, and we also had a lot of giveaways," Faisal said.

There was also a variety of South Asian food booths for women.

"This event was only for ladies

specifically, and they enjoyed it a lot," Faisal said.

"The event was a hit," she said.

The event was sponsored by 13 businesses across the GTA. Tickets were \$25 and included dinner for the guests.

Samina Mughal, the event manager of Basant Mela on Dholki Beat, said the event was successful beyond their expectations.

"We were not expecting that this event would be so successful, as a lot of females purchased clothes, jewellery and shawls, and vendors also sold many things, so they get a lot of benefits," she said.

Mughal said the vendors are leaving happily because they have sold clothes and jewellery and made an extra profit.

The event was organized for the pre-preparations for Eid ul-Fitr, which is coming after the month of Holy Ramadan.

As Ramadan is a busy month for the Muslim community, they have less time for shopping during the month. For that reason, the event was organized for women to make



MUHAMMAD HAMZA

Jewellery was on display at a stall set up for a Muslim community event at the Snelgrove Community Center.

early preparations, Mughal said.

There were a variety of clothes, including Afghani dresses, available at the event, and a 50 per cent sale on every piece of clothing and jewellery.

Maliha Ayaz, the owner of one of the clothing booths, Master Collection, said that her business often

offers special discounts around the time of Eid for customers to take advantage of.

"We have all kinds of traditional dresses, including Afghani dresses and jewellery, so when Eid season is near, I used to make people buy by selling them and giving them 50

per cent discounts and giveaways," she said.

Ayaz said her business found great success at the event, and that she enjoyed the South Asian food, too.

"I feel so blessed that I chose to come here," she said.

Black, Indigenous students united for 2023 Earth Month

Maegan Lee
Op-Ed Editor

It has been 11 years since Isaac Crosby, a Black Ojibwa Humber College graduate, last stepped foot onto the North campus.

Crosby, a professional urban agriculturist, was invited to teach a workshop on gardening and Indigenous agricultural techniques at an Earth Month event hosted by Humber's Office of Sustainability, the Black Student Support and Engagement (BSSE) Program, and Indigenous Education & Engagement (IE&E) on March 21, 2023.

Seed, Soil and Sun was a hands-on event where students and faculty learned how to plant seeds to grow fruits and vegetables. They were able to take home the planters they worked on, with the guidance of Crosby.

The event did not only focus on gardening. Crosby, who comes from the Ojibwa of Anderdon in Southwest Ontario, discussed the importance of remembering the history between Black and Indigenous Peoples.

"There has always been a friendship, a companionship with our people," he said. "No one's really showing that. That's kind of the sad part. Because we have such a great history, that is overlooked."

Black and Indigenous peoples came together to fight an oppressor, but in the end, Crosby said the oppressor fought back and separated their communities.

Despite this, he wants people to remember the many people and families that are just like his.

Crosby said students should start engaging in sustainable habits, like growing their own food.

"It is 2023 and our food prices are through the roof," he said. "Start by growing what you love and what you like to eat first."

Sustainable habits are one of the core ideas highlighted in Humber's Earth Month celebration.

Nouran Nour, the communications and events assistant at the Office of Sustainability at Humber, said raising environmental awareness and consciousness about nature was their goal this Earth Month.

"We want to have important conversations with people and engage them in climate and sustainability action," Nour said. "While doing so, we're also making sure people are not anxious and worried about the impact of climate change."

Nour said all of the events they host promote the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which the United Nations (UN) has started to implement.

The SDGs outlined by the UN are



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Black Ojibwa Humber grad Isaac Crosby teaches Navneet Kaur how to plant seeds at an Earth Month event.

part of a plan to promote the eradication of poverty in order to begin improving health and education and reducing inequalities, while tackling the challenges of climate change.

The Seed, Soil and Sun event reflects Goal 15, Life on Land. This goal works to "protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems," according to the UN's website.

Many students attended the event, including Akaila Reid, a student in the Child and Youth Care Advanced Diploma Program.

Reid attended the event to learn more about sustainable habits and begin to get involved more in gardening and planting.

"I didn't really know how to start," she said. "So this was actually really educational for me."

Reid said she wants to focus on being more sustainable with food, especially regarding food waste.

She said planting and growing her own food will help her achieve that goal.

"This will help my family, personally, and sharing this with others is something I definitely want to do," Reid said.

Earth Month is typically celebrated in April, however, Humber celebrates it in March.

Nour said the Office of Sustainability hosts Earth Month in March, because April is a busy month for most students due to final exams and assignments.

"During March, students are still not too busy, and we want to give them enough time and opportunity to engage in the event," she

said. "No one's going to want to come in and plant while writing their exams, it's too stressful."

Nour said she hopes students will not only engage in these events, but also learn from them and share their knowledge with others.

While engaging in sustainability is important, Crosby said students need to have a deeper talk surrounding Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous agriculture techniques.

"I know people are all about the trending Three Sisters: Corn, Beans, and Squash, but there's way more," Crosby said. "I want to see people go further than the Three Sisters."

"Look more and more in depth to the native plants and native food sources that we have in this country called Canada," he said.

Humber alumni among winners at Junos



ARKELLS MUSIC

Anthony Carone, second from right, a Humber music grad, is the keyboardist for Arkells who won Group of the Year at the Juno Awards.

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Sports Editor

Humber graduate and famed Canadian musician, Anthony Carone, along with his bandmates in the Arkells, won big this year at the 2023 Juno Awards.

Carone, who studied in Humber College's Music program, is the keyboardist for the Hamilton-based alternative rock band.

This year's Junos were held in Edmonton, Alta., on March 11, hosted by Marvel movie star Simu Liu for the second year in a row.

At the 52nd annual awards, Arkells earned the title of Group of the Year, which marks its sixth time receiving this honour, a record-breaking win for them, as they now hold the title of having most wins in this Juno Awards category. Blue Rodeo, the Canadian country rock band, were the former leaders in this category, with five wins.

Humber alumna Caity Gyorgy won the Vocal Jazz Album of the Year, the same category she won last year.

Carone and Gyorgy were among 12 nominations that included Humber music grads or faculty.

Max Kerman, frontman for Arkells and Hamilton native, told Humber News that wins like these are what motivates them to continue producing creative, meaningful music.

"When you're an artist and you work in a creative field, you look

for little wins along the way that might put wind in your sails," he said. "Being recognized by our peers and the industry is an honour, and it only makes us that much more excited to make our next record and to play the next show."

In a tweet released by the verified Arkells Twitter account on the day of the ceremony, the musicians confirmed not all band members were able to be in Edmonton to receive the award.

They had performed in St John's, N.L., the night before and due to flight cancellations, only three of the five made it to the awards.

Allan Reid, president and CEO of the Juno Awards, said the Arkells have always been dedicated to paying homage to their Canadian roots.

"This year's win for Group of the Year makes Arkells the most decorated artists in the category,

cementing their status as one of Canada's most beloved bands," he said. "From their inaugural performance on the Junos stage in their hometown of Hamilton in 2015 to opening the show for us last year at Budweiser Stage in Toronto, the band has always championed their fans here at home."

Performers at the show included host Liu, who sang a medley of Avril Lavigne's greatest hits, Tate McRae, and AP Dhillon, among others.

Other artists recognized at this year's celebration were Alexisonfire, who took home Album of the Year, and The Weeknd, who earned the title of Artist of the Year.

It was also a special ceremony for rock band Nickelback, who were inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

Arkells are currently on tour promoting their newest album, Blink Twice.

Canadian painter featured in Guelph-Humber gallery

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University of Guelph-Humber business students curated an art exhibition featuring Canadian artist, Mary Morganelli, at the Guelph-Humber Art Gallery from March 10 to 20.

The art exhibition, "Windows to the World: The Journey of Imagination and Travel" showcased Morganelli's vibrant paintings with the theme of travel.

At the age of six, Morganelli left Ceprano, a small town in Italy, and moved to Toronto with her family to seek a better life.

She said she discovered her love for art at a very young age, but her painting journey began when she took an art course in high school.

However Morganelli married her high school sweetheart after graduation and put painting aside to

raise her family as a young mother.

"I got married the year after [graduation] so I had to hang up my painting for a while because the family came along," she said. "I had a little bit of hard life."

Morganelli said her young family struggled financially, and she also lost her three-year-old son to disease.

"By the time my son passed away, we were almost in personal bankruptcy," she said.

Morganelli worked in accounting while her husband worked two to three jobs to raise their family as young parents.

For 39 years, she had not painted at all.

Morganelli finally decided it was time to paint again in 2010 and took art courses to refresh her skills.

"And it took off from there," she said.



MELODY LAM

Canadian painter Mary Morganelli showcased her travel theme art exhibition at the Guelph-Humber Art Gallery.

The art exhibition, "Windows to the World: The Journey of Imagination and Travel" showcased her paintings inspired by the theme of travel and photos she took during her trips across the continents.

"My camera's constantly clicking away," Morganelli said. "I just look at something, and it gives me ideas and it tells me that would be a perfect next painting."

She paints the images with new interpretations and seeks to

bring an emotional experience to viewers.

One of Morganelli's paintings, Daily Bread, was inspired by a photo she took of a man carving wood in a straw market in the Bahamas.

She said in the original photo, there were clusters of straw hats and baskets behind the man, which was not good for the painting version of it.

Morganelli instilled her imagination of the scene on a canvas and

resituated the man outside of his house in her painting.

"I just imagine what his house would look like, resituated him to his house and say he's working for his money, his meals," she said. "So I called it, Daily Bread."

Morganelli seeks beauty in the scenes she sees and expresses it through her paintings.

"I don't look at the bad things," she said. "I look and see what beauty I can make out of it."

Toronto Comic-Con returns with pop culture fan favourites



JEANINE TAJEDDINE

Large groups of people attended this year's Comic-Con dressed in full costume to participate in the event. It was held in Toronto's Metro Convention Centre this past weekend.

Jacob Tye
Senior Reporter

Toronto Comic-Con returned this past weekend with fans flocking from all over to share their fandom at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The event featured pop culture themed activities, vendors and panels that Con-goers could see and interact with.

The event took a brief hiatus due to Covid but returned last year with success and saw that same success this time round.

Hundreds of Funko Pops and comics were on display as Con-goers could shop through dozens of comic-themed vendors where they

can grab merch associated with their favourite pop culture interests.

Con-goers were able to meet celebrities from their favourite shows like the cast of Amazon Prime's 'The Boys', most of whom were in attendance.

The show is filmed in Toronto and actor Tomer Capone, who plays the character Frenchy, noted that it was a nice break from filming to come and interact with fans.

"Taking a breather from set and coming here and meeting the fans at the end of the day to me gives me fuel to go back on Monday and kill it on Frenchy scenes cause the amount of love and joy that we bring people with the show," he told Humber News.

Capone said that getting the Boys felt like a win-win since with getting a role on a successful show, and having it shot in what has now become one of his favourite cities in the world.

"Although this is our first winter of shooting here everyone warned me it was going to be so cold and I was going to suffer. I actually love it," he said

"Everytime snow comes I think its the most romantic, beautiful, cozy experience cause where I come from, Tel Aviv, there's not a lot of snow."

Capone and his fellow co-stars were featured on one of many Q&A panel where fans got to ask the actors themselves questions

about their favourite shows.

'Constantine' actor Matt Ryan and Disney Plus hit show 'The Mandalorian' star Emily Swallow did Q&A panels of their own for their visibly eager fans.

Swallow plays the Armourer in 'The Mandalorian' and said she loves that she gets to visit Canada to promote the show and notes how much she loves to work in the country.

"I love anytime I get to work in Canada," she said

"The most that I love is the kindness of all the people here and it's such a joy to come here and hang out with everybody."

She even held a karaoke night on the first night of Comic-Con where she sang along side some of

her fans and give them a one of a kind fan experience.

Over the weekend, she noticed how devoted her Canadian fans were and it made her happy to see the impact her character has especially on women.

"I've seen more armours here then at any other convention and that's pretty incredible," she said

"I'm so grateful that the armour inspires so many women and little girls and getting to see little girls come up with their armour and it's just such a blessing to play this character."

Fan Expo HQ will be holding a similar event with Fan Expo Canada later this summer, also in Toronto.



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FIFA announces an over 300 per cent increase to funding for the Women's World Cup following weeks of controversy and strikes from the Canadian Women's National Team players.

FIFA attempts to make amends with women's teams

FIFA President Gianni Infantino announced last that the Women's World Cup is receiving a large increase in funds, over 300 per cent, for the 2023 tournament.

Tessa Bennett
Sports Editor

There has been much dispute from players recently over the inequities between men's and women's soccer, both financially and in support.

Canada's national women's soccer team went on a brief strike in protest of Canada Soccer's failure to support them in the same way that they support the men's team.

The main source of controversy has been the wide difference in pay for women and men in the sport.

Last week, however, some development was made between FIFA and the women's teams involved in the upcoming Women's World Cup.

Newly re-elected FIFA President, Gianni Infantino, announced last Thursday that the Women's World Cup is receiving a large increase in funds, over 300 per cent, for the 2023 tournament.

Some of this funding will go towards player salaries, in addition to increasing the prize money for winning soccer clubs.

Canada Soccer Players' Association (CSPA) said in a media release that while this is a step in the right

direction, there is still much work to be done to even the playing field financially.

"[The new deal] is an attempt to quickly address the CSA's failure to pay anything to the Women's National Team members in 2022," the CSPA said. "It also does not solve the deeper issues around pay equity and equalization of supports and resources across the national teams."

The CSPA said adequate funding for the Women's National Team and youth national program are at the top of the priority list when asked what they were looking to have addressed in a new deal going forward.

While FIFA told Humber News they were "unable to comment at this time," they had previously said in a media release that "the new approach to distribution of tournament funding will see basic prize money replaced with US \$110 million allocated to participant member associations, compared to US \$30 million in 2019 and US \$15 million in 2015."

They also said that for the first time ever, funding will be set aside specifically for the fair compensation of players, whether they win the tournament or not.

Infantino said in the same media release that while their organization is finally working towards making amends with the women's teams, not everyone in the world of soccer is.

"FIFA is stepping up, but unfortunately this is not the case for everyone across the industry," he said. "Broadcasters and sponsors

have to do more in this respect, for FIFA, for the confederations, for the member associations, for everyone."

While this is a positive change, it is unclear how cooperative CSPA and the Women's National Team will continue to be going forward into the 2023 season.

"The Women's National Team players have advised Canada Soccer that while they intend to play in the upcoming FIFA window scheduled for April, that participation is contingent on meaningful progress being made with respect to a number of bargaining issues," CSPA said.



AP PHOTO

Newly re-elected FIFA president, Gianni Infantino, answers questions at a press conference at the 73rd FIFA Congress on March 16, 2023.



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Team Canada's Christine Sinclair (12) and Trinidad and Tobago's Victoria Swift battling hard to get the ball during a CONCACAF women's national championship soccer match in Monterrey, Mexico, July 5, 2022.

OCAA to induct former Hawks into hall of fame

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The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association announced this week that five highly decorated Humber Hawks will join this year's hall of fame.

The former Hawks included in the class of 2023 include: Kelsey Bardy (softball/rugby), Jason Mesa (soccer), Jessica O'Quinn (softball), Derrek Quinn (volleyball), and Ryan Willoughby (golf).

Mesa, who was a key part of Humber's soccer program, said that the induction is a massive achievement, but he was quick to credit those around him first.

"To me, it's a huge honour. I owe a lot of that success and this recognition to all of my teammates and the coaching staff," Mesa said.

Mesa's time as a Humber Hawk lasted five years, between 1999-2004.

Some of his major achievements include winning a national championship in 2001, winning back to back provincial championships, as well as three indoor provincial championships.

With the addition of this year's Hawks, Humber will now have a total of 48 members in the OCAA Hall of Fame.

As for Mesa, success as a player was not enough to call it a career, he returned to Humber in 2007, this time as an assistant coach.

"A part of me has always wanted to see the program succeed. And when I saw that the program was stalling, they just weren't getting the results, whatever the case was at that time, I just felt that I needed to come back to help them win and become successful again," Mesa said.

Since returning as a coach, Humber's success on the pitch has been a staple recognized throughout the nation, for their utter domination on the national stage.

Humber soccer has won seven national championships since 2012.

"One thing that I instilled in a lot of the senior players when I first started was the desire to win a national championship," Mesa said. "It wasn't just about winning and coming first in division or even winning provincials. We have to get to the top of that mountain."

As a coach, his strategy of motivating the veterans of the team paid off, and it trickled down to the newer faces who are always eager to win.

"The leaders at that time bought into it and they fed off of it. And then they started to instill that mentality to all the first year and second year players as they were coming in. And it just became a cycle," he added.

Mesa attributes the school's success to the dedication and togetherness the athletes share when they play for Humber.

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"It was a brotherhood. It was about us going into battle, every single game, every single minute, and being there for each other. And I think a part of that is what led to this honor and recognition."

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The 10th annual OCAA Hall of

Fame ceremony will be held at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts in Windsor, Ont., on May 1.

Roundup of Hawks' 2023 medal success

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The Hawks' winter season has wrapped up after a successful run, with multiple teams making podiums at both provincial and national finals.

The Hawks collectively won a total of 15 medals with 11 golds, two silvers, and two bronzes.

The curling program's hard work and dedication paid off, as they brought home medals.

Humber Hawks curler, Jake Dobson, was disappointed when the national Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) curling championship was cancelled last season after his team qualified.

A year later, the Hawks not only qualified for the championship but they secured gold, making them the second Humber men's curling team in program history to win the national title.

"It is still settling in that we even won the national title," Dobson said. "A Canadian title is something I've dreamt about ever since I was a little kid just starting to get into curling."

The team won the 2023 CCAA championship in Sudbury defeating the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Trojans with a score of 10-3 on March 18.



CURLING CANADA

CCAA Humber Hawks' men's curling team show their gold medals after winning the national championship.

The Hawks had qualified for nationals after winning silver at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) finals on Feb. 13.

Humber's curling program also brought home two gold medals earned by the mixed doubles and women's team this past season.

This was the third consecutive provincial title for women's curling.

Curling head coach, Sean Turriff, said he is very proud of how large the program has grown and is fortunate to have quality people

on his team.

"It's a great group of young men and women who work together and forge friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime," Turriff said. "Having the program become a place where that can happen is very gratifying."

Women's basketball had a remarkable season earning gold against the Lambton Lions at the OCAA championship on March 5.

They qualified for nationals and won their opening game in the

quarter-finals against the University of Alberta-Augustana on March 15.

Another women's team that dominated at provincials was the women's indoor soccer team, who won gold against the Seneca Sting at the Ontario Soccer Centre in Vaughan on March 10.

Women's volleyball also showed off their skills after winning the provincial title against the Durham Lords at the OCAA finals in Oakville on Feb. 25.

The men's volleyball team were

crowned OCAA champs the same day after winning the battle for gold against Fanshawe College.

Both teams stood on the podium once more at the CCAA championship.

The women's squad won bronze at nationals in a 3-1 triumph against the Vancouver Island University (VIU) Mariners in Nanaimo on March 11.

Men's volleyball earned silver at the CCAA gold medal finals, hosted at Humber North, after a loss to the Camosun Chargers on March 11.

The badminton program had another victorious year, bringing home two gold medals at nationals. This marks the eighth consecutive season the program captured CCAA gold.

Badminton men's duo, featuring Sirapob Kongubon and Nishant Batra, captured gold on March 11.

The women's duo, Victoria Duong and Airi Moromisato, also secured the national title.

The two teams also took home gold at the OCAA championship in Aurora on Feb. 18. Women's singles player Zeel Rohit won bronze at provincials.

The Hawks worked tirelessly for an impressive season while also juggling academic expectations.



KRYSTAL YEUNG

Isabelle Blanchet-Rampling and Rene Robert Prevost took home silver medals in the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup. The duo came out of retirement for the competition.

Aquatics duo returns for World Cup silver

Isabelle Blanchet-Rampling and Rene Robert Prevost came out of retirement for the competition, after it was announced that World Aquatics would introduce a new scoring system

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Canadians Isabelle Blanchet-Rampling and Rene Robert Prevost won silver at this year's Aquatics World Cup in Markham, Ont.

The duo decided to come out of retirement before the competition, after it was announced that World Aquatics, also known as FINA, decided to introduce a new scoring system.

In the lead-up to the competition, the pair trained in three-hour blocks, four times a week.

"We are just doing it out of love,"

Blanchet-Rampling said. "We have a lot to give, to motivate, and to broaden the horizon for those who want to move forward for this new system."

Blanchet-Rampling, 37, and Prevost, 43, took home silver in the Mixed Duet Free competition at the 2023 World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup on March 18 at the Markham Pan Am Centre.

The pair made a strong comeback with their first World Cup medal, after ranking fifth in the Mixed Duet Technical.

The duo earned their silver with 206.1208 points, following Maria Bofill Strub and Dennis Gonzalez Boneu, from Spain.

Prevost said they felt great about the huge score, and that they were still processing everything.

Blanchet-Rampling said the thrill of hearing the crowd cheering from underwater made this competition a special and unparalleled one.

She said she and Prevost are still adjusting to the new scale for scoring as this was the first time

they had experienced it.

"We are yet to understand the new system, and there's a lot to learn from it," she said.

The pair initially retired from the sport in 2017 and returned after World Aquatics' revamp to the scoring system last October.

The new system allows for more objective scoring criteria, with scientific measuring tools and mathematical calculations for the level of difficulty of each performance.

This new change brings about new challenges and uncertainties.

Japanese women's duet technical bronze medalist, Mashiro Yasunaga, said that she and her partner didn't know what to expect nor what to do under the new scoring system.

Luckily, they got everything settled and laid out before the World Cup, Yasunaga said.

She said although her coaches and the pair themselves were satisfied by the performance, the score was slightly lower than what she expected.

Mixed duet technical champions from China, Wentao Cheng and Haoyu Shi, said they changed their training to better adapt to the new system.

Cheng said the new system requires stronger technical abilities and skills, and the pair is boosting their level of difficulty for the next competition.

However, the Canadian pair, Blanchet-Rampling and Prevost, saw this as a great opportunity to rejoin the competitive field.

"We definitely are very happy to see this judging system being implemented," she said. "It brings an era of less subjective judging standards."

Prevost said he thought it was a good time to return to the sport and see what he could bring internationally.

"Age, plus two jobs, are very, very tough," Prevost said. "But I have a passion for synchronized swimming."

Currently, Prevost is the only male artistic swimmer in Canada,

but said he hopes to inspire others.

The World Cup silver medalists have shifted their focus to the qualifiers taking place next week, which will open the door to nationals in Calgary in May, Blanchet-Rampling said.

She also said they are keeping an eye on the World Championships and the Pan-American tryouts for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

As duets and teams are now incorporating more men into the game, Prevost said he wants to try his hand at these events next year.

"Synchronized swimming is very hard for the men," Prevost said.

But one can excel in the sport with patience and perseverance, he said.

"I think there's so much positive to come forward," Blanchet-Rampling said. "We will have to wait and see in the coming years how it gets adopted and adjusted."

"It's actually really good in the sense of what we can bring to the future," she said.

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CANADIAN ARTISTIC SILVER

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Isabelle Blanchet-Rampling flipped mid-air in her Mixed Duet Technical Free at the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup 2023. The cup took place from March 16, 2023 to March 18, 2023.

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