

## INT'L STUDENTS WANT EQUAL FEES



A coalition of student groups protest international student tuition outside Queen's Park on Nov. 17, 2022. International students pay three times more than their domestic counterparts.

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# Ontarians protest 'ridiculous' international student tuition

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Hundreds of students gathered in front of the Queen's Park on Wednesday afternoon demanding change to the rising tuition fees for international students.

"It's kind of ridiculous that they're paying so much more to get the same education as domestic students," said Jessica Carrera, a domestic student at Humber College and the board of directors chair for IGNITE, Humber College's student union.

"They're doing the same program as domestic students and I feel like it should be equal between everybody," she said.

The Ontario government has given tuition cuts and freezes to its students to provide them with financial relief and affordable education since 2019.

However, it does not include international students who have faced a constant rise in tuition fees that currently average more than four times that of domestic students.

The Need or Greed campaign is organized by the Ontario College Student Associations for International Tuition Equity (The Coalition), a collective of student associations across Ontario which represents more than 120,000 students.

The Coalition looks to raise awareness about the lack of support being given to international students.

"We want to be on the govern-

ment's radar," said Kristine Galvan, a manager of leadership and advocacy at IGNITE and the steering committee of the Coalition.

"We also want domestic students to know that there is a gap here," she said.

Domestic student tuition fees have remained frozen since 2020 and are limited to increases of up to three per cent per year.

Ontario Colleges can raise international tuition fees by up to 20 per cent per year which can add up to \$2,800 in extra costs on top of the already expensive fees.

Mridul Thomas, an international student from Humber College who came from India to get a better education in Canada, said that paying tuition is a big task.

He currently works a full-time job to be able to afford rent and cover tuition costs.

"The difference is too much because it's four to five times more than what domestic students are paying here," he said. "Hopefully we can get down some of the amounts so it's affordable for us too."

Lynn Courville, the president of Cambrian Student Council and one of the representatives of the Coalition, told Humber News that the gap in tuition fees between domestic and international students is "not really fair."

Courville believes this because International students pay on average at least \$14,000 per year while domestic tuition fees are around \$5,000 annually.



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Protesters fight for fair financial treatment between domestic and international students in the cold on Thursday, Nov. 17, at Queen's Park.

"If the government wants them to be our citizens then they should take care of them and make sure that they have the capability of staying here," she said. "If they want to stay here, they shouldn't feel abused during this process."

The Ontario Auditor General reported in 2021 that colleges were increasing their reliance on international students. Sixty-eight per cent of colleges' tuition fees — of \$1.7 billion — were from international students, who comprised about 30 per cent of total enrolment.

The coalition sent letters to Jill Dunlop, the minister of colleges and universities, and Linda Franklin,

president and CEO of Colleges Ontario, requesting support to create a more affordable education for international students.

"We have not had anyone agree to speak with us yet but we are hoping to (be able to) after the protest," Galvan said.

The Coalition said one of its main goals was to force the government to freeze tuition costs for international students.

"That's one step closer to getting their fees reduced," Carrera said.

"They come here to have a better life, but to have all those fees and work extra hard just to get an education isn't fair," she said.



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Students holding signs protesting high international student fees listen to Need or Greed leaders speaking at Queen's Park on Nov. 17, 2022.

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Ontario Health Minister Sylvia Jones, pictured on Aug. 18, 2022. Hospitals in Ontario are overwhelmed by pediatric emergency room visits due to a surge in respiratory illnesses and flu.

## ‘Terrifying’ respiratory virus overwhelms pediatric hospitals

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Keri Graham’s three-year-old son, Tyler, was lying “lifeless” in a hospital bed for days after contracting a respiratory illness that’s inflicting young children under five years-old across the province.

“Within 36 hours of being in Oakville hospital, we were rushed to [the] ICU (in London, Ont.) because he had progressed so quickly,” Graham said.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) has been causing a significant uptick in emergency room visits for parents seeking medical attention for their young children.

According to the CDC, the symptoms begin as a typical cold and flu but quickly progresses into a cough that causes wheezing and an inability to breathe. The night Graham decided to take her son into the emergency room at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Graham said she could see him struggling to breathe in his sleep.

“I could see him breathing through his stomach and his chest excessively and whimpering in his sleep,” Graham said.

The hospital immediately put Tyler on a ventilator and IV steroids to help boost his oxygen levels, which read at 84 per cent — so dangerously low that Graham said hospital staff thought their machines were broken.

The doctor warned Graham that Tyler needed to be transferred to a pediatric hospital to give him the appropriate care that the community hospital could not provide. Doctors tried to arrange the transfer, but there were no available beds at any hospitals nearby.

Ontario Health’s Data Catalogue, a daily log for ICU bed availability, shows that as of Nov. 17, 2022, there are 112 ICU beds available for pediatric patients, and Ontario hospitals are currently over-capacity by two.

“I could see the doctors panicking,” Graham said. “This is about to get out of control for us.”

After hospital staff scrambled to find an available bed at any pediatric hospital for Tyler, a patient was being discharged at The Children’s Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre, almost two hours away. Tyler spent a total of 11 days in the hospital before he was well enough to be discharged on Oct.

28 — his third birthday.

Graham said her little boy, Tyler, is finally back to normal after coming home but is currently having trouble staying healthy while in daycare.

Dr. Daniel Flanders, a pediatrician for Kindercare Pediatrics in Toronto, speculates that the rapid spread of RSV is because of the COVID-19 preventative measures that society has taken over the last few years.

“Our whole community hasn’t seen very much in the way of infectious diseases and all our immune systems are kind of rusty,” he said.

“Then six months ago or so, we all took off our masks and started mingling together again and it’s kind of like pouring gasoline on a fire,” Flanders said.

Bernadette Robinson, a registered nurse and vice-president of the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA), said nurses caring for pediatric patients need the government to take “real action” that will help patients and the health care system.

“It’s a really critical time for our children,” she said. “We don’t want to see any child being treated in a non-traditional space,” Robinson

said.

Robinson told Humber’s Et Cetera that children need to be treated in a place with the appropriate caregiver to manage their needs, not in hallways or nurse’s stations, where many hospitals are being forced to put them.

With rising RSV cases putting tremendous stress on pediatric hospitals, Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran

Moore announced on Monday that he strongly recommends masking indoors to relieve some pressure on hospitals. It also protects vulnerable populations like children, seniors, and those with underlying health conditions.

“I am reminding Ontarians to get back to using all the layers of protection that we know work to keep ourselves and others healthy,” Moore said.



COURTESY KERI GRAHAM

Graham and her three-year-old son Tyler in the ICU at The Children’s Hospital in London after his Respiratory Syncytial Virus worsened.



GREENBELT INSTAGRAM

A picture of an area of the Greenbelt in Ontario. The Greenbelt, which spans across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, is known for providing natural sources to the province including rich soils for farming, clean air, fresh water, and easy access to nature. Doug Ford plans to build 50,000 homes across 7,400 acres of Greenbelt land, but said he'd add more in other areas.

## Ford's Greenbelt plan will 'turn it into Swiss cheese,' Schreiner says

**Andre La Rosa-Rodriguez**  
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Premier Doug Ford's proposal to build homes on the Greenbelt was criticized for the irreparable damage it could cause to southern Ontario's ecosystem.

"Once those bits are lost, there's no bringing them back," said Marc Cadotte, an Urban Forest Conservation and Biology professor at the University of Toronto.

"It's not easy to rebuild once you start losing the nature around us," he said.

The Ontario government proposed on Nov. 4 to build 50,000 homes across 15 areas of the Greenbelt despite having made a promise in 2018 that the land would be off-limits.

Approximately 7,400 acres would be used for development, and in exchange 9,400 acres of preserved land would be added near Wellington County, an area known for its river valleys.

"We need to be conserving more of the Greenbelt, not swapping," said Ryan Norris, a wildlife ecologist at the University of Guelph.

He said the introduction of people and pets would affect the integrity of the habitat and wildlife that would remain in the area after development is completed.

Norris referred to the Greenbelt as a "biodiversity halo" that needs to be preserved as best as possible.

"Southern Ontario is the most diverse area in Canada and it's also the most developed," Norris said.

"We need to work really hard to preserve what we have left," he said.

The Greenbelt, which spans across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, is known for providing natural sources to the province, including rich soils for farming, clean air, fresh water, and easy access to nature.

Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner said Ford's plan is dangerous as it could compromise many aspects of what the Greenbelt offers the province.

"If you open up parcels of the Greenbelt and you turn it into Swiss cheese, it's going to make it very hard to protect those ecosystems," he said.

"The forests need those contin-

uous connections. Animals and wildlife need that," he said. "The ability of the earth to filtrate and clean water for us requires that."

Schreiner hopes that with public pressure, the premier will back-track on his proposal.

The provincial government has said Ontario will grow by more than two million people by 2031. More than half of them are expected to move into the Greater Golden Horseshoe region.

Ford's target, with the "More Homes Built Faster" plan, is to build 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years.

Cadotte said Toronto will continue to grow and that he wasn't surprised that the provincial government is looking to develop housing on the Greenbelt.

"The whole history of city building around the world has been one where nature and nature's ability to support us has been chipped away slowly," he said.

"It may seem to people like this is little bits, but this is an ongoing hundreds of years story of chipping away at nature. So this is just

one more step in doing that," Cadotte said.

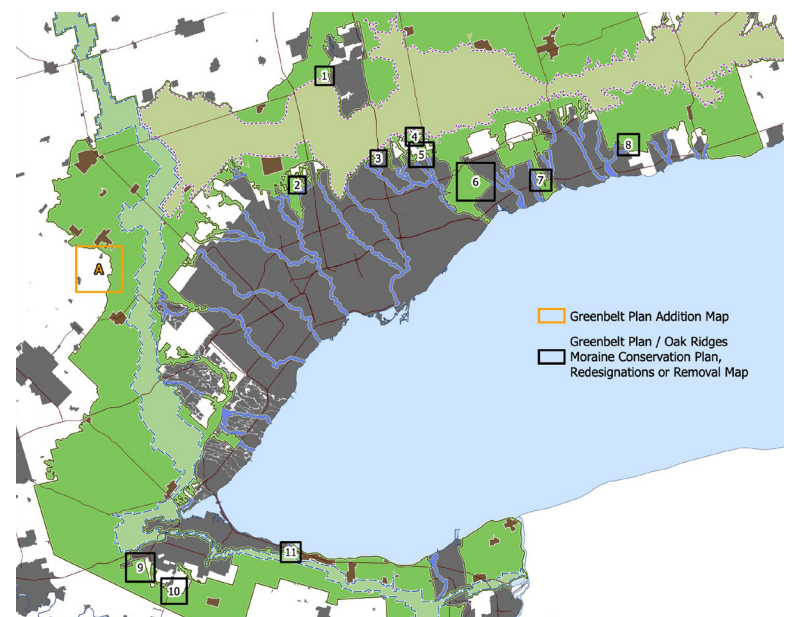
He said that beyond the natural sources the Greenbelt provides, there is also a "real power and beauty" for having access to nature and that it's not just a remote wilderness.

Cadotte said it's up to residents

to decide what the future of the region will be.

"People need to think 100 years from now. Do they want green in the city, or will it just be a story of it being constantly chipped away for short-term gains," he said.

The proposal's consultation deadline is on Dec. 4.



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Overview map of removal and re-designated areas for Premier Doug Ford's Greenbelt housing plan, the "More Homes Built Faster" plan.

# Approaching recession poses new challenges for international students

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International students are concerned about having to sacrifice their education just to make ends meet in the new year.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned that “the worst is yet to come,” and said that a third of the world’s economy will contract next year due to a recession.

The global economy will decrease by 2.7 per cent, according to the latest world economic outlook growth projections by IMF.

Canada’s growth estimate for 2023 has been reduced to 1.5 per cent.

Barkat, an international web design and development student at Humber College who has one name, said many parents who send their children to another country to get an education are not necessarily rich.

She said the economic downturn will force many students to take on loans.

“With [a] recession coming, opportunities for students are going to reduce,” Barkat said.

Aksnoor Singh, a third-year international student in the Civil Engineering Technology program at Humber College, said with the cost of living increasing and with affordability a concern, this recession will impact students financially and psychologically.

For Singh, a big concern is that a possible recession could reach its lowest point while he’s studying.

“I hope the recession does not hit its peak because I know it is hard where everything earned is spent,” Singh said.

Gurmeet Sohi, an investment advisor at Canfin Financial Group in Toronto, said unemployment will increase, which will be a challenge for international students as most companies will lay off their staff.



UPKAR SINGH

Barkat, a web design and development student, said she is concerned the economic downturn will force international students to take out loans.

“Recession will impact the job market,” Sohi said. “International students who are currently studying won’t be able to find jobs easily and students who will graduate will also face challenges in securing a field job.”

Sean Fraser, the minister for immigration, refugees and citizenship, removed the limit on off-campus working hours for international students on Oct. 7.

Under this temporary rule change, international students can work full-time hours until next year.

Sohi said international students working more than 20 hours can be a boon, allowing them the opportunity to get hired for jobs that require a greater work commitment.

“As we know the cost of groceries is high and inflation is above eight per cent, [so] students can use this opportunity to self-sustain,” Sohi said.

Harkirat Singh Aulakh, an international student studying photography at Durham College, said the impending recession will be a great challenge for international students as they will have to make a difficult choice between studies and work.

He said working full-time, as many will choose to do so, will negatively impact their studies as concerns about everyday expenses become a new priority.

“The rents are already high, the groceries are already costly. I am scared of what comes next,” Aulakh said.

Lovepreet Kaur, an international student in Wireless Networking at Loyalist College, said the only way to survive the recession and inflation is to work more.

“I don’t see any other choice,” she said. “It took me three months to get a part-time job and the thought of being unemployed scares me.”

Sohi offered some advice for international students.

“I would advise the students to set a monthly budget, follow it and keep a record of each expense on an excel sheet,” Sohi said.

Singh also advised his fellow international students not to panic at the thought of a recession.

“You will be fine, where you faced and passed over all the obstacles, you will fight and win this one too,” Singh said.



UPKAR SINGH

Harkirat Singh Aulakh, a Durham College international photography student, seen here at a bus stop.

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Pet care has gotten more expensive. According to the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, the annual average cost of caring for a dog is roughly \$3,724 and about \$2,542 for cats.

## Expensive animal care forces owners to surrender pets in Ontario

**Niko De Ciantis**

*News Reporter*

Most people love animals and most people also love having pets. But the pandemic — and the phenomena of “pandemic pets” — put blinders on the reality of how difficult and expensive it can be to take care of pets.

Jonathan (Yoni) Gootgarts, a veterinary student at the University of Guelph and founder of the Fur Your Friends Foundation, which collects new and lightly used pet supplies and donates them to shelters, said people didn’t anticipate the costs of pets when they got them during the pandemic.

“People are now realizing that they can no longer afford these pets, their pets are also growing, they might have gotten breeds that they weren’t expecting to grow, so a lot of things are changing in their households,” Gootgarts said.

“So now, the shelters are overburdened with more animals because people are returning their animals because they can no longer house them,” he said.

“So the shelters have more demand for donations.”

He said given the cyclical nature of what’s been happening with animal care, given the rising costs and post-pandemic realization, that shelters have been immensely



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Jonathan (Yoni) Gootgarts, founder of Fur Your Friends Foundation, which collects pet supplies and donates them to shelters, said people didn’t anticipate the costs of pets when they got them during the pandemic.

thrilled to collaborate with foundations like Gootgarts’.

“There is never an instance where a shelter cannot use the items you give them,” he said.

“Whether they pass it onto another shelter, whether they give it to an owner, whether they give it to themselves for the animals in the shelter,” Gootgarts said.

According to the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, the annual average cost of caring for a dog is approximately \$3,724 and for cats, it is approximately \$2,542.

With animal shelters inundated with large numbers of surrenders, a tough lesson was taught that owning a pet in 2022 was a bigger

commitment than many Canadians were prepared to make.

Daniela Zambito, a woman living in Bolton, Ont., owns a Golden Labrador and finds herself spending huge sums of money for just the bare necessities of caring for her pet.

“I brought my dog to the vet for fleas, ticks and worms and after everything, it came out to about \$800,” Zambito said.

Zambito said a problem in the cost of basic care for animals is that insurance doesn’t offer much help and coverage isn’t necessarily all-encompassing.

“I got insurance, but when I received the underwriting, they excluded everything,” Zambito

said.

So I just cancelled it and looked for a better option.”

Filippo Lepelli, a pet owner who also lives in Bolton, found himself in the same situation and insurance isn’t helpful enough given the cost of it.

“You’re spending that much money on insurance for nothing,” Lepelli said.

“The cat that I had last year had difficulty breathing and I had to dish out about \$600 just to get tests done.”

Lepelli said he didn’t have insurance at the time because he thought it wasn’t worth the money as they didn’t cover anything.

In the case of his cat, the care that was prescribed by the veterinarian was able to help but didn’t do enough to make the cost worth it.

“After all the tests, they suggested we do an emergency surgery which would cost me about \$2,000 and would only extend the cat’s life for about three months,” he said.

Lepelli said the cat had to be put down, which was a difficult decision for him to make.

Pet food has also become very expensive coupled with the rise in inflation.

Zambito said that she’s paying about \$2,000 a year for all of her expenses added up.

“For food alone, I’m spending about \$100 a month,” she said.

The rising cost of pet care and the bills people have to pay to support their pets are hurting the quality of life of animals all across Ontario.

In Lepelli’s case, the cost of an emergency surgery didn’t make sense and the difficult decision to put his cat down had to be made because his cat’s quality of life couldn’t be improved enough.

It’s a decision many have had to make and some people will opt out of doing the right thing for their pets leading to a poorer quality of life either under their care or in the care of a shelter.

# Toronto salutes veterans at Old City Hall

**Jordan Griffith**

*News Reporter*

Hundreds of people filled Queen Street West last Friday, as people came to the Old City Hall Cenotaph to recognize Canadian veterans who fought for the country.

Mayor John Tory said that exactly a century ago, Torontonians gathered at Old City Hall at what was then a wooden cenotaph to remember the first World War.

"It is important for us to remember today, we can never forget the sacrifices of the past, but neither can we assume that the way ahead will be easy," Tory said.

Nearly 10,000 Torontonians died during the war, he said.

"Their service and sacrifice will and must always be remembered," Tory said.

Lt.-Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell highlighted the importance of peace and unity for Torontonians.

She cited First World War veteran Lt. D.J. Macleod, who said "peace must be planned and sought with the same diligence, loyalty and determination" that is given to winning.

"Where there is disagreement, may we spark dialogue, where there is division, may we always strive to form unity," she said. "We owe it to Canada's fallen heroes to

do whatever it is within our power to uphold the values that they fought for."

Toronto resident William Mackay Baillie has been attending Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Old City Hall Cenotaph for 64 years and was present to honour his late father and veteran John James Baillie.

"I made a promise to him 24 years ago that I would keep coming as long as my health would allow it," he said.

Mackay's father was one of 23 Canadian recipients of the George Medal, awarded to people for acts of bravery in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Baillie was the navigator of a Douglas Dakota transport plane that crashed and burst into flames near the Mydngyan airstrip in central Burma on June 14, 1945.

Baillie pulled two Royal Indian Army Service Corps crew members out of the wreck despite multiple head injuries, a broken cheekbone and concussions. After re-entering the burning aircraft, he saved the injured wireless operator.

"If my dad never made it out, I wouldn't be here," he said.

Friday's ceremony marked many anniversaries, most importantly, the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, a battle against the

German-occupied port in Dieppe, France. It's widely known as one of Canada's worst battles where around 916 Canadian soldiers were killed.

It also marked the 80th anniversary of the emergence of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. During the Second World War, these women were tasked with radio operations, coding, bomb marking, and much more.

Dowdeswell said this year is also the 150th birthday of physician Col. John McRae, the poet who wrote *Flanders Fields*.

Toronto resident Stefan Coward said it was important for the community to come together and celebrate Remembrance Day. Coward came to this year's ceremony to celebrate and remember the people who fought to keep him safe, including his father, who served in the military.

"I think about how I wouldn't be here today if my father didn't fight and make it back home," he said.

Coward said he thinks Remembrance Day is an important way to celebrate the country's soldiers but also to acknowledge the lasting impacts of war.

"We are glossing over history. It's a lot more important to list the truths rather than paint it over as if it never happened," he said.



JORDAN GRIFFITH

A wreath was placed near the centre of Cenotaph at Old City Hall to pay respect to the soldiers that were involved in the Dieppe Raid, 1942.



JORDAN GRIFFITH

Flag bearers representing various branches of the Canadian Armed Forces march toward the centre stage for the annual cenotaph ceremony at Toronto's Old City Hall on Nov. 11, 2022.

## EDITORIAL: Mitchell Miller debacle raises discussion on second chances

Hours before the 2018 NFL draft, highly-rated quarterback prospect Josh Allen had racist and offensive tweets he made unearthed from his high school days. Allen was projected to slide down the draft.

The Buffalo Bills felt Allen was their future superstar and traded him up to the seventh overall pick to select him. Bills president Brandon Beane did his due diligence, making sure Allen had grown since his comments.

The move by the Bills paid dividends as he became a superstar and the heart of the city.

The man, once condemned for his old comments, showed he had learned from his mistakes and did charity work in the Buffalo area, creating the Patricia Allen Fund in his grandmother's honour. The foundation raised more than \$1 million for Buffalo's John R. Oishei Children's Hospital.

Allen serves as an example of a second chance done right. The Bills did their due diligence with accountability and it paid off.

Mitchell Miller won't be so lucky after his past tormenting of Isaiah Meyer-Crothers, a developmentally disabled and Black classmate

of his came back into the spotlight.

Miller, a 20 year-old Tri-City Storm player in the USHL, was drafted by the Arizona Coyotes in the fourth round of the 2020 NHL Draft when his history wasn't public knowledge.

The Coyotes later pulled the team's rights to Miller after discovering news of his crimes. In early November, the Boston Bruins reported signing Miller to an entry-level deal, which was immediately met with outrage from the general public.

Bruins president Cam Neely tried to give Miller a second chance. What followed was an utter failure to show any competence. Nor did Neely read the room, particularly the dressing room where team captain Patrice Bergeron said it was not a good idea. Tough guy Nick Foligno also said no.

In order to give someone a second chance, particularly someone like Miller, remorse needs to be shown for the atrocious behaviour they've exemplified. Seeking forgiveness is certainly part of this, but it needs to be more than just a court-ordered apology that was sealed as part of his record after the Meyer-Crothers family



AP/STEVEN SENNE

Boston Bruins President Cam Neely said on Nov. 7, 2022, the team 'dropped the ball' with its internal vetting of Mitchell Miller, ultimately leading to the decision to rescind its contract offer to the defenseman.

decided to press charges.

It certainly doesn't mean reaching out to Isaiah — after a court-ordered restraining order had been in place — via social media to ask for forgiveness when an NHL contract is on the horizon.

What Miller did to Isaiah was simply barbaric and cruel. An innocent child was forced to lick a lollipop that had been placed in

a urinal at school and was subsequently tested for HIV, AIDS, and other forms of STIs. He was in the eighth grade at the time.

Many have wondered, if it wasn't for the skill Miller showed in hockey from a very early age, coupled with his privilege as a white man, whether he'd be serving time in jail for his actions.

Meyer-Crothers made a state-

ment through the Hockey Diversity Alliance (HDA) on Twitter illustrating the horrific history he had with the new Bruin.

"I have been bullied since I was in the first grade," Meyer-Crothers said. "Mitchell used to ask me to sit with him on the bus and then he and his friends would punch me in the head. This happened my whole time in school," he said.

Meyer-Crothers continued to give several other examples of how truly cruel and sick Miller was to him in school.

"The office would tell me to stay away from him because he wasn't my friend. Once he got expelled from school, his friends started bullying me," he said. "Everyone thought he was cool, but I don't see how someone can be cool when you pick on someone and bully someone your entire life."

Certain athletes can be given a second chance, like Allen. But there has to be a clear line for what players can do in their youth and past to be given redemption.

Organizations like the Bruins must do their research to prevent someone as cruel as Miller from ever getting a chance to play in the NHL.

## OPINION: Masks should continue to be recommended but not mandated



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Canadians are heading into familiar territory regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases are rising alongside influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), which is causing strain on the healthcare system. Children in particular are mostly falling prey to the new wave and have been filling up hospital and ICU beds.

With this come calls to bring back masking, and maybe soon,

for upgraded restrictions to "flatten the curve" by critics of the Ford government.

Last week, an advisor to Dr. Eileen De Villa, Toronto's Chief Medical Officer of Health, recommended that she use her powers to reinstate a mask mandate in all Toronto schools.

So far, there hasn't been an official update on that yet.

At a joint media conference on Monday, Toronto Mayor John Tory and De Villa encouraged everyone to stay up to date with their vaccinations, especially regarding flu shots if they hadn't done so already.

That same day, Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, strongly recommended that all Ontarians mask themselves in indoor public settings and stay up to date on vaccinations.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford also made the same plea days before Moore's press conference. Ford stopped short of saying whether mandatory masking would return.

However, on Tuesday, he was met with criticism and rebuked by

opposition MPPs at Queen's Park for not wearing a mask and being a hypocrite for not following Dr. Moore's advice.

Most Progressive Conservative MPPs also weren't wearing masks during Question Period, except for a small minority like Ontario's Health Minister Sylvia Jones.

According to a research poll conducted by Nanos and CTV between Oct. 30 and Nov. 4, more than seven in 10 Canadians support a return to mandatory wearing of face masks in indoor public spaces. The survey indicated 52 per cent support a return, 17 per cent some-

what support, eight per cent somewhat oppose, 22 per cent oppose, and one per cent are unsure.

I believe masks can save lives and are protective against viruses, not just COVID-19. As someone who experiences allergies whenever there's a change of weather conditions, I've always continued to wear my mask in enclosed spaces like public transit since the mandate expired in most places in March and on public transit in June.

Nevertheless, I don't think mask mandates should be reinstated.

Leave it to individuals to decide when and where they will wear

a mask. And while we're going through another wave of COVID-19, the government and health experts should continue to recommend it. By enforcing a mandate, it is not learning to live with the decision to "learn to live with COVID."

A mask mandate would anger and frustrate people who are already tired of pandemic restrictions and have moved on. I feel pandemic fatigue and would appreciate it if we can make our own choices and plans to keep ourselves protected.

Extremists will use it as a playbook to restart more pathetic and reckless anti-pandemic protests like "Freedom Convoy 2.0," which will create a major safety problem for all others. I don't want to see our beautiful landmarks, government buildings, businesses and tourist attractions vandalized.

Ontarians should be smart enough to understand that if they're feeling unwell, they should stay home no matter what. If it's an emergency, there are alternatives to going out sick, please consult those.



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Banner with inscription Please Keep Your Distance plastered onto it.



# OPINION: Watching movies is just not what it once used to be



**Krysti Jaglal**  
News Reporter

The pandemic changed the way many of us lived. Mundane things like work and school became unrecognizable with the world essentially shut down.

In this new world, one thing that has changed and remains changed is the way we watch movies.

What was once an event experienced at the local theatre has now become a relaxing stretch on the couch, lazily pressing play in the latest streaming exclusive release.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2020, the operating profit margin for the motion picture industry had lost 42.4 per cent. Before this, the industry's profit margin had remained positive at a 14.6 per cent average since 2014.

Most recently, the first Avatar

movie was re-released in a limited time of two weeks ahead of the premiere of the sequel, *Avatar: The Way of Water* that's expected to drop later this year.

Re-releases, especially of a movie that was released more than 10 years ago, aren't something that usually happens. However, because of the lack of movies being made for theatre there were enough time slots to fit in that re-release.

Streaming services provided a safer way to watch films during the peak of COVID-19, but there's no denying that streaming has taken away what makes the experience of seeing a movie so special.

A newer format being adopted is the simultaneous release of movies on streaming services and in theatres on the same day.

The Motion Picture Association (MPA) theme report for 2021 reported the global market for theatrical and home entertainment combined was \$99.7 billion.

In addition, the MPA report said 72 per cent of the combined theatrical and home/mobile entertainment market came from the digital market. There was also an 18 per cent increase overall in the digital home/mobile entertainment market.

It seems as if many viewers are starting to adopt this mindset of



MARVEL STUDIOS

Marvel's *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* is the third highest grossing film in 2022, yet was released for streaming one month after release on Disney+, signaling a big change in the way films are seen.

“why travel to the theatre when I can watch this movie at my own place?”

Take Marvel Studios' *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness*, which was released on May 6, but was released on Disney+ about a month later on June 22.

The 2022 Elvis biopic earned a 12-minute standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival and generated a lot of buzz prior to its release on June 2022. Despite all the excitement surrounding the movie, it was later released on HBOMax in the United States and

on Crave in Canada on Sept. 2.

Netflix's shareholder letter gets published at the end of each quarter and its end of Q4 letter in 2020 summed up the streaming service's success during the peak of the pandemic.

Netflix reported making \$25 billion in annual revenue, and its operating profit grew 76 per cent to \$4.6 billion.

Streaming is on the rise now more than ever before and while there are benefits, movies aren't something that was designed for streaming.

Between visual effects and sound, it's become clear that movies were never meant to be for TV screens. It's something that was designed to be shown on the biggest screen possible, surrounded by people all there for the same reason.

Streaming services have slowly started to diminish this sense of community that theatre culture brought. There's no denying that the way we watch movies is evolving with the rest of our technology but we need to consider whether it's worth the evolution.

## TALES FROM HUMBER: TTC needs to regain trust, it starts with safety



**Andre Leal**  
News Reporter

Like many students, I rely on the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) every day to get to campus, work and attend to other commitments I may have. However, despite all efforts, the TTC remains very inconsistent.

On Oct. 24, John Tory was re-elected as mayor of Toronto. According to the Association of

Municipalities Ontario (AMO), Tory received more than 340,000 votes, or 62 per cent of the vote. Only 29 per cent of the city voted in the election.

In Tory's re-election campaign, he announced his transit platform, which didn't include any new projects, but revealed his focus was on four existing projects.

The Scarborough subway extension, the Ontario line set to be completed by 2030, the Eglinton Crosstown extension, and the Yonge North extension, which is set to begin construction in late 2023.

Gil Penalosa, Tory's biggest opponent in the past election, announced in his campaign a new transit plan that would include fast lanes for buses with the permission for buses to exceed 60 kilometres per hour.

Tory's project gives riders plenty of options, especially for those

who live outside the city, but it doesn't fix the system's current problems, particularly for those in the city or closer to the downtown core. Moreover, for those who ride the bus, none of Tory's existing projects really aim to solve those problems.

When I go to school and work, I always take the Jane bus northbound and southbound, but often find myself waiting for 15 to 20 minutes.

It makes it difficult for people to schedule their day.

As unreasonable as it may be to say — considering that traffic can vary throughout the day — adding a couple of buses per line would certainly help solve this problem.

However, adding a bus to a route isn't cheap. In 2018, Tory introduced a new hybrid bus to give riders “a cleaner and greener ride,” and each bus costs

\$860,000. Adding drivers to move those buses increases the cost.

In addition to the issue with buses, there's concern about personal safety on the subway. I've heard so many stories, mostly from women, about how unsafe it can be to take the subway alone, especially at night.

My friends and family use public transit with my girlfriend being one of them. She has described instances in which someone threatened her with a knife on the subway and even experienced people trying to chase after her.

Her friends have experienced worse. Several have reported being victims of sexual assault on the subway, usually taking place at night when there are relatively few riders.

With no real kind of protection for those who are vulnerable, this is a perfect recipe for someone to take advantage of them.

Not only is it frightening to go through as a human being who just wants to get to work or go home, but these incidents are also part of the reason for subway line detours and delays.

One way to prevent this would be to include more security or even officers on subways, especially in the later hours.

People shouldn't have to go through traumatizing experiences on their commute.

While there are security cameras that can capture incidents and catch suspects after the fact, the cameras don't have the power to physically prevent a situation from escalating — people can.

I am very grateful to have a relatively successful public transit system in the city, but there are some things that need to be fixed. The TTC was once a world-leading transit system. It's time to meet that standard again.

# Canada's men's team a dark horse at World Cup

Santiago Helou Quintero  
News Reporter

The Canadian men's national soccer team is getting set for the biggest stage in football, the 2022 Qatar FIFA World Cup.

It's a feat they haven't achieved since Mexico 1986. That year, Canada finished last in Group C behind the Soviet Union, France and Hungary. They failed to score a single goal, displaying a poor performance in their World Cup debut.

Canada faced a long and grueling qualifier for the 2022 cup, which saw them fight their way through the first round, then a two-legged series against Haiti just to make it to the Octagonal round.

Their qualification dominance saw them earn a top spot in the Confederation of North, Central and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) standings, booking their one-way ticket to Qatar.

This team certainly has the potential to be the greatest in Canadian men's national team (CMNT) history.

They're a young, fast, and skilled team that not only scores freely — 23 goals in qualification — but is backed up by the best defence, with only eight goals conceded during CONCACAF. They even managed to score the most goals of any international team in 2021, with 53 goals in 18 games.

Their biggest challenge to date awaits the 41st ranked team: their first game against a Group F opponent, Belgium, a giant in world football and ranked second by FIFA's World Rankings. Their next opponent is Croatia, which made it all the way to the World Cup Finals in 2018, and is currently ranked 12th. Lastly, Morocco ranked 22nd in the world and is by no means an easy opponent.

Many sports pundits predict Canada they will finish bottom of the group. This is often the case with CONCACAF teams. They have long been looked down on by the giants of Europe and South America.

But every four years, CONCACAF teams often remind the world what they're capable of in football.

A recent example of CONCACAF success took place at the 2014 World Cup, where Mexico faced Brazil, Croatia and Cameroon, finishing second in the



SANTIAGO HELOU QUINTERO

Players celebrating with fans after Canada's 4-1 win over Panama at BMO Field on Oct. 13, 2021. Canada prepares for its second appearance at the World Cup which kicks off this Sunday, Nov. 2. Canada, ranked 41st, faces off against Belgium, Morocco and Croatia in an underlooked Group F.

group. The U.S. faced eventual winners Germany, future Euro 2016 champions Portugal and Ghana, also finishing second. Costa Rica, which had been written off entirely, faced three World Cup winning nations in England, Italy and Uruguay in what was widely regarded as the "Group of Death." They went on to shock the world by reaching the top of the group.

In the knockout stages, Mexico lost its match against the semi-finalists Netherlands after a last-minute goal and controversial penalty. Costa Rica made it as far as the quarter-finals before losing in penalties to the Netherlands. The U.S. faced Belgium and took the game all the way to extra time before being knocked out.

In all of these cases, the CONCACAF teams were the underdogs who surprised the world by standing up to the best teams. Now a nation awaits wondering if Canada can continue CONCACAF traditions of surprising football's superpowers.



SANTIAGO HELOU QUINTERO

Canadian supporters at BMO Field in Toronto celebrating Canada's 4-1 win over Panama on Oct. 13, 2021.



ISABELLE FERRANTE

From left, Daniel Sedin, Roberto Luongo and Herb Carnegie's daughter Bernice Carnegie speak with the media during a ceremony at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto on Nov. 11.

## Sedin twins, Luongo, Alfredsson lead Hockey Hall of Fame's class of 2022

**Isabelle Ferrante**  
News Reporter

Retired Vancouver Canucks star Daniel Sedin never won a Stanley Cup. He came close in 2011 when he and his twin brother Henrik and goalie Roberto Luongo took the Boston Bruins to seven games.

But he did make it to the Hockey Hall of Fame, joining 293 players, 113 builders and 16 on-ice officials.

The twins, Luongo, retired Ottawa Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson and Bernice Carnegie, daughter of African Canadian hockey player Herb Carnegie, were in Toronto last week to receive their Hall of Fame rings during Friday's ceremony.

"I think this is the ultimate proof as a hockey player that you've done something good," Sedin said.

The 2022 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebrations kicked off on Friday with a ring ceremony at the Esso Great Hall in Toronto.

In attendance were Vancouver Canucks legends Daniel Sedin, Roberto Luongo, former Ottawa Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson and Bernice Carnegie, who received their Hall of Fame rings during Friday's ceremony.

Missing were Finnish women's national team player Riikka Sallinen, and the other half of the Sedin twin duo and former Canucks captain, Henrik, after a



ISABELLE FERRANTE

Retired goaltender Roberto Luongo speaks at the Hockey Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Toronto.

bout with COVID-19.

Carnegie accepted the ring on behalf of her father, who was inducted as a builder.

The Swedish twins were selected second and third overall in the first round of the 1999 NHL draft by the Canucks, where they spent their entire 17-year career. They became the first pair of brothers in NHL history to score 1,000 points each.

Daniel Sedin said it was a tremendous honour to be inducted along with his brother and his closest friends.

"We've been through everything together, ups and downs, tough times and good times so it's special," he said. "Also going in with Roberto (Luongo) and Alfie (Alfredsson) it means a lot."

Alfredsson won gold for Sweden

with the Sedins at the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics and made a name for himself in the league after being initially selected in the sixth round of the 1994 NHL draft.

Alfredsson said his initial goal was to just reach the big leagues.

"You start your career, you just try to make it to the NHL, then you try and stay as long as you can," he said. "Whatever happens

after, happens after."

The Senators' all-time leader in goals, assists and points had to wait for his call to the hall after being left on the outside of his first four years of fame eligibility.

Alfredsson said getting the call was "surreal."

"We walked around, we saw our plaque and then you see all the other names, it's truly humbling," he said.

Over his 19-year career, the Montreal-native netminder won 489 games — the fourth most in NHL history. Even with the impressive numbers, Luongo told Humber News that he hadn't thought about getting the call.

"When you play, you just think about winning games, winning the cup and being the best goalie you can be," he said.

"When I retired, more and more people started to bring it to my attention, and that's when I started to think about it more."

As of 2022, 293 players have been inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. To be added to that list is something Luongo needs to get used to.

"You look around the room and see some guys that you idolized growing up and some legends of the game even before you were born and to be mentioned in the same breath as them is something that hasn't hit me yet," he said.

# Humber Hawks secure back-to-back CCAA Championships



HUMBER ATHLETICS

Humber Hawks men's soccer team posing together with their CCAA championship trophy and medals. The Hawks fought through 120 minutes of game-time in order to stun the Sting.

**Upkar Singh**  
News Reporter

The Humber Hawks men's soccer team won another CCAA National Championship after beating Seneca Sting at Willoughby Field, B.C., on Nov. 12.

With this win, the Hawks now have nine titles in program history. This season, the team finished with a flawless 16-0-0 record.

Hawks captain and CCAA Player of the Year Luca Uccello, told Humber's Et Cetera that the accomplishment was not a fluke.

"We went on the field and we gave all we had, and the results showed the hard work we put in," Uccello said.

Head coach Michael Aquino said he's very happy with the resiliency this team has shown throughout the nationals.

Brian Lepp, head of the athletic communications department at Humber, said it was nice to see Humber rewarded for their hard work on the pitch.

"I guess the first word I'd use is proud," he said. "They went undefeated and they came home as champions."

Humber has now won back-to-back national championships for the third time.

Lepp said the team has a winning culture and the coaching staff is a big reason behind that.

"They recruit well, they train well, everything from the top down starts with the head coach and the coaching staff," Lepp said.

Uccello said Humber's consistent wins show how great the program is.

He said everything from the coaches, players, medical staff, and equipment guys produce excellent quality.

Aquino said the reason behind the Hawk's continuous victories is the work ethic, commitment, and dedication of the coaching staff.

"Once the players come on, they buy into our coaching style and our tactics, and they put in place what we want from them from

game to game," said Aquino.

The Sting got two red cards during the game. Seneca's Alex Lewis was given a red card after kicking Hawk's goalkeeper Holger Xhameta. Seneca had to play with 10 men after Lewis was sent off.

The Sting were cut down to nine players when Seneca's Francisco Thomas Cerros was given a red card due to embellishment in the 80th minute.

Following the win, the Humber Hawks comment section was full of praise but there were negative comments from Seneca fans, too.

Aquino said the referee was there to guide the rules of the game and he felt that those cards were something that was required.

"The opposition feels as if they were wrong wrongfully executed, but at the end of the day, that's the referee's job," said Aquino.

Lepp said the photos and footage from the game clearly show that Seneca's player was stepping on the face of Humber's keeper with his cleats.

"The picture doesn't lie," he said.

Uccello said people should understand that at the end of the day, there's only one team that can win.



HUMBER ATHLETICS

The Hawks proudly raise their championship trophy in a huddle. They've edged Seneca twice in a month.

# Ranking the NBA's latest 2022-2023 city jerseys

Twenty-nine NBA city themed jerseys have been released, here are the best and worst of the bunch.

Jack Albanna  
Sports Editor

The NBA and Nike teamed up once again in this month's release of 29 city edition jerseys.

The Utah Jazz were the only team to opt out of releasing a new city jersey, due to their rapid production in the summer.

This tradition began in 2017, and has been a huge hit among jersey collectors and basketball fans.

City edition jerseys are meant to hold sentimental value to fans in each NBA city who can represent their team with heritage unique to each locale.

Along with the finer details and stories behind each one, they are beautifully designed jerseys that fans can make or break their personal outfits.

Here are the best and worst city edition jerseys of the 2022-2023 NBA season.

## TRY BETTER NEXT TIME



### 5. Miami Heat

A city known for its vast culture and endless nightlife, yet they struggled to nail the creativity on this one. The Heat are in a tough position when it comes to jerseys because the standards they are held to are infinitely high since the world fell in love with their past Miami Vice-themed jerseys.



### 4. Sacramento Kings

An NBA record of 16-years without an appearance in the playoffs, Kings fans have to cover their eyes for something other than games for once. With a mix of grey and purple accents that just make no sense to blend, the Kings' colour palette must've run out.



### 3. Portland Trail Blazers

Fans already feel bad enough that Damian Lillard's loyalty to Portland has led to nothing, but now there's something else to sympathize with him over. A black-and-teal combo that just doesn't look right and — wait for it — is inspired by the teal geometric patterned carpet at PDX airport. A CARPET.



### 2. Minnesota Timberwolves

Plain, boring, and potentially inspired by the colours of Google. This jersey is supposed to be unique because the pattern of each one is different, yet they all look awfully similar. A young and promising team with a very unfortunate city jersey that maybe three people in all of Minnesota purchased.



### 1. Golden State Warriors

The worst city jersey of the year goes to the reigning NBA champions. This jersey is a disaster in every department, and it really hurts to look at that giant yellow rose taking up the entire lower half of the jersey. The real shame is that the jersey was designed by a local artist and its purpose was to empower women, but it looks like they've really let women down on this one.

## ON THE MONEY



### 5. Philadelphia 76ers

Although it may seem too simple for some, this is exactly what a city jersey should look like. A jersey that represents the team's city in a way that's clear for everyone to recognize, and that's exactly what the Sixers got right with this one. Famously known as the "City of Brotherly Love", the players can now rep that slogan with pride.



### 4. Atlanta Hawks

A colour scheme inspired by Georgia's reputation of being The Peach State. It features black as its primary colour with a peach shaded trim. This one's just a satisfying jersey to look at and the font used for both the numbers and letters is very fun.



### 3. Houston Rockets

This jersey was harshly criticized by many since the Rockets opted to replicate last season's city jersey, but my goodness they are they wrong. It's a near masterpiece. It's a classic retro jersey that is worth every penny. If the jersey wasn't so special then Houston wouldn't be re-using them.



### 2. Boston Celtics

This jersey will go down as an all-time classic in B-town. Forest green with a gold trim that blends together very effectively. This jersey commemorates the Celtics "Golden Era" and pays tribute to the late and iconic Celtic, Bill Russell. There are a combined 11 diamond patches on both sides of the jersey to showcase the 11 championships Russell won.



### 1. Memphis Grizzlies

It's perfect, what more is there to say? A gorgeous black jersey with chrome accents that shows many similarities to features on their past jerseys, including the legendary Vancouver Grizzlies jerseys. Barbecue in Memphis is both rich and sweet, with a pop of spice and now, so are these beautiful jerseys.

# HAWKS WIN NATIONALS AGAIN



Hawks men's soccer win their second straight CCAA National Championship as they soar over Seneca Sting 2-1 in extra time. The win makes it Humber's sixth national title since 2012.

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