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**CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES \$2,500 FROM THE FRANK COWAN COMPANY  
AND AN ADDITIONAL \$250 FROM SECURE INSURANCE SOLUTIONS GROUP INC.  
FOR LOANABLE TECH KITS**

*Bolton, ON* - Caledon Public Library (CPL) is excited to announce that customers will soon be able to borrow GoPros, Arduino and Raspberry Pi kits with the receipt of \$2,500 from the Frank Cowan Company Home Town Program. Secure Insurance Solutions Group Inc. will also be contributing an additional \$250 towards this initiative that will encourage discovery, innovation and creativity.

“Caledon Public Library has recently undertaken two technology audits; the Edge and Bridge toolkits, to identify any gaps in services to our community. Using these tools, we are able to align our current technology resources to community priorities and found two areas identified as high priority: multimedia production equipment such as digital cameras, and web development and coding software”, says Colleen Lipp, CEO and Chief Librarian of Caledon Public Library. “With the receipt of the funds from the Frank Cowan Company and Secure Insurance Solutions Group Inc., CPL will be able to add loanable technology to our library collection that the community can borrow to explore, learn, create and enhance their quality of life. “

GoPro cameras can be used for action, sports and travel photography. They are built with a rugged frame that’s smaller, waterproof, and virtually indestructible with up to three microphones for recording audio in different conditions. Arduino kits allow users to get started with coding and electronics in an easy hands-on way, while Raspberry Pi kits introduce digital learning in an intuitive way and enables people of all ages to explore computing, and to learn how to program.

“The addition of loanable tech kits like the Raspberry Pi and Arduino, as well as the GoPro kits are in direct support of the Library’s strategic plan to encourage discovery, innovation and creativity, as well as to provide technologies and tools that support digital literacy and invest in the citizens of our community,” added Caledon Public Library Board Chair, Janet Manning. “By offering access to technologies and resources that they may otherwise not be able to afford, this initiative will help to bridge the digital divide by giving citizens the opportunity to play, learn and explore new technologies, which in turn will help to build skills and knowledge that can be expanded into other aspects of their life such as school, careers and social inclusion.”

Be sure to sign up for your CPL library card today to ensure you can borrow these amazing items soon to be available at your favourite library!

**About The Home Town Program**

The Frank Cowan Company Home Town Program gives financial support to municipal-related community focused, grassroots initiatives across Canada that help to improve the safety and quality of life in the communities that we insure. This program is made possible through the collaboration of Frank Cowan Company business partners and The Cowan Foundation.

### **About Frank Cowan Company**

Frank Cowan Company is a Canadian leader in providing specialized insurance programs, including risk management and claims services for municipalities and public service, healthcare, education, community, children's and social service organizations across Canada.

For additional information about Frank Cowan Company, or the Home Town Program, visit [www.frankcowan.com](http://www.frankcowan.com).

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### **About Caledon Public Library**

Supporting a growing community of communities across 700 square kilometers, [Caledon Public Library](#) offers services, collections and programs in our six branches. Located in small villages as well as urban centres, these hubs serve as the cornerstones of the community, connecting people to information and each other. With an ever expanding number of digital tools, CPL provides access to downloadable eBooks and streaming movies and music. Whether connecting, collaborating or creating in our spaces or discovering and getting inspired from the comfort of home, all is possible – and free - with your library card.

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