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Norval gives flowery hello with daffodils

By **TED BROWN**
Staff Writer

Tom Pettingill loves to see spring flowers growing. With his passion, the longtime 86-year-old Norval resident was a natural to spearhead a beautification project funded by the Norval Community Association, in which all four roads leading into Norval would be planted with daffodil bulbs, welcoming visitors to the village.

"It's quite an undertaking, establishing 'dafs' along the roads leading into Norval," said Pettingill, "And we knew we couldn't do it all at once, mostly because the (daffodil) bulbs cost too much. But we got started last fall.

"It gives Norval a 'spring dress' to wear," said Pettingill, "Most people associate spring flowers with the much earlier crocus and hyacinth, but 'dafs' have such a bold colour, and they really stand out."

Pettingill, with help from Margaret Walbank, planted around 800 bulbs last fall, some around the Norval Convenience Store, and others in front of the three churches in the village.

And this week, the daffodils are beginning to bloom, with a blaze of colour near the parking lot by the store.

Pettingill says the others at the churches will be a bit later, as they are more shaded and don't get warmed by the spring sun as quickly.

Longtime Norval resident Tom Pettingill checks out some of the daffodils he planted by the Norval Convenience Store last fall. Part of a Norval Community Association project, the goal is to have daffodils growing along a one kilometer section of the four roads leading into Norval.

Photo by Ted Brown



Town buys back Internet service

By **LISA TALLYN**
Staff Writer

Less than a year after its sale to Atria Networks, Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation (HHCEC), is buying back Hummingbird Wireless— a residential internet service.

The sale is to be effective April 19.

Arthur Skidmore, president and CEO of HHCEC, said the cost of the purchase can't be disclosed as the deal is not yet final, but they are buying Hummingbird back for less than they sold it for.

Last June when the sale to Atria Networks went through HHCEC received about \$4.75 million for Halton Hills Fibre Optics, including Hummingbird, which at the time was valued at about \$400,000.

Skidmore said the decision to reacquire Hummingbird was a "mutual decision" reached between Atria and HHCEC.

Atria will continue to own Halton Hills Fibre Optics, (for the Town's business customers) and will continue to supply internet connectivity and backhaul services to Hummingbird Wireless.

Town of Halton CAO Dennis Perlin said when Hummingbird was sold they were pleased to sell it.

As part of the deal he said Atria was going to access what was needed for improvements from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture,

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