

Sign of the times

Town of Halton Hills Economic Development Officer Doug Penrice (right) discusses the installation of the new downtown Georgetown sign on Main St. North, with Arnie Miller, of Tumber & Associates of Orangeville, the company in charge of erecting the sign.

Photo by Ted Brown

Census shows average age has increased

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In the 50 to 60 category, there are 11,170 residents and in the 30-50 category there are 18,415 residents, and 5,780 20-somethings.

There are 16,615 youth and children, under age 19 living here— 28 per cent of the population. Children, 14 and under, (12,055) represented 20 per cent of the population.

That's higher than the Canadian average— 16.7 per cent.

In 2006, children under age 14 represented 22 per cent of the population.

However, the proportion of seniors in Canada remained among the lowest of the G8 countries. In 2011, Canada's lower share of seniors compared with other G8 countries was related to the fact that most of its baby boomers were still part of the working-age population (aged 15 to 64). The baby-boom generation consists of people born between 1946 and 1965 and is the country's

largest generation.

As a result, the share of the working-age population in Canada, at 68.5% in 2011, was among the highest of the G8 countries.

Halton Hills Town staff will be analyzing the latest Census numbers and prepare a staff report to be presented at a future council meeting. Census numbers often figure in future planning decisions.

Throughout the year Statistics Canada will be releasing analysis and data from the 2011 Census. Population by age and sex was the the second of four releases. Upcoming releases will focus on families, households, marital status, structural type of dwelling and collectives (September 19) and language (October 24).

The report The Canadian Population in 2011: Age and Sex (98-311-X2011001, free) is now available at <http://www12.statcan.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>

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