

Community Champion announced



Arlene Humphreys (center) recipient of 23rd Community Champion Award

By: Alex Hilson

The Rotary Club of Acton announced the 23rd recipient of the Community Champion Award recently. This year's award winner was Arlene Humphreys.

According to a release, this award is "made in recognition of people who have demonstrated a 'heart for the Community of Acton'". The Rotary Club of Acton felt Humphreys demonstrated this through over 23 years as an active volunteer in Acton organizations, especially as Chair of the Acton Foodshare and a member of Heritage Acton.

"It's nice to be recognized, but it's really about

a group of people working together as volunteers and the community coming together to help those people in need," said Humphreys.

Humphreys has been a volunteer for more than 40 years. Upon moving to Acton in 1995, she continued her volunteer work with the "Girl Guides of Canada" both at the provincial and local levels until the early 2000s.

In 1995, looking for more involvement in the Acton community, she joined the board of the Acton Foodshare. By 1996, Arlene became the Foodshare Chairperson.

Over the last 22 years, she has guided the food bank through a period of substantial growth where

the number of people supported has grown to over 400 adults and children representing about 200 Acton and area households. She has managed many relocations of the Foodshare and has been given the opportunity to be involved with a diverse group of dedicated volunteers in running Acton Foodshare.

"Arlene strongly believes it is important to recognize the support of the whole community of Acton and area," continued the release. "The dedicated volunteers of the Acton Foodshare and other local food security agencies have been key in providing for those people in need over the last 20 plus years."



Local Councillors file nomination papers

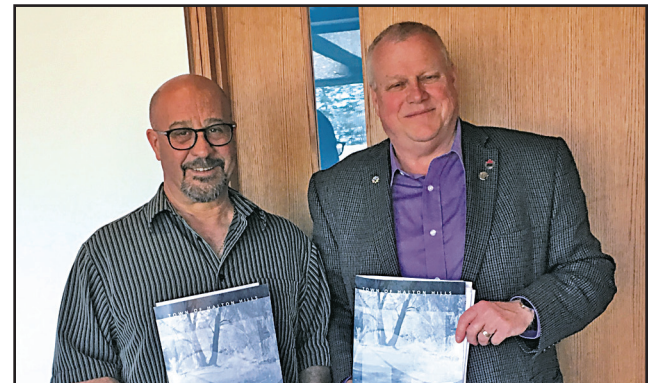
Clark Somerville filed to retain his seat as the Local/Regional Councillor for Halton Hills in Wards 1 and 2 on Tuesday.

"We still have a lot of work left to do this term but I wanted to send a clear signal to all of our residents that I want to keep working for them and with them. The next term will face unique challenges as Halton Hills grows, and we will need experience to assist and guide that growth."

Somerville recently finished a term as Past President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and commented, "Having the opportunity to represent Halton Hills and Halton Region across the country and around the world has renewed my view that local government is at the heart of our communities. I saw some programs and best practices I want to bring back to here."

Somerville listed some items as engaging citizens in municipal government especially youth, women and new Canadians, urban agriculture, seniors and affordable housing, environmental as well as heritage protection.

"I want us to look at



a Community Development model for economic development, having our citizens engaged as well as retaining and attracting business. Making sure we have the services and facilities that our business sectors need. I also want to continue to work with our agricultural area to make sure they have the tools to allow them to stay healthy and strong."

Ward 1 Councillor Mike Albano also filed his nomination papers with Halton Hills to run for another term.

"For the past two and half years as your town councillor it has been a privilege serving Halton Hills Ward 1," said Albano. "I am confident that in my short time as councillor I have served Ward 1 well and have been part of many positive

changes in the community, addressing and acting upon constituency concerns."

Albano went on to say that as Councillor he will continue to work towards the betterment of Halton Hills, in collaboration with the BIA towards a revitalized downtown area as well as continuing to work towards new jobs and economic growth.

"As a lifelong Halton Hills resident, I take tremendous pride having the honour of serving on town council. I am an optimist who deals with issues and concerns in a sensible and realistic way. I look forward to working with the constituents of Ward 1 to further the betterment of the community," Albano said.

Nominations will be accepted from May 1 to July 27.



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2018 Municipal Election – Halton Region

Notice to Electors

Nominations for the Office of Regional Chair

Nominations for the office of Regional Chair for The Regional Municipality of Halton may be filed from **May 1, 2018 to July 26, 2018**, Monday to Friday during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on **July 27, 2018** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Regional Clerk's office located at:

- Halton Regional Centre (Level 3)
- 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Nominations must be submitted on the prescribed form and include the \$200 filing fee payable by cash, debit or by certified cheque or money order made payable to The Regional Municipality of Halton. The required Nomination Papers and Detailed Declaration of Qualification will be available from the Regional Clerk's office or on the Region's website (halton.ca/elections) on or before May 1, 2018.

Please note that a person who proposes to be a candidate for Regional Chair in the 2018 municipal election may **not** hold fund-raising functions, accept contributions for election purposes or incur expenses until their nomination has been filed with the Regional Clerk.

For more information on filing requirements, visit the Region's website at halton.ca/elections or contact the Regional Clerk at 905-825-6000 ext. 7110.

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