

Volunteer Halton recipients honoured



By: Vivien Fleisher

Mayor Rick Bonnette was pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Volunteer Halton awards ahead of council on Monday night. Those who made a "significant contribution to their community" were recognized at the Annual Volunteer Breakfast and Award Reception held on April 16.

The "Cheers to Volunteers" award saw 34 people nominated, with Zachary Mattachini from the Aquatics team the successful recipient. His initiative and professionalism in program delivery, in addition to going above

and beyond to assist in the "Learn to Swim" program put him in the top spot.

In the "Walter Mulkeewich Community Development" Award, a group is honoured. This year, the "French Connections" Program, in partnership with Hillsview Active Living Centre was the successful recipient. The program is intergenerational: Grade Four French immersion students from Huntsville were able to practice their French-language skills by conversing with those older adults at Hillsview whose native language is French via web-based conferencing.



Halton Hills Transit Service Strategy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2

DATE: Thursday May 17, 2018
TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)
LOCATION: Town of Halton Hills, Council Chambers
 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown, ON

The Town of Halton Hills is developing a Transit Service Strategy to evaluate service alternatives and explore opportunities for a made-in-Halton Hills transit solution to meet the current and future mobility needs of the community.

The public open house #2 will be a drop-in session, with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m. Members of the study team will be available to answer any questions and interactive display materials have been prepared to receive public input. The purpose of this session will be:

1. To report back on the input gathered through the first round of engagement and demonstrate how it was used;
2. To provide an update on the work completed to date and provide an overview of the proposed transit service alternatives;
3. To gather input on the preliminary transit service alternatives and implementation.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

If you are unable to attend the session, there are still other ways you can get involved!

- Find out more about the study and provide your input using the project website and online survey: <http://haltonhills.ca/TransitServiceStrategy>
- Contact one of the study team members and provide your input and ideas via email or telephone.

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Super McHappy Day

By: Alex Hilson

McHappy Day came to Halton Hills on Wednesday, May 2. Large crowds filled the McDonalds lobby and drive-thru all day to raise funds for the Toronto Ronald McDonald House (RMHC) and the Georgetown Hospital.

McDonald's Restaurants across the country raise money to help make RMCH possible by donating \$1 from every Big Mac, McCafe Hot Beverage and Happy Meal sold as well as other fundraising activities including selling socks, pins, bags and balloons. McDonald's Restaurants also donate 10 cents from every Happy Meal sold every day as well as all change provided in the coin boxes at the front counter, drive thru and kiosks to RMHC.

According to a release, "Over 25,000 families every year stay at Ronald McDonald Houses and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms coast to coast." In Canada, there are 15 Ronald McDonald Houses and 15 Ronald McDonald Family rooms located inside hospitals for families to stay close while their child is being

treated at a local hospital. RMHC supports families from 1,800 communities across Canada, and there have been approximately 40 families from Halton Hills who have stayed at a Ronald McDonald House.

This year, McDonalds in Halton "called all Superheroes". Some of the heroes who showed up included volunteers from the Halton Hills Fire Department, Halton Hills Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, North Halton Golf Club, Knights of Columbus, CIBC, Tandia, Armstrong Insurance, Halton Hills Library, Georgetown Toyota, McQwin Team from Remax, Acton Optical, Acton BIA, Party Cinemas, Acton Rotary Club, McDonalds suppliers, many Georgetown Hospital staff, board members and physicians, and special guest appearances from AAA events—Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, Minion, Paw Patrol—and Spider-Man. Two families who had spent time at the Ronald McDonald House also dropped by: Shiraz, Liz and Emmett Raja in Acton and Lindsay and Josh Petch and their daughter Sadie Grace in Georgetown.



McHAPPY SUPER HEROS: Alyssa (Mona) Boisvenue—Guest Experience Manager and Wonder Woman with Mark Hutchinson—Crew and Spider-Man.