

# OPINION

## Exciting time

This September-October is proving to be a significant period in the history of Halton Hills.

A community open house of the new Georgetown Hospital's Emergency Department will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 before department staff begin seeing patients on October 9.

Sunday the doors will open following the annual Walk for Georgetown Hospital which occurs that morning.

Also on Sunday residents are invited to get a new look (and skate) at the revamped and expanded Mold-Masters SportsPlex with its two new NHL regulation-sized ice surfaces.

Last week the first of at least eight public meetings was held to ultimately determine how the newest urban area of Halton Hills will one day look.

Approximately 100 residents (a good turnout considering the number of people these meetings often draw) attended the first Vision-Georgetown meeting which was held to provide the public a chance to comment on the development of the block of land bordered by 15 Sideroad, Eighth Line, 10 Sideroad and Trafalgar Road.

The new hospital emergency department and arenas as well as planning for the development of the 1,000 acres in Georgetown South are all incumbent on one thing—community involvement.

Whether it is through the sharing of ideas, financial support or volunteerism a community can only grow and improve if its populace is engaged and involved.

This is an exciting period in the Town's history and it shouldn't be forgotten it is the result of much hard work from many.

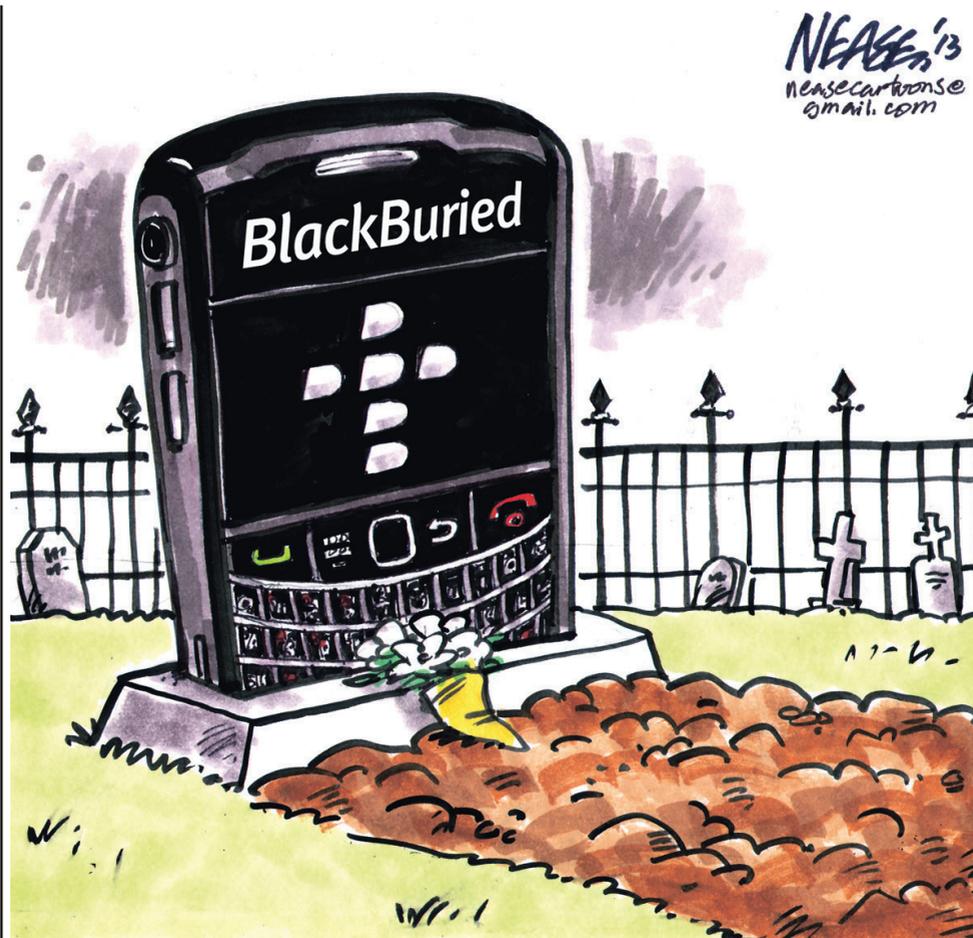
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The Transportation Safety Board of Canada is concerned about the 250 collisions between passenger trains and vehicles in the last decade. Do you think the Harper government should make this a priority?

- No (55%)
- Yes (45%)

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## Letters to the editor

### Family grateful CASHh is around

Dear editor,  
 Cancer Assistance Services- Halton Hills (CASHh) is a wonderful organization and we are so proud to have them in Halton Hills.

My son Jerry was never sick, but he started feeling tired after sleeping all night. The doctor sent him for a CT scan and found a brain tumor. On March 17, 2006, he had surgery— it was cancer. After surgery he had to go to hospital every day for seven weeks for radiation and one and a half years for chemotherapy.

We learned of CASHh and they offered their services and have taken excellent care driving us to all appointments. We were so grateful.

It has been seven years of many caring people at CASHh and Jerry is doing well. We could never have traveled this long road alone and now he goes every four months.

Please donate to CASHh or volunteer if you can because we never know when we will need their help,

but they will be there with open arms if you do.

*Ann and Jerry Battcock,  
 Georgetown*

### Girls had a ball

Dear editor,  
 Another season of Learn To Play, run by Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff (baseball) League, has come to an end.

We thank both the executives and the coaches for doing such a fantastic job again this year. They are so accommodating, encouraging and most of all fair! The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see both their skills and confidence build.

Special thanks to DeeDee Haynes-Ridley, Sue Subject, Janelle Pasma and the rest of the GLPL executive team and coaches, who all volunteer their time and energy.

Georgetown, just remember there is more than just soccer to play during the summer!

*Shannon Annett, Georgetown*

### Be aware of buses

Dear editor,  
 I would like to ask the public,

with the start of a new school year, to please be aware of the many school buses on the road.

They often stop, as you may know, with flashing lights, and a stop sign that swings out. But many people do not stop. It is hard to believe that they take the safety of other people's children for granted!

So I ask: (1) Be aware and stop for the bus. (2) If you see someone go through these safety warnings, please take a picture, if it is safe to do so, or write down a licence plate and file a report.

We need to work together to provide children safe roads to travel on when they go to school.

*Valerie Bahen  
 Hornby*

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