

## *The way we were*



### *Smith and Stone protest*

A more recent image from the *Georgetown Herald* in the summer of 1964. As part of a strike over wages, employees at Smith and Stone Limited are seen blocking a rail siding to prevent the CNR from picking up boxcars at the plant. The company manufactured electrical wiring devices and was a major employer in Georgetown, eventually closing in 1992.

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### *From our readers*

#### **AUTISM AID**

Laurie Mawlam, executive director of Autism Canada, receives a cheque for \$1,062 from David Galvao and family, of Georgetown, the proceeds from Toby & Luke's (Galvao) Garage Sale held Sept. 22. All proceeds went to Autism Canada which will help families living with autism. One out of 88 children, including one of 54 boys, are now being diagnosed with autism. *Submitted photo*

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## Small Business Centre there to aid entrepreneurs

October is Small Business Month, a time of year when we recognize the important contributions entrepreneurs make to the economy and our community.

And the third week of the month, October 20-26, is Small Business Week. This week includes many free local events and activities such as workshops, seminars and conferences hosted by our Chambers of Commerce and others in the community offering support and resources to encourage the growth of small businesses in Halton.

Attracting and retaining jobs in Halton is one of the priorities in Halton's Citizens' Priorities 2011-2014 Action Plan. That's why Halton Region's Small Business Centre works year-round to support the small business community, including prospective and existing businesses, young entrepreneurs and new Canadians.

We know that starting and running a small business requires planning and a great deal of effort. The Centre provides entrepreneurs and small business owners with the tools and resources to start and continue to grow their business ventures.

Over the past 10 years, staff have responded to more than 86,000 inquiries and met with more than 9,300 clients in one-on-one consultations and hosted numerous events and seminars. They also connect with the community through an active social media campaign that includes YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and a blog.



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These initiatives are proving successful as more and more businesses are choosing to locate here. Halton is truly an economic hotspot and a desirable place for people to live and start a business. Thanks to your efforts, Halton is a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

As always, if you have any Regional concerns or comments you would like to share, please feel free to email me at [gary.carr@halton.ca](mailto:gary.carr@halton.ca). You can also find me on Twitter @garycarrhalton, LinkedIn or Facebook. To receive further updates on Regional issues, please subscribe to my quarterly e-newsletter, *The Carr Report*.

—Gary Carr is the chair of  
Halton Region

### Letter: Effort to return phone appreciated

Dear editor,

I just had a Halton Police officer at the front door, on a rainy evening, return my business cellphone.

A few boys had found it at the TD Bank at Argyll and Mountainview Roads earlier this afternoon. They called the police to try and track the owner. This all happened within a few hours of me having gone to the bank

and without having yet found out that I had misplaced it.

I can't track down the boys, but I really appreciate the effort that everyone made.

It's wonderful to live in a community where people still go out of their way to be helpful.

Melissa VanBerkum,  
Georgetown

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