

## The way we were



### Brain Brewery circa 1890

Few would think today that the hamlet of Hornby was once the home of a thriving brewery. This image from the 1890s shows employees outside the Brain Brewery. Established in 1845 by local resident John Brain, this local business on Ninth Line became quite successful employing 10 men in its day.

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### From our readers

#### POKER PAYOFF

The Glen Riders Motorcycle Club recently handed over the proceeds from their September Poker Run, in memory of Glen Collins, to the Bethell House Hospice located in Inglewood. The run raised \$2,330. The Glen Riders thank all their sponsors riders, participants and volunteers. Here, Bethell House staff person Christine Buck (left) accepts the cheque from Shirley Collins and president of the Glen Riders Keith Perkins.

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## Be prepared for winter

Halton is a leader in emergency preparedness.

We all need to be prepared, because emergencies can happen any time and any place. In Halton, our emergency response partners, the Halton Regional Police Service, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville, work together to plan for and manage emergencies. Our goal is to ensure that residents are safe and that Halton is a disaster resilient community, ready to deal with any potential, imminent or actual emergency.

While governments and partners work hard to keep residents safe, individuals also have an important role to play. Are you prepared? Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility.

Are you prepared for a power outage?

Winter storms can damage power lines and equipment, causing power outages. Most outages last only a minutes but some last days or weeks. You may be left without heat, lights, or

running water. Be prepared to cope on your own for at least 72 hours. Have a family emergency kit on hand with spare batteries, a flashlight, portable AM/FM radio, food and water.

Be prepared for winter driving.

Winter storms can make driving conditions hazardous. Make sure your vehicle is winter ready, equipped with a car survival kit and keep your gas tank filled above halfway. Avoid unnecessary travel during storms. If you must travel, allow extra time and let someone know your route and expected arrival time. Check road reports before you leave.



**GARY CARR**

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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.

—Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region

## Letter: Local politicians 'keeping it real'

Dear editor,

Citizens in Halton Hills should pinch themselves. Are we lucky, blessed or just the smartest voters?

Take a look at the political landscape closest to us—the municipal level. Over the last year there has been an increasing number of mayors in neighbouring towns, cities and provinces who have fallen out of grace and out of office.

By contrast, our mayor, Rick Bonnette, and the councillors of our town of Halton Hills are 'keeping it real'—

his slogan. And I can buy into it.

We voted for real politicians and got our money's worth in local initiatives for healthcare, public services and a vibrant, safe community. Instead of headlines about corruption, scandal, secrecy and disappointment we have a measure of transparency, decency, communications and commitment.

Let's always be vigilant as citizens; and let's take some credit, this time, for getting the most out of our political system.

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