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## Looking good at 101

Local centenarian Charles Duerdoth recently dropped by Supreme Hairstyling in Georgetown Market Place to receive his free birthday haircut from barber Stino Checchia. Charles celebrated his 101st birthday on December 24, so the barbers at Supreme Hair-styling gave him a freebie.

*Photo by Ted Brown*

## Ice storm price tag tops \$3.5 million

By **LISA TALLYN**  
*Staff Writer*

The Town's clean up from last month's ice storm is going to be expensive.

The cost could be about \$2.1 million, which doesn't include an estimated \$1.5 million spent by Halton Hills Hydro (HHH) to restore power throughout the town.

To try to recover some of

the costs, Town Council voted Monday night to declare Halton Hills a disaster area and apply for financial assistance from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). It also gave Town staff the go-ahead to seek funds from Infrastructure Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund and Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

ODRAP only covers incremental, extraordinary Town costs, over and above normal expenditures related to the response and recovery from the ice storm not covered by insurance. Unfortunately, HHH costs don't qualify for ODRAP funding.

"We would be remiss on behalf of our taxpayers if we don't try to get some funding," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "If

we don't ask for it, we won't be getting anything."

"We owe it to our taxpayers to try and get whatever funding is out there," said Councilor Joan Robson.

Bonnette will be attending a meeting of GTA mayors and regional chairs in Mississauga tomorrow (Friday) to discuss presenting a unified approach to seek financial relief from

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