



## Dignitaries attend Phase 2 opening of mall

Georgetown Market Place celebrated the grand opening of phase two Thursday morning. Here, left to right, Wendy Weatherall, assistant property manager of GMP, Maxine Morris-Zecchini, senior VP, retail advisory & leasing/broker, Ted Arnott, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP, Rick Bonnette, Mayor of Halton Hills, Luc Corneli, principal and founder of High Peak Investments, Michael Chong, Wellington-Halton Hills MP, Brittany Heath, senior leasing manager/broker, Kori Arsenault GMP office manager, and Herminia Henderson, GMP property manager celebrate the event. Musical entertainment was provided by Halton Hills Concert Band, under the direction of Daniella Baryla. Look for more opening week photos on pg. 32.

Photo by Victoria Thoms

## At Saturday clinic

## Police find many improperly installed car seats

Eighty two per cent of car seats checked at a Car Seat Clinic in Acton Saturday were installed incorrectly.

The clinic was held by Halton Police in partnership with Halton Region Health Department at Acton Fire Hall.

The goal was to reach out to parents who were unsure or unaware if their car seat or booster seat was properly installed.

Of the 51 car seats checked, only nine were installed correctly and 42 were not—an 82 per cent failure rate, which is down actually from 92 per cent at the clinic last year.

Many forward facing seats weren't tethered and one child was sitting on top of the harness (so not harnessed in the seat at all).

There were lots of loose harness straps, and Universal Anchorage System straps.

One warning was issued by police for a

driver that didn't have a tether anchor in their vehicle.

A total of 48 booster seats were checked. Of those, 35 were correctly installed and 13 weren't—a 27 per cent fail rate—the highest fail rate to date for booster seats. Many booster seats had improperly positioned seat belts (lap belts over top of handles instead of under them, and shoulder belts under the child's shoulder).

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has previously revealed that 90 per cent of child safety seats are not properly installed. Further studies have shown that by using a child safety seat properly the chance of a child being killed or injured in a collision can be reduced by 75 per cent. The Early Years Health Program was able to donate a free car seat and two booster seats during the clinic.

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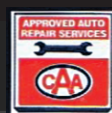
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