

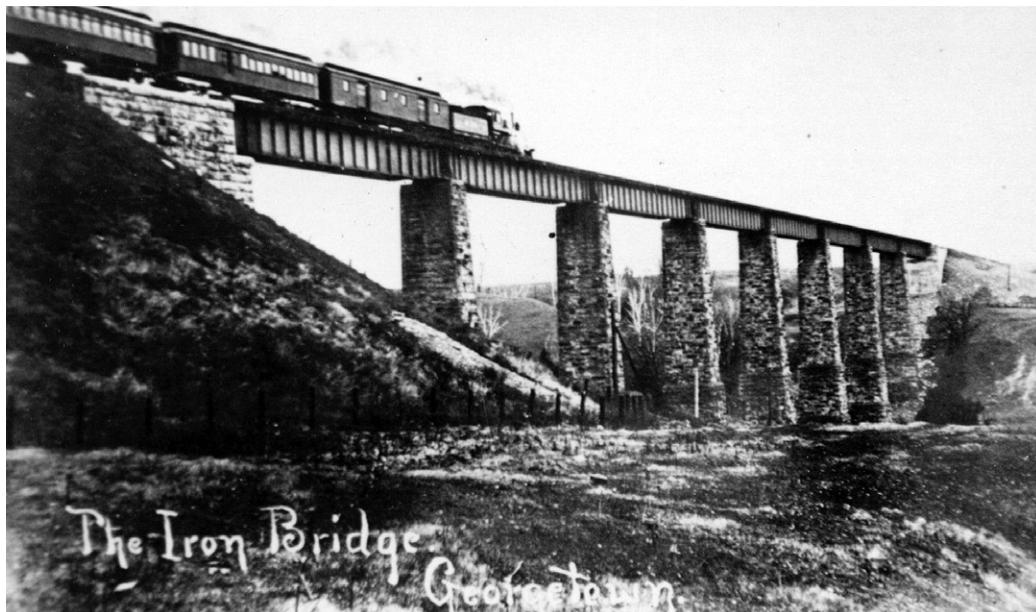
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'Quote unquote'

'This will make a significant difference in Halton Hills' —Trustee Alice Strachan... see story pg. 5

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The way we were



The Iron Bridge

This photo from 1908 shows the iron bridge (Grand Trunk Railway bridge) over the Credit River. Built in 1855, the stone piers served until they were encased in modern stone in 2011 to allow for widening of the iron bed to allow for two tracks to cross the river.

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From our readers

MAY FLOWERS

Amateur photographer Rein Pater captured this welcome sight—the first real signs of spring.



Got a photo you want to share?

Email: cgamble@theifp.ca.

We truly are a special place to live, work

Last year, we launched a new community brand and the tagline, which I believe truly embodies who we are, "Small Town Living at Its Best."

There are many reasons why this is a great place to live, starting with the people, sense of community, beautiful countryside and much more. What's particularly gratifying is that we are now receiving external recognition, through an unprecedented string of awards.

Last month I mentioned the Town of Halton Hills received a Platinum Youth Friendly Designation. We were only one of five municipalities in Ontario to receive this award. In addition, Halton Hills Hydro won the Local Distribution Company Performance of Excellence Award. This is the most prestigious award a LDC can achieve.

But we weren't done there. We received two Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards. One award was for our community sustainability strategy and the second for the sustainable features of low impact development of the Meadows in the Glen subdivision.

And last – but certainly not least – we were one of only four Ontario municipalities to receive a Bicycle Friendly Community Award. We received a bronze award for our efforts in making Halton Hills a bicycle friendly place to live.

That recognition is in no small part due to the outstanding efforts of Regional Councillor Jane Fogal,

who is an avid cyclist. Her vision was recently recognized by the provincial Share the Road Cycling Coalition who presented Councillor Fogal with a well-deserved leadership award.

The Community Cycling Challenge is back. This year you can help raise \$64,000 for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. This doesn't cost you a dime, just go to www.bikechallenge.ca and start peddling. Our goal this year is to ride 300,000 km.

There is a little girl in our community who has Tuberos Sclerosis Complex. This serious genetic disease causes tumors to form on vital organs. We wish five year old Kiera all the best. On May 15, students at Silver Creek School will be wearing blue to show their support. To learn more about TSC Canada please visit www.tscanada.ca.

Congratulations to the Georgetown Market Place on their Phase Two opening. They did a remarkable job. Special recognition to Warehouse One for their generous donation of \$7,500 to the Town for new trees to be planted as a result of the ice storm.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342 or by email at mayor@halton-hills.ca or read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com. You can also follow me on twitter at: @RickBonnette1



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