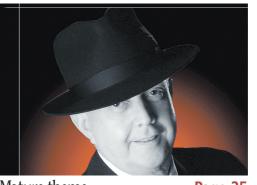
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Halton Liberals pick **Lauren-Bowie**

By Kim Arnott SPECIAL TO THE BEAVER

Against the backdrop of an almost certain spring election, Halton's Liberals nominated a federal candidate on Wednesday night.



Halton Liberal candidate Connie Lauren-Bowie

North Oakville resident Connie Laurin-Bowie captured the nomination after 372 votes were cast in a three-way battle.

"I've brought my running shoes with me in another bag because we're going to be running in an election in a couple of days," she joked as she accepted the nomination in front of a crowd of cheering supporters at Oakville's St. Volodymyr Cultural

With election-style signs, buttons and literature prepared, and a noisily enthusiastic group of followers, Laurin-Bowie appeared the most election-ready of the

Running against her were Jan Mowbray, a former Milton councillor, and Mississauga information technology professor Sheref Sabawy.

As executive director of Inclusion International, a global non-governmental organization, which represents more than 200 groups like the Canadian Association for Community Living that work for the rights of intellectually-disabled individuals, Laurin-Bowie emphasized her skills in working with diverse groups on social policy

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In the swim



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QUALIFYING MEET: Bill Hickson of the Oakville Marlins Special Olympics Swim Team competes in Regional Qualifier Swim Meet at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre last Sunday. The athletes were competing for a chance to qualify for the Special Olympics Provincial Games in 2012. Provincial qualifiers won't be announced until September, but all 29 Marlins team members finished in the top three of their events.

The roads they are a-changin'

Sneak peak at Oakville's future road system

Town council got a glimpse of what Oakville's roads will look like 20 years from now during a presentation on the Halton Region Transportation Master Plan.

The plan, which was discussed during Monday's Planning and Development Council meeting, is intended to address population and employment growth to a horizon year of 2031 and to comply with the significant planning and legislative changes over the last several years.

During the presentation, Halton Region's Director of Transportation Services Tim Dennis highlighted many changes between now and 2031.

The population of the Halton Region in 2031 is expected to rise to 780,000 people.

There is also expected to be 390,000 jobs in the region by that time. According to the Region, Halton currently has 262,000 jobs. A 2006 census listed the region's population at just over 439.500.

Dennis said Oakville's population will rise to 255,000 by 2031, at which point the town will feature 127,000 jobs.

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