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Weather for Oakville, ON

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
-11° -16°	-7° -11°	4° -1°	-2° -12°

Oakville senior struck by car succumbs to his injuries

An Oakville senior has died after being struck by a car Thursday evening in Burlington.

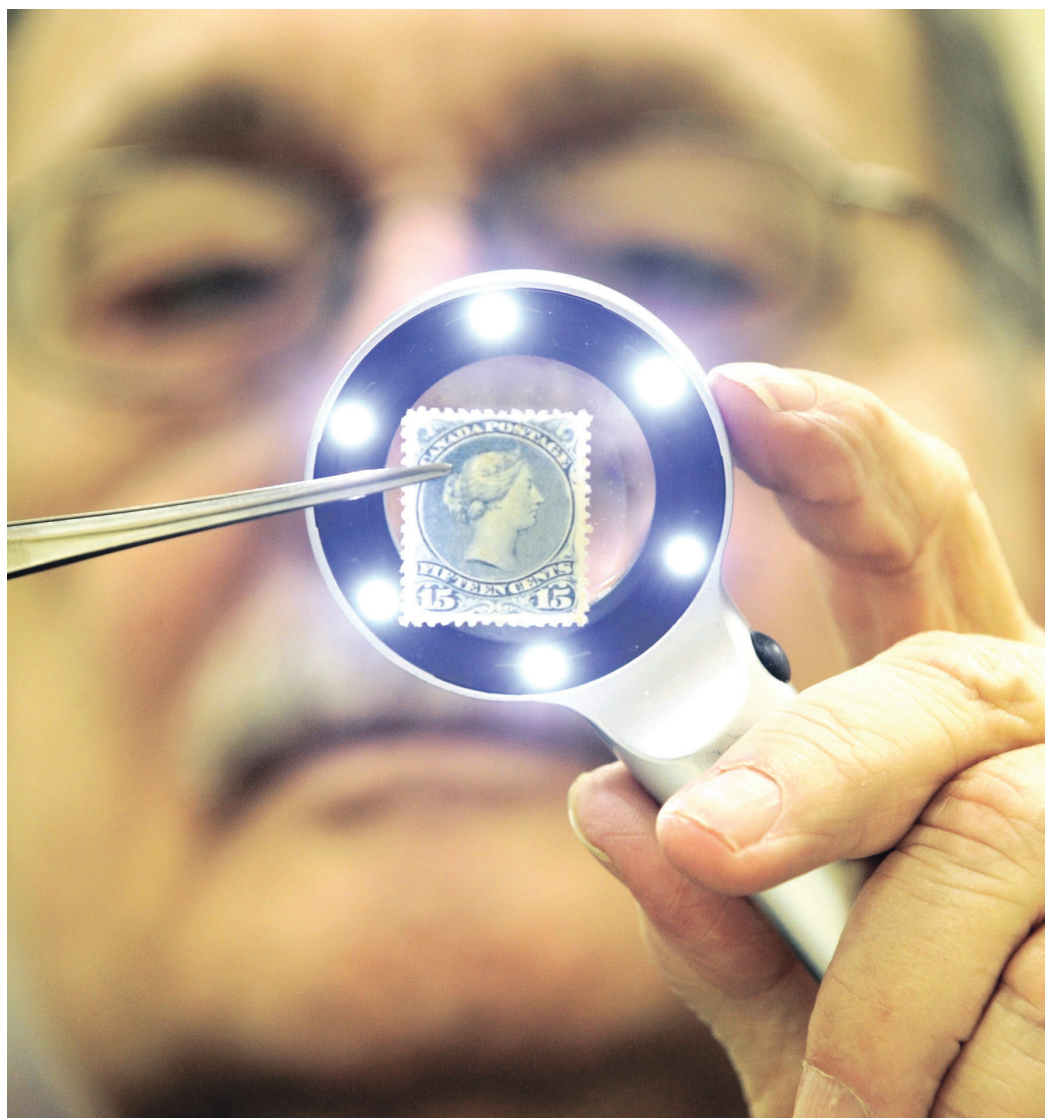
Just before 7 p.m. on March 6, 75-year-old Graham Norgate was rushed to Hamilton General Hospital in serious condition after he was hit near the intersection of Mainway and

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See photos and video from Bronte Creek Provincial Park's annual Maple Syrup Festival Sunday by visiting www.oakvillebeaver.com.

S T A M P O F A P P R O V A L



The Oakville Stamp Club held its annual stamp show at St. Paul's United Church drawing in dealers and collectors from across southern Ontario. Stamp dealer John Beddows takes a close-up look at this mint-condition, 15-cent Canadian large Queen stamp. In its "Studd's brilliant cold blue" colour, the stamp has a book value of \$4,000.

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Plan to lower tax on renters fails at Region

by David Lea
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Efforts by the Halton Housing Advisory Committee (HHAC) to reduce the amount of tax paid monthly by low-income renters failed to bear fruit at a recent Halton Regional council meeting.

In a presentation to council, HHAC Chair Wendy Schau called for the reduction of the multi-residential tax ratio from its current level of 2.2 to 2.0.

A tax ratio is used to determine tax rates for the different property classes.

Schau argued the lower ratio would result in lower rents, which she noted are desperately needed in Halton.

"As I'm sure you know from the Region's 2012 'State of Housing' report, at \$1,116, Halton has the highest average monthly rent of any municipality in the GTA," said Schau.

"A wide range of people are negatively effected by those high rents. Particularly seniors living on fixed incomes, people with disabilities, single parents, young people just starting their careers and those who work at lower-paying jobs."

She said the prospect of finding affordable housing in Halton gets worse each year with the gap currently sitting at 800 to 1,600 units.

Schau's call for a reduction came as council reviewed its Multi-Year Tax Policy Strategy.

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