

THE OAKVILLE BEAVER

LAWNMOWER TUNEUPS
from \$44 + parts
cpm
Pickup and Delivery Available
1000 Lakeshore Rd. E. Unit 10, Oakville
Tel: 844-2211



Stan proves cancer can be beaten
Focus



Chocolate (cash) Cow for Easter Seals
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

OAKVILLE CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
120 NAVY STREET
OAKVILLE, ONTARIO
L4J 2Z6



Mercedes-Benz

A Metroland Publication Vol. 38 No. 47

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2000

64 Pages

75 Cents (plus GST)

Regional Chair now able to vote

The chair of Halton Region could soon have the right to vote on all issues, rather than just to break a tie.

Introduced by Ontario Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Tony Clement, the new legislation affecting Halton is part of a larger bill called The Direct Democracy Through Municipal Referendums Act 2000.

"It's approved," said Clement. "Halton's chair will have a vote on all matters, and that will make the chair more accountable to the public."

Halton chair Joyce Savoline said the change should actually have been part of last year's bill that brought about the direct election by voters of the Halton Region Chair in November's upcoming municipal election.

With Halton's chair having a say on all issues, beyond merely breaking ties, voters will have more incentive to take an interest in selecting who becomes the chair of Halton Region.

"I think it's the appropriate thing to do and I'm glad they're recognizing the oversight," said Savoline.

The chair has, until now, been chosen by regional council.

Ryerson Pres. at Cdn. Club

The President of Toronto's Ryerson University will be the guest speaker at the Canadian Club of Oakville tonight.

Dr. Claude Lajeunesse will discuss the important role universities play in developing Canada's most important natural resource — brainpower.

The meeting is at the Ramada Inn Oakville.

A cash bar opens at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$27.50 for members and \$37.50 for non-members.

For reservations call 845-2862 or fax 339-0469.

Pickup truck driver charged in mishap

A 36-year-old Brampton man faces charges following an accident on the QEW Sunday that closed the highway for more than four hours.

According to the OPP's Burlington Detachment, the collision occurred around 8:20 p.m. on the eastbound QEW east of Royal Windsor Drive.

A pickup truck driven by the Brampton man was travelling east in the middle lane when he moved into the right lane and was struck by a Freightliner tractor trailer driven by a 34-year-old Brantford man.

The transport then struck the left steel guardrail, rupturing the fuel tank and spilling approximately 100 gallons of fuel on the roadway.

Although neither driver was injured, the left and centre lanes were closed until around midnight for clean-up.

The pickup truck driver is charged under the Highway Traffic Act with making an unsafe lane change.

Two injured in QEW accident Sunday

Two people were seriously injured when a BMW collided with a tractor-trailer on the QEW in Oakville, Sunday afternoon. According to the OPP's Burlington Detachment, the mishap occurred around 2:45 p.m. in the west-bound lanes east of Kerr Street.

A BMW driven by Chadwick McComb, 25, of Paris, Ontario was moving west in the right lane when his car collided with a Volvo tractor-trailer driven by Ernest Chang, 43, of Wasaga Beach. McComb lost control of his car and collided with the left and right cement barriers before coming to rest in the QEW's centre lane.

The BMW's passenger, Sarah Hay, 22, of Brantford, received serious injuries and was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital. McComb, the BMW driver, was transported to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in stable condition. The truck driver was not injured.

The westbound QEW was closed for about four hours for the police investigation and clean-up.

Any witnesses to the collision are encouraged to contact Const. Peter Cianciolo at 681-2511.



Photo by Peter J. Thompson

READY TO WALK: Oakville really got behind this year's Walk for Multiple Sclerosis on Sunday by raising \$115,384, although organizers were hoping to raise \$50,000 for the event. Many people made the walk a family affair like Brenda Pasioka who took along son Spencer and her two dogs, 'Chivas' (left) and 'Regal'. For more on the walk, see page A2.

Schools overreacting to hunting manual says lobby group

Section on guns said necessary

By Scott MacArthur
SPECIAL TO THE BEAVER

School officials are fueling public hysteria by removing a hunting manual from Ontario high schools, according to Oakville resident Jim Etherington, a director of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).

The manual, created by the OFAH with the co-operation of the Minister of Natural Resources, was sent to Ontario high school libraries to give students reading material on the various aspects of hunting.

While one chapter of the manual contains labelled diagrams and descriptions of various firearms, Etherington believes that the chapter is a necessity when it comes to education about hunting.

"In the chapter it describes the difference between a shotgun and rifle and shows diagrams of a revolver and what is generally regarded as an automatic," said Etherington, who is also the incoming president of the

(See 'Manual' page A8)

Province gives OTMH \$1.1 m for dialysis expansion

Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital should be able to double its dialysis patient caseload by the end of the year thanks to a \$1.19-million grant from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

The funding for the Dialysis Unit expansion allows the hospital to add another 12 dialysis stations and enhance the existing facilities.

Architectural drawings for the expansion, known as Phase II, are complete, and if all goes well the renovations should be complete by this November.

"With a projected growth rate of End Stage Renal Failure (ESRF) at 15%, the expansion will enable us to better serve an aging population in which diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease is dramatically increasing the incidence of kidney disease. Phase II will virtually double the number of patients that can be accommodated and it will enhance our ability to follow our many predialysis patients," explained Dr. Danny Sapir, a nephrologist at OTMH.

Due to a shortage of dialysis services locally, many patients from Oakville and Halton have to travel to Mississauga and Toronto for their treatments. Running six days a week, three shifts a day, the expanded centre will be able to treat 72 new patients (for a total of 144

(See 'Project' page A8)

Beaver offices closed Good Friday

The offices of the Oakville Beaver will be closed for Good Friday, April 21st.

Our regular office hours will resume on Monday April 24th at 8:30 a.m.



Photo by Peter J. Thompson

INSIDE

today's paper

Worship	A5
Editorials	A6
Focus	B1
Entertainment	B8
Homes & Gardens	C1
Classified	C4
Golf	C8
Sports	D1
Business	D6
Automotive	D8

Special Supplements:

Home delivery: Revy, The Bay, National Sports

Partial delivery: Holland Park, White Rose,

Sheridan Nurseries, Cashway, Anderson

Carpet, CIMS Guardian, BiWay, Energy

Fitness, Ennisclaire

Canadian Publications Mail Product Agreement #436-201

FINE OUTERWEAR SINCE 1815
BARRINGTON'S

209 Lakeshore Rd. E., Oakville 845-2031

GREAT SPRING COAT SELECTION

Fur Storage

- Competitive rates & exceptional service
- Vaults on premises
- 10% discount for pre-payment of storage
- 10% seniors' discount
- Cleaning - Repairs - Restyling

PETER WATSON
INVESTMENTS

RETIREMENT PLANNING SPECIALISTS

Free CONSULTATION 842-2100



Peter C. Watson
M.B.A., CFP, R.R.P.