

Test ice thickness before venturing out

Knowing how thick the ice is before venturing onto it is a must. To give you a little information about estimating ice thickness, Canada's Lifeguarding Experts recommend a minimum four inches for walking, six inches for a snowmobile

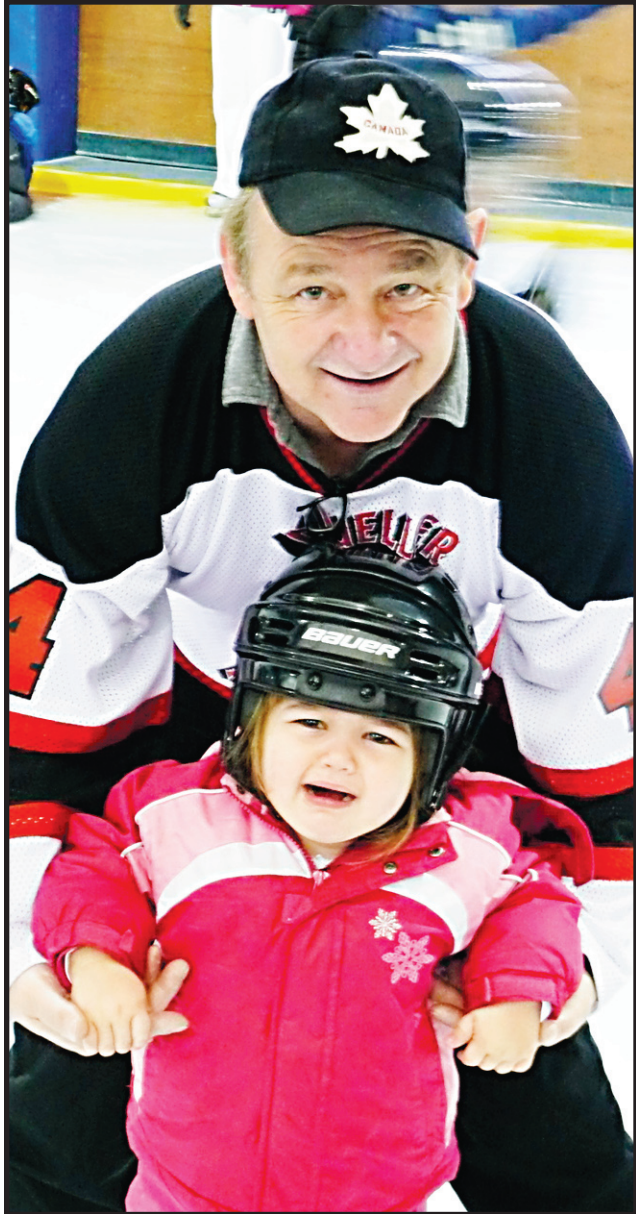
and a further eight to 12 inches for a vehicle. "Pay attention to weather reports, media warnings and municipal warning signage posted in various locations around the lake," said Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. "If you don't see anybody

else on the lake that may be an indicator that the ice just isn't safe yet." Ice on area lakes and ponds, and in particular, Fairy Lake in Acton, may not be thick enough for people to use safely. Fairy Lake has open-water areas for the waterfowl, and the

Mill Street dam, which all make a number of areas very dangerous to be near. While the lake is known as a very popular spot for snowmobiles, walkers and hockey players, children and adults alike must heed the warning signs. Children are a little less wary

and are fairly eager to get onto the ice for a number of reasons. Using the lake as a shortcut to school or home is not a safe alternative to the sidewalk. Taking a few extra minutes to walk around the lake could be a lifesaver. Be patient and allow the ice

to thicken up before starting up the shinny-hockey season, snowmobiling or drilling those holes for ice-fishing. Now is a great opportunity for parents to have a family chat about the dangers of unsafe ice conditions, water temperatures and hypothermia.



ON THE ICE: Almost 300 people enjoyed skating for free at the Acton arena over the holidays, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Acton and the Optimist Club. Acton's Mya Hillier, 2, (left) got a helping hand from Grandpa Floyd Hillier on the leisure pad at last Thursday. There was no going slow for Acton's Chloe Pearce, 3, (right) who showed off her poise and power and was a pink blur. — Frances Niblock photos



FITNESS INSTRUCTORS JOB POSTING 201033

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is currently seeking part-time instructors for various Active Living programs. Opportunities exist for people with skills, interests, and qualifications in the following areas:

- Group Fitness
- Strength Fitness
- Osteo-Fit
- Pilates
- Zumba
- Yoga

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current certification with a recognized organization
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work independently
- Current Standard First Aid & CPR
- Willingness to obtain a criminal reference check prior to commencing employment

HOURS OF WORK:

Evening and daytime hours available depending on area of interest.

SALARY RANGE:

The hourly range of pay is dependent on the program and qualifications.

Qualified candidates may submit a detailed resume in confidence by 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 28, 2011 quoting Posting No. 201033 to:

Ms. Jackie Kerr
 Manager of Human Resources
 Town of Halton Hills
 1 Halton Hills Drive
 Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2

Email: humanresources@haltonhills.ca
 Fax: (905) 873-1431

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