



WATERSHED PROTECTION: McKenzie-Smith Bennett Principal Sharon French (right) led staff and students in the unveiling of the school's Stream of Dreams project. Working with the Halton and Credit Conservation Authorities, the students painted over 700 wooden fish to symbolize the importance of protecting the watershed. – Submitted photo

Hornby hockey hurray

Barry Burkholder of Hornby, and his family are celebrating after being selected as the lucky winners of Scotiabank's "See Stanley with Lanny" contest that included flights, accommodation and tickets to last night's Game Four of the Stanley Cup Final, with Canadian hockey legend and Stanley Cup winner Lanny McDonald.

"Hockey is huge in our house," Burkholder

said. "We're Leafs fans, but (are) cheering on the Canucks to bring the Cup back to Canada. I've been a Lanny McDonald fan since I was a kid and used to watch him at Maple Leaf Gardens," Burkholder said, adding that it still hadn't sunk in that they'd won and are all headed to the Final, and get to share the experience with a real hockey hero.

The prize was originally for four people and

Barry chose to take his wife Kelly and teenage sons Bradley (18) and Dylan (17) after his daughter Chelsea (16) graciously offered up her place to her brothers. The Burkholders have since received news that Scotiabank has stepped up to award an extra ticket, flight and accommodation for Chelsea in order to allow the entire family to enjoy the experience together.

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Gateway gridlock?

Until the roads are in place, the Town should not approve a "traffic intensive" 1.4-million square foot distribution centre on three properties on the south east corner of Steeles Avenue and the Fifth Line in the Town's Gateway prestige industrial corridor. At a public meeting on Monday on the First Gulf Development proposal, which requires a zoning amendment, neighbour Vic Hendrickson predicted the plan will create Gateway gridlock with "376 trucks with trailers crawling through Hornby every hour."

The proposal includes 188 loading docks, 24 tractor waiting spaces and 650 trailer waiting spaces. That's a major issue as the Town's bylaw allows for only 38 trailer waiting spaces, a "massive variance" according to Hendrickson. "There's no difference between trailers waiting for unloading and trailer storage," he said, adding the zoning amendment application is the company's way of getting around the bylaw that does not allow trailer storage.

First Gulf's planning consultant Tae Ryuck, who would not name the operator of the proposed centre except to say it is a Fortune 100 American company, said a full traffic study would be done, and issues including landscaping could be dealt with through the site plan process.

Staff will review the questions and comments made at the meeting and prepare a report with a recommendation for the June 13 council meeting.

Rural development protest

Unhappy that Town councillors approved plans for a 20-lot estate subdivision on the Sixth Line, north of 17 Side Road, a group of area residents will bring their concerns to the June 13 council meeting, when approval of the development must be ratified.

Some residents are worried about the potential for traffic accidents, increased traffic and impacts on area well water. Although rural estate subdivisions are no longer allowed in Halton, this plan was filed in 1975, and the Town's 1985 Official Plan, which allows rural estate subdivisions, applies.

Escape the heat

If Halton institutes a heat alert, there are a number of places in Acton that people can go to cool down, including the library and the arena/community centre. In Georgetown, cooling centres are also available at the Civic Centre, Gellert Centre and library.

During a declared heat alert, all of the locations will be open during regular business hours to provide a respite from the heat, which can cause serious health issues.

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