

HEALTHY LIVING



Georgetown Hospital Foundation is McHappy

Following McDonalds McHappy Day celebration, Georgetown McDonalds presented a cheque to Georgetown Hospital Foundation, for the sum of \$4,717.83. On hand to make the presentation were (from left) Georgetown Hospital Foundation director Paul Armstrong, Georgetown McDonalds owners Tim and Casey O'Connor, Foundation director John Lewis and Georgetown Hospital Foundation executive director K.C. Caruthers.

Photo by Ted Brown

Town advisory committee is active

Hello again. I thought I'd give some background on where Ontario is in their efforts to remove access barriers.

On June 13, 2005 the Ontario government passed into law The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Ontario is committed to making our province fully accessible by 2025. Standards have been established, which are the rules governing business and organizations. They cover: transportation, customer service, information and communications, employment, and the physical building environment.

Under The Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001, all communities with populations of 10,000 or more are required to establish an advisory board comprised of a councilor chairperson and ordinary citizens with various disabilities.

The Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee (HHAAC) is responsible for assisting our municipality with the development and preparation of an annual Accessibility Plan to target, eliminate and proactively prevent accessibility barriers.

I am a newbie on the board, having served since January of this year. I want to congratulate all those men and women who are now, and in the past, sharing their expertise, ideas, and commitment

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to make our community a better place to live. We have had, and will continue to have, a large impact in this community.

Some of the many issues this committee has had direct input on have included: in-house training for municipal staff on disability, Activan and taxi scripts, participating in regional accessibility conferences, hosting Rick Hansen event, providing input on Main Street renovations, hospital access upgrades in Brampton, Etobicoke and Georgetown, sub-committee reviews site plans regarding outside access to buildings, parking lots, etc., Cogeco closed captioning of council meetings, and audible traffic lights.

As interested citizens, I encourage you to visit ACCESSON at <http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/accesson/> for more information and to see what you can do to help in your community.

Andrew Tutty is a member of the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Summer Safety Tips for Kids:

- There is safety in numbers. Ask a friend or two to go along with you to the park.
- Make sure your parents or another adult knows that you are going to the park. If they accompany you, make sure they know where you are at all times.
- If you go to the park after dark, play in well-lit areas.
- Stay away from strangers. If you ever feel that you are in danger, find a trusted adult or go to a nearby business and ask for help.
- Bring a cell phone or carry some change in case you need to make a phone call.

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