

# Making Halton Hills walkable

In June and July of this year, two workshops were conducted in Acton and Georgetown with the goal of understanding what constitutes a walkable community.

Local partners in this endeavor included: North West Seniors Planning and Education Advisory Committee, Town of Halton Hills (Parks & Recreation and Traffic Services), Acton Agricultural Society and the Acton Fall Fair, Acton and Georgetown Seniors Centre, Acton Business Improvement Association (BIA), senior citizens from the community at large, local churches, Halton Regional Police Services, North Halton Injury Prevention (NHIP), Halton Region Health Department, and The Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The workshops were facilitated through WalkOn, a community-based partnership including local Heart Health projects, municipalities, and public health units. It promotes walkable communities by raising awareness and public education and promotes the development of communities that support walking for transportation, health and recreation.

The workshop included an audio-visual presentation stressing the need to change our focus from a car oriented community to one facilitating walking, cycling and accessibility. Why this change in focus? We have an aging population. It promotes healthier

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citizens, safer communities, cleaner air, and mixed-use zoning allows ease of use and access to public and private services.

Groups of six or seven people were formed and walked areas identified as most used for walking. We highlighted unsafe sidewalks, non-standard construction, signage problems, traffic, and foliage extending onto public walk areas, sufficient rest areas, and other obstacles. We discussed the obstacles or challenges to having these issues resolved. Each group had a top-five list of concerns and a top-five of challenges. These were displayed and commonalities identified. Issues were prioritized and a final report has been sent to the Town.

You can help. When walking, be aware of these concerns and inform the Town for resolution.

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

## Community, Friends and Family

You have all made the fundraiser for Rob and Brenda a huge Success.

The event was sold out, the entertainment top notch, and auction items and donations from local businesses and individuals were very very generous.

The organizing committee, on behalf of Rob and Brenda would like to thank you all very much.

Special thanks to the Ladies' Powder Puff Baseball League, it was truly a night to remember!! Cheers!

After his MS treatment in India, Rob has noticed a marked improvement in his everyday quality of life.



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# ATHLETES of the week

Acton High School

Christ the King

G.D.H.S



Christine Bennett



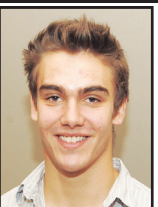
Taylor Kroezen



Eric Putnins



Josh Doucette



Cam Wilkenson



Rachel Gibson

**Acton High School** Athletes of the Week are Christine Bennett and Taylor Kroezen. Both are members of the Bearcats varsity basketball team, and were selected for their performance in a game against LBP. Bennett, a point guard was cited for her good offense and scoring 6 points, while Kroezen, playing wing, was selected for her good defense and scoring 2 points.

**Georgetown District High School** Athletes of the Week are Cam Wilkenson and Rachel Gibson. Wilkenson, a safety on the ebels junior football team, was chosen for is three interceptions in a 14-13 win over Abbey Park. Gibson, who plays defense on the Rebels senior field hockey team, was selected for her strong defense against St Thomas Aquinas and for her steady improvement during the season.

**Christ the King Catholic High School** Athletes of the Week are Eric Putnins and Josh Doucette. Both are members of the Jaguars' junior football team. Putnins, a fullback, was selected for his tackles, yardage and for scoring a touchdown in a win over OT. Doucette, playing defensive tackle, was cited for his numerous strong tackles against OT.

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