



Wards 3&4 councillors (from left) Ann Lawlor, Bob Inglis, Dave Kentner, Moya Johnson and Jane Fogal take their oath of office on the stage at John Elliott Theatre Monday while Mayor Rick Bonnette looks on.
Photo by Ted Brown

Libraries, arenas top to-do list

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continuing to maintain safe roads and fire services, providing seniors housing and affordable housing, and by listening to citizens' groups.

"My vision of Halton Hills and of council, is to have a vibrant and distinctive Town in the GTA while maintaining the present or improved quality of life and small town atmosphere," Bonnette said.

- Completing the new 9,000 sq. foot Acton Library with the opening scheduled for February 2011.

- Starting and completing the Georgetown Library and Cultural Centre expansion and renovations.

- Adding arenas. "We have heard loud and clear from our user groups that there is a shortage of ice time in Halton Hills. Council will address this shortfall of ice during this term," said Bonnette. "Plans have been developed by the Arena's Task Force, land options have been taken, etc. There may be seniors' space components added to the mix. These all will be expensive capital projects, but they must be addressed."

- Developing a long-range (10-year) financial plan with strategies and policies for future decision-making. "We must also be respectful of the tax dollars. We are not a wealthy community. Make no bones about it; we are going to have to make some tough financial decisions."

- Facing the challenge at the Ontario Municipal Board by developers who would like to see Georgetown increase its population by 60,000 additional people.

"We must manage growth in a way where we are comfortable with the pace of growth to ensure ease of integration with



Ann Lawlor takes the oath of office Monday night. Lawlor is the lone newly-elected councillor, replacing John Duncan in Ward 4.
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the existing community. Growth should not place a financial burden on the Town, nor place extraordinary demands on the existing facilities," said Bonnette, pointing out the Town reluctantly agreed to accept 20,000 of the new residents legislated by the Province's Places to Grow plan.

Bonnette concluded his speech with a message to everyone: "my door will continue to be open to ideas and suggestions that you may have to improve the quality of life."

Also attending were former Mayors Pete Pomeroy and Marilyn Serjeantson. The Town's longest-serving mayor, Russ Miller, had planned to attend but was snowed in at his home in Wasaga Beach.

On again, off again big load is back on

If the weather co-operates, drivers could face some delays on Halton roads Monday evening and Tuesday morning as six massive beer vats are transported through the area on the way to the Molson Coors Brewery near Toronto Airport.

Challenger Motor Freight Co., escorted by Halton Regional Police, will be transporting the vats, that are 150 ft. in length x 24 ft. wide x 25 ft. high, weather permitting, between about 9 p.m. Monday and 6 a.m. Tuesday.

The move has already been postponed once due to weather, then cancelled temporarily because of mechanical difficulties.



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