



Taking part in the official groundbreaking ceremony Thursday for the expansion and renovation of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre and the Halton Hills Public Library are, from left, Town of Halton Hills Manager of Facilities Paul Stover, the Town's Director of Library Services Jane Diamanti, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Chair of the Georgetown Branch Planning Committee and Halton Hills Public Library Board member Sheila Taylor and Chair of the Halton Hills Public Library Board Jay Jackson. *Photo by Lisa Tallyn*

Sod turned on new library/centre

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Ground was broken for the expansion and renovation project at the Halton Hills Public Library's Georgetown Branch and Cultural Centre Thursday.

The renovated and expanded facility, expected to be completed by fall 2012, will be universally accessible, energy efficient and feature many structural improvements and innovative uses of technology.

"Today we've embarked on an incredible revitalization of our library, our Cultural Centre and our downtown core," said Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. "This state-of-the-art facility will bring people downtown to explore the exceptional programs and services at the library, to enjoy award-winning theatrical productions in the Cultural Centre, and to savour the many enticing options in our local restaurants and shops."

Bonnette was joined by Town of Halton Hills Director of Library Services Jane Diamanti, Manager of Facilities Paul Stover, other Town staff, councillors, volunteers, library patrons and community partners for the ceremony.

The Georgetown branch will expand to approximately 34,400 sq. ft. The new space will allow the library to house a greater variety of material, offer comfortable study, reading and conversation areas, provide adequate space for programs and better meet the demand for Internet stations. It will also include a seniors' lounge, a listening/viewing centre, small group study rooms, a local history room and, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, a double-sided fireplace.

"The renewed and expanded Georgetown branch will not only provide all the services expected of a modern public library with reputable collections and knowledgeable staff, but also will become a welcom-

ing and comfortable public space and a valued community asset for years to come," said Diamanti. "We are delighted that our new space will allow us to more effectively respond to the growing demands for our programs and services from the more than 80 per cent of Halton Hills households that have an active library card."

Diamanti said they have already seen the positive effects enhanced facilities can have by looking at the first few months of usage at the newly-opened Acton branch.

"In the month of March 2011 alone, items checked out from the Acton Branch increased by 74 per cent over the same period as last year. Early circulation reports for the month of April show an increase of 82 per cent," said Diamanti.

The renovation and expansion includes significant structural alterations to the Cultural Centre. They include improvements to the shared entrance lobby and washrooms, a multi-function meeting room, a dedicated coat check and concessions area, and a second set of washroom facilities for theatre users. In addition there will be an access hallway from the backstage to the lobby eliminating the need for actors to go through the library.

"The renovated Cultural Centre will support and enrich a variety of arts and cultural opportunities for the enjoyment of Halton Hills residents," said Terry Alyman, Director of Recreation and Parks. "As part of our commitment to foster healthy living in our community, this improved facility will enable us to offer a broader range of enhanced educational and cultural services."

The Halton Hills Public Library Board received \$11.6 million in funding for the Georgetown Library Branch project with another \$1.9 million for alterations to the Cultural Centre. More information about the project, including architectural renderings of the new facility, can be found at www.hhpl.on.ca

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