



The Thunderhawks, Jeff Richards, lead vocals; Mitchell Dunn, guitar/backing vocals; Rory Gaskill, guitar/ backing vocals; Jake Loewen, bass; Dylan Warskett, drums, will perform at St. John's on Saturday. Photo by Chris Payne

Band to rock here on Saturday

By **MICHAEL BURTON**
Special to *The IFP*

Open wide for the release of Thunderhawks newest record *Tongues*.

To promote the release of their newest EP, Thunderhawks will be rocking St. John's United Church in Georgetown on Saturday July 9.

"We're really excited, and we're very proud of the album," said Jeff Richards, front man of Thunderhawks.

Richards has been singing in the pop punk band since its inception in 2008. Although the band has experienced member changes, the five-piece Georgetown band is incredibly proud, and excited for the release of its second record.

Thunderhawks regularly perform across the GTA. With members from Georgetown and Acton, Thunderhawks released their first self-titled EP in March of 2009. They then embarked on their first tour of the Canadian east coast in July of last year.

"Starting off in a small town everyone knows you," Richards said.

"There's not really a lot to do, and when there is a show you get a lot of the same people coming out. Playing in small towns is way better than in a big cities. For some reason I find the smaller towns bring out the most

people. They are always the ones to spread the word about your band."

The band's newest recording was recorded at Paragon Studios in Caledon. Richards said that this effort promises more structure, and more in-depth song writing.

"We came first on this record," he said. "We started writing music so that when we play it, we enjoy it. Hopefully everyone else enjoys it too. *Tongues* is a lot easier to listen to, and every song is different. We've cut down on the riffs and focused more on the song writing itself."

The July 9 concert will include support from Georgetown locals Half Beat, as well as Toronto band Teenage Kicks, and July. The evening promises to be a night of safe, fun, rock and roll in Georgetown.

"Georgetown shows are always incredible, and we're hoping to make this one the best," Richards said. "Just come and have fun because it's going to be a great show to be a part of."

Tickets are available at the door for this event, and through members of Thunderhawks.

Purchase *Tongues* at: <http://thunderhawks.bandcamp.com>.

Also check out www.myspace.com/thunderhawks, www.youtube.com/thunderhawksband

Postcard campaign gains momentum

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"We have had a constant stream of citizens coming to my office picking up anywhere from 10 to 500 post cards. No doubt people are very concerned for the future of their community," said Bonnette.

The cards are also now available at additional locations including the Seniors Centres in both Acton and Georgetown and the Gellert Centre.

Longtime Georgetown resident Peter Motem has picked up hundreds of the cards and is taking them door to door in town hoping to raise awareness of the issue and encourage residents to send them in.

He does not want to see the highway built near town. He sees Georgetown as a "safe alcove in the GTA" and wants to keep it that way.

Want more information?

For more details about the highway proposal go to www.gta-west.com.

Want to have your say?

The deadline to make a comment to MTO has been extended to July 8. Written comments should be sent to www.gta-west.com/commentform.php or to Neil Ahmed, Consultant Project Manger, project_team@gta-west.com If residents are unable to meet that deadline they should call Ahmed at 1-877-522-6916.

Want to fight this?

- A citizens' group is being formed. Those interested in participating should email Wendy Bruchal, bruchals@aol.com

- Pick up a postcard at the Civic Centre, Acton and Georgetown Seniors Centre, Gellert Centre, Preston's and Glen Oven in Glen Williams, Pat's Prime Cuts & Deli and the Red Lemon. Also Councillors Dave Kentner and Joan Robson will man a booth at the Georgetown Farmers Market on Saturday, July 9, and Councillor Clark Somerville will man a booth at the Acton Farmers Market on July 14.

Send the postcard (or letter, email) to MTO Minister Kathleen Wynne, Queen's Park, 77 Wellesley St. W, Ferguson Block, Third Floor, Toronto, M7A 1Z8. Or call Wynne, 416-327-9200 or email kwynne.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org



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