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## Hot time in downtowns

Fire juggler Michaud Garneau (above) returned to his hometown of Georgetown from Toronto to wow the crowd with some dramatic routines on Main St. during Thursday's Magic on Main holiday celebration. (Right) Many families climbed aboard for a wagon ride with Santa during Acton's Olde Fashioned Christmas celebration on Saturday. The event drew families to downtown Acton, where they enjoyed hot chocolate, sang along to Christmas carols, decorated gingerbread houses and caught an outdoor ball hockey game. **View the photo galleries at [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca) (click on Photos)**

Top photo by Ted Brown

Right photo by Andrea Lefebvre



## Minister to 'reconsider' 4-3 option, says mayor

By CYNTHIA GAMBLE  
Staff Writer

Mayor Rick Bonnette painted an optimistic picture of his recent meeting with new Minister of Transportation Bob Chiarelli during his annual "state of the town" address.

Bonnette announced at the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Luncheon Thursday that the minister said he would reconsider the proposed 4-3 highway. The mayor had met with Chiarelli in Toronto last Tuesday.

The GTA West Corridor Study has recommended two four-lane highways for Halton Hills: 4-2 extending from Brampton, down the Tenth Line to the Hwys. 401/407 interchange at Winston Churchill Blvd., and 4-3 extending from Tenth Line, south of 10 Sideroad, to Tremaine Rd. in Milton. The Study's objective is to build transportation networks to move people quicker through the congested GTA/Golden Horseshoe Area.

"We understand what the Province is trying to do, and we support the 4-2 (proposed) highway, which is going north and south and will also give us a Norval bypass," said Bonnette. "But 4-3 is going to

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