

Milton: See ya, don't wanna be ya

The Census numbers are out. Milton is once again the fastest-growing community in Canada, growing at a rate of over 56.5% from 2006-2011.

In the 2006 Census, Milton grew by 70%—it lists Milton's population at 84,000. Mayor Gord Krantz had told me it is over 100,000 now. Brampton's population has also grown over 20% in the same time frame. Here in Halton Hills our population has grown by 6.7% which is slightly above the national average. Our population is 59,000.

It just shows you the growth pressure that Halton Hills has been under the past 10 years. Town council has done its best to manage our growth. All communities need modest growth. I think the recent statistics from Census Canada show that we have managed our growth.

Calloway Reit has now been issued a building permit. This is the 400,000 sq. ft. commercial premium outlet mall that will be built on Steeles Ave. and Trafalgar Rd.

We have many great organizations in our community. One such organization is Cancer Assistance Service Halton Hills (CASHh). This group of volunteers have been working for the betterment in our community for more than 12 years. They have helped by providing 54 drivers, taking patients to the city for treatment. But they do more than just drive patients for treatment. They provide Life brand meal



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replacements, wigs, night hats, walkers and much, much more.

Speaking of donating, once again congratulations to the Lambert family of Georgetown for presenting a \$10,000 cheque to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. They have put on another spectacular Christmas light show at their home on Johnson Crescent.

Watch for the 2012 spring and summer Town Guide to be delivered Thursday, February 23. Guides will also be available at Town facilities and on the Town website. Spring and summer program registration starts March 7 so be ready with your spring and summer program wish list!

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com or follow me on twitter at: RickBonnette1

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