

GDHS to celebrate school's 125th anniversary

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and his wife Carla Bianchi singing. Limited tickets are available at the GDHS office through Thursday (May 24).

The Open House (free) will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at GDHS Saturday with a welcome table and registration in the Student Forum Main Street Hallway adjacent to the new cafeteria.

Decade Corners spanning from 1940 through 2000-plus, an Alumni Staff Corner, a review of Rebel memorabilia will be set up in the library where former students will have the chance to socialize with friends from their time at the school.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be Fun Fair games for kids under the age of eight in Small Gym 3.

Drama and music performances by current and past GDHS students will be held in the GDHS Theatre from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Former students can get back in the Caf line once again and enjoy food from the first GDHS student-operated food school in the new cafeteria food court from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

From noon to 1 p.m. there will be a co-ed alumni soccer game on the Kiwanis Field and from 2 to 3 p.m. a co-ed Alumni Basketball Game in the main large gym.

GDHS, which officially opened on Jan. 10 1887, was designed by architect Edward Lennox, who was also involved in designing Old City Hall, Casa Loma, King Edward Hotel and Massey Hall in Toronto.

When the school opened there were only 69 students and two teachers. By 1913 school enrolment

had grown to 120, with four staff members.

The first major renovations occurred to the school in 1953/54 with the construction of the west wing. In 1958 the east wing was added to accommodate the school's growing population.

The school's original building was demolished in 1959 and a new building was opened in 1960. From 1962 to 1967 additions included the resource centre, technical shops, cafeteria and swimming pool. In 1970 the GDHS board was amalgamated with the Halton Board of Education. Further additions included the library, music and computer rooms.

The most recent renovations occurred between 2009-2011, which included improvements to the infrastructure of the school, a new cafeteria/food school, new music rooms, new auditorium, new science labs, a life skills centre and a new track and field with lights for night games.

Current principal Varricchio was a student at the school back in 1987 when the 100th anniversary of the school was celebrated. In an interesting twist, some money from a long-forgotten account for that celebration was found and is being used for anniversary celebrations 25 years later.

Varricchio said in January he received a letter from a Calgary man who indicated the school had unclaimed funds in a bank account and for a finder's fee he would access the money.

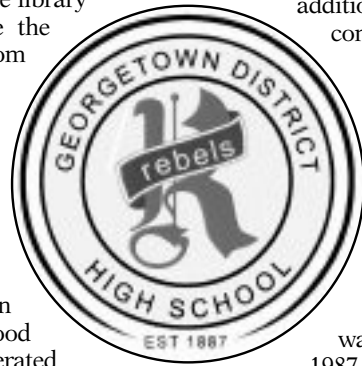
Thinking it was fraud, Varricchio forwarded the information to the school board, but didn't give it much more thought, until a few weeks later he received an email about the unclaimed funds. But this

time there was specific information about the account number and how to access it through the Bank of Canada website, which he did.

Varricchio said the funds are being returned to the school and the \$3,176 in the account that had been designated for stamps during the 100th anniversary celebrations will now go toward the

125th celebration.

Planning for the event has been done over the past several months by Varricchio and GDHS staff members Krista Nicholls, David Hyde, Emmanuel Saitis, Randall Keast, Jay Trefethen, Paul Klassen, Len Untinen, Daniel Estevan, Stephen Skrovonek, Robert Attrell, Karen Sykes and Jeanette Frank.



NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

TOWN INITIATED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

DATE: June 11, 2012
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Dr.
Halton Hills

Town of Halton Hills Council will hold a statutory public meeting to discuss a draft Zoning By-law Amendment which proposes minor revisions to the Town of Halton Hills Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to make minor revisions to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law, both site specific and more general, which have been identified during implementation of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law since its adoption in July of 2010.

The site specific amendments are as follows:

- Add an exception to 14109 Fourth Line (legally described as Con 5, Pt Lot 31) to recognize existing seasonal overnight accommodation and permit construction of a dining hall.
- Reintroduce a holding provision to 20 and 22 Logan Court in Georgetown (legally described as Plan 20M978 Lots 14 and 15).
- Revise the zoning for the common element townhouse condominiums on Garrison Square and Seed House Lane from Medium Density Residential One to Medium Density Residential Two, which is the appropriate zone for common element condominiums.
- Revise the zoning for 186 Mill Street E. (legally described as Plan 28 Pt Lots 1-16 RP, 20R2874 Except Part 1) in Acton from a split zoning of both Low Density Residential One and Local Commercial to entirely within a Local Commercial Zone.
- Revise the zoning for the following properties from a Development Zone to a Low Density Residential One Zone:
 - 168 McDonald Blvd (legally described as Plan 1098 Pt Lots 243, 244 RP 20R3947 Parts 1,2)
 - 67 Willow Street S. (legally described as Plan 31 Blk 26 Pt Lots 1,3,5,7)
 - 75 Main St. S. (legally described as Plan 63 Pt Lot 8 RP 20R1117 Part 1) and abutting property to the south (legally described as Plan 1098 Lots 282, 283, Queen St. Rd Alliance RP20R1117 Parts 2,3,4)
- Revise the zoning of 585 and 605 Main Street (legally described as Concession 10 Pt Lot 22 Plan 1555, Lots 69 and 70 respectively) in Glen Williams from an Environmental Protection One Zone to a Hamlet Residential Two Zone.

In addition to the site specific changes, amendments are also proposed to accessory building sizes in the rural area and Institutional Zone, aisle widths in parking lots, parking requirements for elementary schools, permit new public schools to be built in the Institutional Zone and to no longer limit existing residential dwellings in a Development Zone to existing buildings and structures.

A number of other minor revisions are also being proposed which were inadvertently not included during preparation of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Following the statutory public meeting, Town staff will prepare a report to Council which will respond to oral and written comments received, and provide a final recommendation on passage of the Zoning By-law Amendment.

Copies of the staff reports and the draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for public review and comment in the Town of Halton Hills Planning, Development and Sustainability Department or on the Town's website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/initiatives/zoning-system-comprehensive.php>. For further information on this project, please visit the Planning, Development and Sustainability Department, at the address below or contact

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Please provide all comments by June 15, 2012.

PLEASE NOTE

Notice of the statutory public meeting has been provided pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the statutory public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted:

- The person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- The person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills, Planning Development and Sustainability Department, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Ontario, L7G 5G2.

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