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Community Clean-Ups in four corners of the town



Acton BIA Manager Josey Bonnette pitched in to clean up the flower beds at Main St. N. and Mill St. E. Below: Hornby residents volunteered their time to pick up trash and debris along the rural roads and parks in the area of Sixth Line and Steeles. Here, resident volunteers Mike Blazina (left) and John Kowal toss some of the collected roadside waste onto a pile at the collection depot in Hornby Park.

Top photo: Jon Borgstrom
Bottom photo: Graham Paine



Above, three-year-old Samuel Walsh tries to look his best as he pitched in to clean up the area between Hungry Hollow Bridge and Barber Dr. with other volunteers from Georgetown South Kumon Centre during the various Community Clean-ups held around Halton Hills on Saturday. As of Monday, the Town's Public Works had collected more than three tonnes of trash, but that doesn't include the tires, metal and wood. Town crews will be picking up the collected trash throughout the rest of the week.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

DC hike on its way for retail, homes

Retail development will soon cost more after regional council approved a hike in development charges (DCs) Wednesday.

Beginning September, developers building spaces for clothing stores, restaurants or grocers will pay \$24.98 per square-foot for greenfield development and \$22.01/sq ft within Halton's built boundary in DCs, which represents a 52 and 76 per cent increase over current charges, respectively.

During the DC update process, which began last September, retail developers have spoken against the increase.

Non-retail development, such as office and industrial spaces will see a 25 per cent decrease in DCs while charges for homes will see a slight increase. Developers will pay more than \$36,000 in DCs for a single family home built in a greenfield field area, which is about 13 per cent higher than what's currently paid while the fee for houses in the built boundary will increase slightly by three per cent to about \$27,000.

Changes in Halton's DC by-law, which is updated every five years, include a non-retail to retail conversion fee for any space that's more than 3,000 sq ft.

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