

# Mall, arenas, hospital projects make for exhilarating time

These past weeks' events have been the most incredible weeks for council that I can remember.

You always expect some hills and valleys being on council, but not like this in such a short period of time.

I will recap: First the Town was being sued for \$50 million over the Outlet Malls. Before you know it, the suit is settled and we were at a ground-breaking ceremony for the Toronto Premium Outlet Mall located in our industrial corridor. This will be a huge Halton Hills attraction and bring much-needed assessments and jobs.

Next, I am told that Transport Minister Bob Chiarelli would like to see me.

He wanted to tell me, in person, the fabulous news that the 4-3 highway option will not be proceeding.

Yes folks, we won! Thanks to all of you for signing postcards, putting up lawn signs, emailing the MTO, your councillors, MPP Ted Arnott and to our valued staff, consultants and Halton Region.

We were against all odds and we won. Big thanks to Minister Chiarelli, who understands, as a former mayor, what it takes to fight for your community.

If this wasn't enough good news, we had

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our official ground-breaking of the expansion of our Georgetown Hospital. This is a great partnership between the Province, Georgetown Hospital Foundation and the Town. The Province came through, matching the Town's dollars, and many donations are still coming in.

This was followed with another ground-breaking for two additional ice pads at Mold-Masters SportsPlex. The very next day, we get more good news; the Acton Library has been confirmed as a LEED Gold Certified facility.

The above events all took place within weeks, if not days of each other. They will have positive effects on our community for decades. What a ride this has been.

Much has been written about the charismatic double lung transplant recipient, Hé-

lène Campbell.

She has done such a marvelous job for the organ donor movement. Before social media, we had our own hero. Nine years ago, 26-year-old Sara Murray of Acton (who I personally know) was also a double lung transplant recipient.

There was very little press, no Twitter from the "Biebs", Facebook, etc. There was a huge banner with her picture on Toronto General Hospital.

Today Sarah has a full life. Thanks to the organ donor program many in our community also enjoy a good quality of life. It only takes a minute to register as an organ donor: [www.giftoflife.on.ca](http://www.giftoflife.on.ca)

Farewell to Acton's Father Bob Bullbrook who will be leaving St. Joseph's Parish in Acton. You will be missed!

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

—Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills

## Special athletes' track meet set for Friday

On Friday, June 15, students from the Halton District School Board will participate in the 25th annual Special Athletes' Track Meet.

This Halton tradition is a competition for athletes with physical challenges. The track meet will take place from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Nelson Stadium, 4181 New St. in Burlington.

This year, more than 170 special athletes are

expected to participate. Coaches, school staff, friends, family members and volunteers provide support and encouragement for the athletes.

This event provides special athletes with an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and celebrate their successes with fellow students, friends and family.

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**HAMLET OF NORVAL SECONDARY PLAN REVIEW**

**DATE/TIME: Tuesday June 19, 2012, 6:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Gellert Community Centre, Kinsmen Hall, 10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown**

The Town of Halton Hills has initiated a review of the Hamlet of Norval Secondary Plan which was adopted by Council in 2001 and approved by the Region of Halton in 2003. Since the approval of the Secondary Plan there have been significant changes in the Provincial and Regional planning environment. The purpose of the review is to develop updated goals, objectives, and a policy framework for Norval which reflects the existing policy environment while also taking into consideration the community's needs.

An initial Open House and Workshop is being held for the Hamlet of Norval Secondary Review to present the project to the community and obtain input from the public and stakeholders.

The purpose of the Open House and Workshop is to:

- Introduce the project to the public and stakeholders
- Present a Draft Discussion Paper prepared by the consulting team which includes background research and identifies opportunities and constraints within the community
- Solicit public and stakeholder input on the Secondary Plan Review including the Draft Discussion Paper and the development of an updated community vision (goals and objectives)

**Agenda:**  
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Drop In  
7:15 pm - 7:45 pm Presentation/Questions  
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm Workshop/Roundtable Discussions

A presentation will be made by the consulting team at 7:15 pm. Following the presentation attendees will be invited to participate in a workshop with small round table discussions.

Additional information on the Hamlet of Norval Secondary Plan Review is available on the Town's Website at:  
[http://www.haltonhills.ca/initiatives/Norval\\_Secondary\\_Plan.php](http://www.haltonhills.ca/initiatives/Norval_Secondary_Plan.php)

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