

Final Town budget does not include Monday openings at library

"I just don't want to pay a penny more in taxes." That was the majority sentiment – by one vote – as voiced by Ward Two Councillor Joan Robson during the Town's final budget debate on Monday. The Town's approved operating budget includes a 5.7 per cent increase in the Town's portion of the total tax bill, but the combined Town, Region and school board budgets reflects a 2.6 per cent increase.

Council voted 6-5 against opening the Georgetown library on Mondays, initially at a cost of \$108,000, which was still not palatable to the majority when whittled down to \$47,000 by the Director of Library Services by using fewer staff. The Monday opening would have increased the Town operating budget's tax increase to 5.9, not 5.7 per cent.

Robson argued that with the current economic climate, the time is not

right for the Monday openings when "taxpayers are tightening their belts." Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis agreed, and Regional/Councillor Clark Somerville said they have invested \$13-million in two libraries, and in a budget invested with core services, they don't need a new service.

In spirited support of the Monday openings, Acton Councillor John Hurst noted that six of seven comparable libraries are open on



WOMEN TO WOMEN: Guest speaker Acton's Yvonne Marciel (centre) detailed her missionary trips to Africa at the meeting last Tuesday of the Acton Women to Women Networking Business Networking Group. Marciel was welcomed at the Acton Re/Max office by committee members Heather Langley (left) and Linda Olson. – Ted Tyler photo

Mondays, and elicited the fact that 80 per cent of Halton Hills households have an active library card. "I just think it's a shame that we're going to be opening a beautiful, new sustainable facility ...and we're saying we should keep the door locked," Hurst said, "I don't understand that."

Mayor Rick Bonnette voted against the Monday openings, noting when it was approved in 2009, the economy was good.

"This is an enhanced service," Bonnette said. "Is it nice to have? Absolutely...Is there a need to have? I don't see it," Bonnette said.

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson said three years ago, they instituted a dedicated levy in the budget – reduced by the budget committee by half to 0.35 per cent this year – to pay for Monday openings. "It's not a new request," she said, calling it "pretty

devastating" to have the funding cut for a non-essential, but quality of life issue.

Politicians who voted against the Monday opening included: Mayor Rick Bonnette, Councillors Clark Somerville, Bryan Lewis, Mike O'Leary, Joan Robson and Bob Inglis. Those in favour included: Councillors Jon Hurst, Jane Fogal, Ann Lawlor, Moya Johnson and Dave Kentner.



The Regional Municipality of Halton
www.halton.ca

Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Halton for approval to expropriate a fee simple interest in the lands described as Part of Block 1 on Plan 20M-983 designated as Parts 5, 6, 7 and 8 on Plan 20R-18917 and an 18 month temporary easement in, under, over, along and upon part of said Block 1 on Plan 20M-983 designated as Part 9 on Plan 20R-18917, in the Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton, registered in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Halton Region (No. 20) for the purpose of facilitating the improvement, extension and widening of James Snow Parkway (Regional Road No. 4) from Boston Church Road westerly to a crossing of the Canadian National Railway corridor, including but not limited to, construction associated with a railway crossing grade separation, drainage works, ditching and bridges (the "Works") and in the case of the 18 month temporary easement for the purpose of entering on and occupying the land with all necessary vehicles, machinery, equipment and material required to grade, ditch and facilitate the construction of the said Works, in the Town of Milton and works ancillary thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate a fee simple interest in the lands described as Part of Block 1 on Plan 20M-983 designated as Parts 5, 6, 7 and 8 on Plan 20R-18917 and an 18 month temporary easement in, under, over, along and upon part of said Block 1 on Plan 20M-983 designated as Part 9 on Plan 20R-18917, in the Town of Milton.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing

- in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty (30) days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice;
- in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:
The Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1

The expropriating authority is:
The Regional Municipality of Halton
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1

This Notice first published on the 19th day of January, 2012.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1
Dial 311 or 905-825-6000 • Toll Free 1-866-442-5866 • TTY 905-827-9833 • www.halton.ca

260112

MacMILLAN'S
Gourmet Frozen Foods

SPECIALS FROM

January 27th
February 9th

HWY. 7, 1 MILE WEST OF ACTON 519-853-0311 • (800)-387-4039

Go to our website and sign up to receive our store specials by email: www.macmillans.ca

Super Bowl Sale

Monty's Nacho and Salsa
\$7.99 combo (reg. \$9.28)

Pulled Pork in Chipotle
BBQ Sauce
\$11.99 (reg. \$14.99)
1.13kg size

Just Arrived at
MacMillan's

Bacon Wrapped
Jalapeno Poppers

\$4.99
12 poppers per package

Cocktail Meatballs
& Honey Garlic BBQ Sauce

\$12.99 (reg. \$14.98)

Apple Pies
2 x 8 inch Pies
\$5.99

Game Time Munchies

Mini Chicken Pot Bites
\$5.99 (reg. \$6.99)

Beef & Cheddar Bowls
\$5.99 (reg. \$6.99)

Vegetarian Samosas
\$8.49 (reg. \$9.99)



SENIORS 10%
OFF EVERY
WEDNESDAY
(REG. PRICED
MERCHANDISE)

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Monday - Friday 9 AM - 7 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM

SERVING ACTON & AREA
FOR OVER 25 YEARS!

"IT'S WORTH THE DRIVE TO ACTON"