



QUICK WORK: Two days after the ceremonial sledge hammering, crews had stripped away the walls, ready to build a huge addition to the growing church. – Frances Niblock photo



BETHEL BUILDING: The congregation of Bethel Church and guests were invited to embrace change following Sunday's service when they officially launched an expansion/renovation project which will add 5,000-square-feet of much needed space. On hand as some of the old bricks were knocked out were, from left: Project manager Simon Feddema, Janet Sinkraven, Pastor Ray Vander Kooij, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, and Acton Councillors Mike O'Leary and Jon Hurst. – Ted Tyler photo



Town of Halton Hills Public Library Board

The Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills invites applications from members of the public who are interested in serving on the Halton Hills Public Library Board. The Library Board currently has 1 (one) vacancy. The position is for a term to expire December, 2014.

The successful applicant must be able to attend monthly meetings, and dedicate time to Library Board activities.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a resident of the Town of Halton Hills
- Over the age of 18 years
- Not employed by the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, or Library Board

THE COMMITTEE:

Halton Hills Public Library Board

- consists of eight (8) citizen members and two (2) Council representatives
- acts as a decision-making body to set policy for the management, regulation and control of the Library
- for additional information regarding the library board please refer to <http://www.hhpl.on.ca/>

APPLICATION PROCESS

Those interested in applying are asked to:

- submit an application form which can be obtained on the Town's website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/committees/pdf/volunteers-application.pdf>
- submit your application by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, April 13, 2012**, to:

Ashley Mancuso
Council and Committee Services Coordinator
1 Halton Hills Drive,
Halton Hills, ON, L7G 5G2
Fax – 905-873-1431
Email: ashleym@haltonhills.ca

If you have any inquiries or if you wish to receive additional information about a committee please contact Ashley Mancuso at (905)873-2601 ext. 2333 or ashleym@haltonhills.ca.

Interviews will take place April, 2012. The selection committee will make recommendations for appointments to Town Council.

1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2

Acton man in a Race to Space

“To me, space goes beyond mere interest. It is a way of life.”

Former Acton resident William Kirby, now a Biology student at Dalhousie University in Halifax – is in the Race for Space – an international contest run by Metro newspaper to call “shotgun” on the first commercial space flight in 2014.

Kirby, who graduated from Acton High five years ago, currently holds first place in support in Canada among over 1,200 entries. The entries that receive the most votes in each Metro country will be judged by a local jury that selects one local finalist. Every Metro country will send one local finalist to the global final. The winner will be chosen by a global jury.

The winner will attend two training missions in the Netherlands, before being flown to the Caribbean island of Curacao, where their space trip begins in a Lynx Mk II, where the winner will ride in the back seat, behind a professional instructor. Metro is asking people to tell why they are perfectly suited for the mission, and then gather as many votes as possible via Facebook or other social media channels.

In his entry, called The Beginning of a New Era, Kirby writes:

Space travel is undoubtedly the key to our future. Scientific literacy is embarrassingly low among many first world nations, and mankind needs a scientific revolution to get the public interested once again. I believe that event will be when we first walk on Mars. Yet, imagine if one of the scientists on

that first Mars mission digs into the Martian soil and discovers microbial life. This discovery would usher forth a scientific gold rush to Mars, and begin a technological boom the likes of which has never been seen. This is why I am pursuing a PhD in astrobiology; so I may be that scientist. I want to be the one to capture the minds of a generation, and inspire all who come after me to pursue scientific excellence. To me, space goes beyond mere interest. It is a way of life. Winning this contest would be an invaluable asset in acquiring research grants so that I may do more scientific research. With your support, I will be one small step closer to accomplishing my dream.

The contest ends April 5. To support Kirby in his Race for Space, vote at http://metroinspace.com/ca/galleries/top_entries



Tire vandalism

A tire of a vehicle parked on Spruce Boulevard was punctured several times between the evening of March 23 and March 25. Damage was \$100.

False alarm

A candle burning in the hallway of a Wynford Drive residence set off a monitored fire alarm

on Sunday just before noon. Acton firefighters checked the house and found no problems.

Oops

A child accidentally hit a pull station at Acton arena just after 8 p.m. last Wednesday. Firefighters reset the alarm.

BBQ fire

A barbeque fire at a residence on Highway 7, west of the Fourth Line, had been extinguished by the homeowner, who had also shut off the controls, before Acton firefighters arrived on scene at 4:24

last Tuesday afternoon. Firefighters turned off the tank.

Fence fire

When Acton firefighters responded to a burn complaint in the Fifth Line/17 Side Road area last Tuesday at 8:11 p.m., they found a small grass fire burning at the bottom of a fence line, which they quickly extinguished. The fire was on a Hydro One service road and appeared to have started by the road and spread through the grass to the fence bottoms.