

The gift that keeps on giving life



DUTIFUL DONORS: Fifty-seven units of blood were collected at Monday's Canadian Blood Services clinic in Acton. Paul Trevisan (left) and Lynn Lafrance are both 25-time donators, and Cees Braanse has donated 75 times. Also at the clinic, officials brought a plaque for Acton clinic volunteer Joan Ford for her 55 years of service. – Submitted photo

Town Digest

On financial track?

Regional/Ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal asked "should I be alarmed?" during recent Council budget briefings, noting Town reserve funds are half of what they were

a year ago – \$37-million down to approximately \$15-million. She looked for "reassurance" that the Town is on the right financial track from Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, Ed DeSousa. He

explained that one of the biggest reserve commitments is \$5.9-million for the new arena program.

Fogal was not totally satisfied. "There were a lot of other funds that were down...and in general, we're trying to bring them up," Fogal said. That will happen over the "next couple of years,"

DeSousa replied.

Barber Mill update

In order to preserve the cultural heritage of the Barber Mill ruins – possibly for adaptive reuse – the Town will enforce the Property Standards Bylaw to make the site safe and secure, mitigate more deterioration, selectively demolish parts of buildings unsuitable for use, and salvage materials for future potential use.

The Barber Paper Mill, a 19th century industrial complex on the Credit River, was designated by Council in 2008 under the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value of interest. Initially, the owner applied for permission to build a 14-storey apartment building and commercial uses. In 2010, the plan was revised to include a four-storey hotel and adaptive reuse for commercial uses. Early in 2011, the owner told the Town that the existing buildings had deteriorated to the point that rehabilitation was no longer feasible, and proposed to demolish the existing buildings and re-

construct equivalent space in the same form – action not allowed under existing legislation.

Regional/Ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal asked if the report would give the Town some "leverage" to make something happen on the site. Staff said the Mill's owner acknowledges the status quo is not acceptable, and Council's approval of the staff report gives them some direction for short-term measures.

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson welcomed the report, noting that Heritage Halton Hills has concerns about "demolition by neglect" at the site. She noted the Barber Mill is the only site they have designated under the Ontario Heritage Act without the request by the owner, because it is important to the history of the town.

Town branding

The Town's consultant's work to brand Halton Hills – to involve the community is defining a sense of place and purpose, and to create an integrated, Town-wide brand to support cultural tourism, economic development and residen-

tial growth - is designed to link and integrate the Town's many communities and foster strong community spirit.

Consultant Susan McGibbon of Chemistry Branding told councillors recently that branding can mean many things to different people, and the goal is also to preserve the "small town feel" of Halton Hills from "suburbanization."

Library annual report

With a 50 per cent increase in circulation at the Acton branch, construction of the new \$14-million Georgetown library/cultural centre, and expanded services and programs for all ages, it has been a very busy and "exciting" year for the Halton Hills public library.

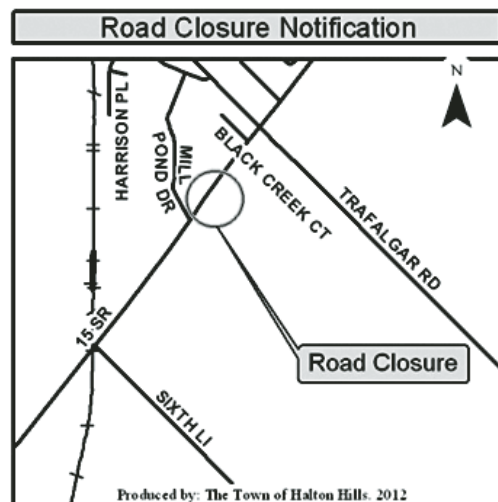
Frank Loreto, vice-chair of the library board presented the 2011 annual report to Council recently, detailing a year of growth, including the relaunch of the library website. Loreto said they are proud that the new Acton branch has been certified LEED Gold for its energy conservation measures.

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Monday, September 17, 2012 – Friday, September 21, 2012
15 Side Road between Mill Pond Drive and Trafalgar Road

The Town of Halton Hills Infrastructure Services Department is advising of the Temporary Road Closure on 15 Side Road between Mill Pond Drive and Trafalgar Road (Regional Road 3). A temporary detour route for local traffic will be in effect during the closure (see map below). This closure will take place from September 17, 2012 until September 21, 2012.



The purpose of this closure is to undertake repairs and maintenance to the existing bridge.

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Do you know someone who deserves recognition? Nominations are now being accepted for the Town's Awards Program!



Town of Halton Hills Municipal Awards

Municipal Awards provide an opportunity for the Town to recognize individuals, teams, and groups that have brought honour to the community based on their achievements. Municipal Awards are presented for accomplishments in education, arts, culture, sport, recreational pursuits and other special achievements at award ceremonies held throughout the year.

To nominate someone you know, complete a nomination form and submit it to Town of Halton Hills Recreation & Parks. Every effort will be made to recognize recipients as close to the achievement date as possible, however, the volume of recipients may require awards to be presented at a later event. Forms available online.

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