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Comrades,

Have you noticed in the last week so many leaves have turned colour and fallen to the ground? It is getting cooler during the day and more so in the evening. Even the days are getting shorter. We just have to hope for a bit of Indian summer.

Last Sunday, we had an initiation and installed 17 new members to the Branch. Everyone extended a warm welcome. Thank you to Joyce for getting the food and preparing it as well with Mike and Sharon. Our winter mixed darts are starting up on Tuesday, October 9, sign up 7:15 p.m. Start

playing 7:30 p.m., sharp. The format is a blind draw and you have a different partner every week. The cost is \$2 per week and you don't have to attend every week. This is a night for those who like to have

Remember your membership dues can be paid now, and if you pay before November you will be an early bird. All you have to do is to see the bartender and he will accept your dues. If you have any questions you can see the membership chair, Kati Nuttall. Also if you have changed your address or phone number, please let the bartender know.



Halton Hills property tax bills will be delivered via Canada post's Epost system beginning in January – a move that will give customers another option, at minimal cost, when interacting with the

Canada Post was the first to develop electronic mailing in 1999, making it easier for municipalities to convert their physical mail to digital mail, giving ratepayers another method to receive their bills. Several years ago when Town staff looked into implementing Epost to deliver tax notices they determined it would be too costly, but now the cost has been reduced significantly. Staff reported that with an estimated five per cent enrolment - approximately 1,000 customers – it would break even on the on-going costs.

A report to council said Epost provides ratepayers with another option to receive their bills, gives

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instant notification that their tax bill is in their electronic mailbox, and allows bills to be saved for up to seven years in electronic format. It is also environmentally friendly, requiring less ink and paper, and Canada Post will provide project and solution managers, and waive its one-time \$5,000 implementation fee. There is no cost to taxpayers to enrol in Epost.

Currently 11 municipalities offer Epost tax bill delivery. The Town's current property tax system requires a \$5,600 modification to handle Epost bills. The Town will save money for postage, special paper stock and staff time for printing, folding and inserting tax bills.

Since implementation and notification of the new service will occur in January, staff is not expecting enrolment of taxpayers for the interim bill which is printed and mailed the last week of January.

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BRANCH INITIATION: Branch 197 of the Royal Canadian Legion initiated 17 new members on Sunday. The executive includes: Bob Service, John Wagg, Kati Nuttall, Bob Merrikin, Pat Graham, Peggy Graham, and Past President Wes Kutasienski. The new members include; Geoffrey Gibson, Father Robert Joseph Hetu, Marcus Sanderson, Cindy Andrews, Christina Koen, Penny Patchett, Amanda Rowsell, Michelle Hillier, Debbie Porter, Scott Craig, John Davidson, Walter Jones, Bobbi-Jean Rutherford, Michelle Cleave, Shari Hurrell, Jennifer Potipco and David Keith Tate. – Sharon Graham photo



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