

Imagine Halton Hills details the hopes and dreams of the future

The result of thousands of hours of volunteer time and talent was unveiled last Thursday at the launch of the final draft of the Town's Imagine Halton Hills Sustainability strategy – a 50-year vision or blue print for the future of the town.

As detailed by Mayor Rick Bonnette in his welcoming to the 125 people who attended the launch in Georgetown, the plan is designed to lead to the rural and urban communities of Halton Hills in 2060 that will “balance economic prosperity with a deep commitment to the natural environment, while retaining viable local agricultural and small-town feel, (while being) socially equitable, culturally vibrant and strongly connected.”

With four pillars, 32 themes and 161 goals, the community-developed plan will help the Town set priorities and guide completion of key plans, policies, studies and other initiatives, including the economic Development Strategy, Cultural Master Plan, Community Energy

Plan and the Community Branding project.

Bob Knox, chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, said their fundamental challenge was how to preserve the sense of a small, connected, caring, and culturally dynamic

community, located in a cherished beautiful natural environment, in the face of relentless pressure from development that comes from being on the edge of a large metropolitan area. “We took to heart the notion that here in Halton

Hills, we are the custodians of something special, and that future generations will be grateful to us for having a long-term vision of a highly liveable and sustainable community,” Knox said, adding they believe they’ve captured the

“essence” of what the community values.

Damian Szybalski, the Town's Sustainability Coordinator, said the next step is to determine how to implement the goals and themes, including using 26 “big picture” indicators

to help measure the status of the initiatives. He said staff would now develop a practical and affordable implementation report for Council. “We’re going to develop a corporate sustainability action plan – so that’s going to take all of those 161 goals and we’re going to go over them and see what can the Town do to implement the strategy,” Szybalski said, adding they will also seek community partners to help make it happen.

Following the launch, Mayor Bonnette, who earlier called the strategy one of the most important issues of this term of council, said the plan is not written in stone, but will make it easier for future councils to maintain a sustainable committee. “The one concern, obviously, it is a wish list and there may be people anticipating things coming up quicker – we’ve got 50 years (to implement it) and it’s not going to be done right away,” Bonnette said, adding the exercise was a true partnership between the community and the Town.



SUSTAINABLE PARTNERS: Bob Knox (right) Chair of the Town Sustainability Advisory Committee presented Mayor Rick Bonnette with a certificate praising his dedication and passion for Imagine Halton Hills at the launch of the draft sustainability strategy last Thursday in Georgetown – Frances Learment photo



Christmas Memorial Dove Tree

Once again, you, your family and friends are invited to take a complimentary dove from our Memorial Dove Tree in memory of each of your loved ones who have died.

The Dove Tree will be in the funeral home until December 24th at 5p.m.

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LATE DEATH



WITHERS: Irene (née Mellor) Passed away at Eden House on Tuesday, Nov-

ember 27th, 2012 in her 94th year. Irene was the beloved wife of the late William and the loving mother of Heather and her late husband Larry Porte, Gayle, Jane and her late husband Jim French, and Mark. She will be missed by her seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She is survived by her sister Madeleine Lee and was predeceased by

her sisters: Dorothy Papillon, Jean Aldworth, Violet Henderson and her brothers: Jack and Fred Mellor. The family will receive friends at the MacKinnon Family Funeral Home, 55 Mill Street East, Acton on Friday, November 30th from 7 to 9 p.m. Friends are invited to meet the family at St. Alban-the-Martyr Anglican Church, 19 St. Alban's Drive, Acton on Saturday at 11.30 a.m. where the funeral service will be celebrated by the Rev. Brian Galligan Remembrances to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences may be made at www.mackinnonfamilyfuneralhome.com

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