



WHIPLADY: Wearing her Canada's dominatrix costume – compete with small whip – Terri-Jean Bedford and Osgoode Law Professor Alan Young (right) discussed their Supreme Court challenge of Canada's prostitution laws at the Absolutely Acton Speakers' Series on Sunday at the Acton Town Hall Centre. They were introduced by lawyer James Lockyer who appeared earlier in the Series. – Ted Tyler photo

'Good week' in Ottawa for local municipalities

Canadian municipal politicians looking for secure, predictable funding for core infrastructure needs liked what they heard at meetings with Federal officials last week.

"It's been a good week in Ottawa. We've got a positive response from Parliamentarians to our proposal for a 20-year federal infrastructure plan," said Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville, Halton's rep on the Canadian Federation of Municipalities board.

"My colleagues at FCM and I are looking forward to working with Minister Lebel and the federal government to finish the job of developing a long-term plan that meets our infrastructure needs," Somerville said, adding FCM's plan was "tremendously received and understood" by Federal officials.

FCM said secure, predic-

able funding is essential and wants an increase in annual dedicated municipal infrastructure funding to \$5.7-billion, from \$3.25-billion, bringing it in line, as a percentage of GDP. The Federal government promised to partner with municipalities, provinces and territories, to develop a long-term plan infrastructure funding plan.

Halton Chair Gary Carr said advocating to the various levels of government for Halton's needs are an important role of Council. "We have recently been successful in obtaining funding for 65 affordable housing units in Burlington's Aldershot Village Residence, and 80 units in Milton's Martin House Seniors Residence. By keeping Halton's issues top of mind with the other elected officials, we are ensuring that Halton residents benefit," Chair Carr said.

Be patient with the plows

Patience is what Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette asks from residents as the prospect of real snow increases with the cold weather.

In a press release on Tuesday Bonnette pledged "staff will do their very best to ensure that the roads are maintained for our safety. Everyone is asked to be pa-

tient as it may take some time for the plows to get to all of our local streets."

The Town's fleet of storm-clearing equipment is ready to clear over 900-km of roads, 125-km sidewalks, and 25 municipal parking lots. Crews hit the Regional roads first, then arterials, collectors and local roads, and heavy snow-

falls or successive storms could delay storm cleanup.

Sidewalk snow clearing begins within 12 hours of a snow event and is completed within 48 hours. Residents are asked to clear the snow from fire hydrants on their property, and to not shovel snow back onto the road.

The winter control pro-

gram includes a Town-wide parking ban on all streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. until April 15.

For more information call Public Works at 905-873-2601 ext. 2603. For after-hours inquiries, including winter control, call 905-873-2600, press two and follow the prompts.

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