

Town searches for Community Energy Plan consultant

The Town will spend no more than \$140,000 for a consultant to find practical ways to lower operating costs and greenhouse emissions, while raising Green Energy awareness and complying with regulations.

Last Monday, Council approved the terms of reference for the Mayor's Community Energy Plan, and issued a request for proposal from consultants to develop a required Energy Conservation and Demand Plan. Staff said the plan will deliver practical actions which will translate into measurable financial benefits, efficiencies, reduced operating costs, lower greenhouse emissions, community awareness and corporate leadership.

Along with fulfilling requirements of the Provincial Green Energy Act, Sustain-

ability Coordinator Damian Szybalski said the Town is committed to the Canadian Federation of Municipality's Partners of Climate Protection program, which will "blend the Town's internal corporate energy objective with those of the broader community."

The Plan would focus on a limited number of specific projects, initiatives and legislative/policy changes, with the greatest benefit from energy savings, greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy generation and community awareness.

Mayor Rick Bonnette wants to take advantage of any provincial programs and Szybalski identified two tools that are available, one a template for energy summaries. Szybalski said the terms of reference deal with mandated requirements in the

province's Clean Energy Act, including an energy audit on each Town facility by July 2013.

The following year, the Town will be required to file a five-year energy conservation and demand management plan, not only for the Town but also for the residential and business energy users.

Georgetown Councillor Ann Lawlor appreciates that Halton Hills Energy Corporation, a subsidiary of Halton Hills Hydro, which is owned by the Town, is "carrying the can" for the \$140,000 consultant. "I must say I was a bit taken aback when I saw the price tag because in some ways here we're spending a whole lot of money saving things when some might argue we should just get on and do it," Lawlor said, adding they need the benchmark data.

was great. The music was perfect with lots of people dancing the night away.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted Zone darts last Saturday and Acton won; second was Port Credit; third was Georgetown B and fourth was Georgetown C. Good luck ladies in advancing to District darts in Welland.

The signup sheet is now full for the horseshoes for this coming Sunday. To all of the players do not forget it is pot luck so bring your favourite dish for everyone to taste. Let's just hope that there will be at least a bit of snow for the horseshoes as it is going to rain this coming week. If you have nothing planned come out and cheer them on. It will be a great day of fun.

Our Winter Fun Fest for the family is February 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be more information to follow. We just have to hope for some snow for the kids.

This is always a great day filled with fun and games for all of the family. I will keep you posted on all of the events.

Our Zone Winter Social will be held this year at Branch 136 Milton on February 24. The theme is Mardi Gras so get out your mask and costume. The masks will be judged. Think of something that might be fun for your mask as you might win a prize. The fun starts at 1 and will go to 7 p.m. Do not forget there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: There were lots of best wishes at the Acton Seniors Centre birthday tea last Tuesday for Elizabeth Dunn, Eyvonne Van der Heyden, Madge Turner, Connie Crawford, Betty Green, Joyce Erskine, Jane McAllister, Helen Hore, Sue Robbins, Pat Jones, Joan Maloney, Peggy Naughton, Gerrit Kroezen, Bonnie Dunn, Yvonne McQuade, Keith Smith, Harry Van der Heyden, Dermot Richardson, Russell Davis, Julie Conroy, Dave McLean, and Fran Morris. – Julie Conroy photo

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By Julie Conroy

Watch for the latest copy of *Hillview* at the front desk. Pick it up and keep it for future reference of the various activities and programs occurring over the next three months.

The Birthday Tea was well attended – 23 members and their guests enjoyed birthday cake and coffee. We were very lucky to have *Sydney and Rachel Durham* entertain us. They performed at the pre-game and half time show at the Rogers Centre in Toronto during the Buffalo Bill's game in December, and delighted us when they performed their two routines once again in full costume. They are the talented daughters of Michelle Durham (our Administrative Assistant) and her husband Bill.

On Tuesday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m., John Walker and Terry Mayes (Oakville Hospital) will be here talking about *Connect Care Medical Alert*. This service is designed for people who want to be safe in a medical emergency. It enables them to

be independent and stay at home longer, with less worry for their families.

The lunch on Friday, February 8 will be catered, offering sliders (delicious mini cheese burgers) and sweet potato fries, plus of course, dessert. Don't forget Bingo starts at 1 p.m., now.

On Tuesday, February 5 at 9 a.m., Matthew and Jessie Caldwell will hold a beginners class on how to use the internet. They will show you how to open a browser, use a search engine and find a particular website. A basic run down on emails will also be included. The last class will be held on the following Tuesday, and will teach participants how to create their own secure personalized e-mail address, explore the e-mail experience in depth, create files within ones email account and finally how to mark emails or senders as spam or unwanted e-mails. This has been an excellent course, and everyone has benefited from attending.

Please try to attend the important meeting on Wednesday, February 6

at 3 p.m. This meeting is to give information on the buy/lease/partnership initiative for our future Centre.

There are still some members that have not renewed their membership for 2013. Don't forget if you haven't renewed, your name has been pulled from the 50/50 drum.

On Tuesday, February 12 at 1 p.m., the movie will be *Trouble with the Curve*. Michelle says this is another amazing performance by Clint Eastwood.

To celebrate Valentine's Day (Thursday, February 14) Real has arranged for our enjoyment Swiss Chalet's famous quarter-chicken, served with a baked potato, followed by a surprise dessert. To help you shake down that meal, Betty and Ron, the couple better known as *Juke Box* will be providing the entertainment. I know there will be something for everyone to enjoy whether listening or dancing, as they play a great selection of music. Invite your partner, friend, or just come by yourself as everyone is welcome.

Don't forget our Bingo evening on Friday, February 8 at 7 p.m., in the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome, so come out and enjoy the fun, and who knows it might be your lucky evening.

LEGION NEWS
BRANCH No. 197
By Sharon Graham P.R.O.

Comrades,

This week looks so much better than last week with all of the cold. The temperature sure dropped. It was not fit for anyone to go outside for very long. Our snow will be all gone with the rain that is forecast. This coming weekend is Ground Hog Day. Let's hope that the ground hog does not see his shadow. This will mean that we will not have six more weeks of winter. I am sure most of us can live with that.

Last Friday evening's entertainment with Ronnie and the Corvairs

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