



“Have you taken advantage of the advanced polls to vote in the federal election?”



Pat Kirland: “No, I’m going to vote on the regular day.”



Shannon Furzer: No, because I will be voting on Monday. There was no need for me to do it. I’m a stay at home mom, so I can vote on Monday.



Lorraine Johnson: “No, I haven’t. But my beautiful eighteen-year-old granddaughter voted for the first time. On the 19th, I have a group of girls that I take and I will be voting then.”



Jo Heyden: “No. No time. I’m waiting until the 19th.”

Mayor calls for enhanced federal funding

Mayor Rick Bonnette has thrown his support behind a call by his fellow municipal leaders to all federal party leaders to commit to a new long-term funding approach to address the chronic shortfall in infrastructure funding.

A joint letter from all Greater Toronto and Hamilton Mayors and Regional Chairs, which was also signed by Mayor Bonnette, is being sent to the leaders of the main federal parties, and it reads: “Our municipal governments need a federal government that is a strong and reliable partner. We need long-term, sustainable, predictable and reliable federal funding which flows year in and year out and will allow us to eliminate our infrastructure deficit within a generation.”

The letter, which is endorsed by elected municipal officials representing

some six million people in this region, also contains an expression of profound concern the municipal leaders have over the current infrastructure deficit in the region and the need for a new fiscal partnership with the federal government to help eliminate the deficit.

“The current funding system which is project/application based, simply does not do an adequate job of funding infrastructure projects,” said Mayor Bonnette. “We need a system that will provide funding assistance on an ongoing and reliable manner, so that we can make the investments required to keep our economy moving forward.”

The municipal officials cite the current federal election as an appropriate time to get a new level of commitment for local infrastructure investments

from the federal leaders. “With a federal election approaching, we feel it’s appropriate and necessary to put our collective position on this matter forward and seek a clear, unequivocal commitment from yourself and your party.”

The letter was agreed to during a joint meeting co-chaired by Toronto Mayor John Tory and Region of Durham Chair Roger Anderson. Mayors from all 30 communities in the GTHA attended the October 6 meeting and endorsed the letter.

In addition to calling for a revamped funding model for infrastructure, the leaders made a joint call for increased federal funding for social housing. “Additionally, lack of adequate federal funding for social housing represents not only a compelling social concern, but an economic one as well.”

Halton Hills Fire Department part-time Firefighter recruitment drive

Do you believe you can answer your community’s call for help?

Be part of a group of dedicated individuals working to protect and save lives of people in their community.

As a part-time fire fighter with the Halton Hills Fire Department you will face new and challenging situations unlike any other job. You will fight fires, perform rescues, administer first aid, deal with hazardous materials, protect property and possibly be instrumental in saving lives.

Due to the expanding growth of our community and fire department attrition, the need for additional part-time personnel has become necessary. This additional staff will complement the current staffing at the Head Quarters Station and the Maple Avenue Station in Georgetown and the Churchill Road Station in Acton.

Deputy Chief John Martin says: “We are hiring probationary fire fighters to complement our current part-time staff”. Martin continued to say: “We are looking for staff members that live in the immediate area where the stations are located.” To be eligible for consideration as a part-time fire fighter you must live within 5km of the station to which you are assigned.

Staff living within 3km of the station will be given preferential consideration. Applicants available during daytime hours will also receive greater consideration.

Assistant Deputy Chief Bruce Morrison says: “The recruitment drive will run during the month of October and into early November. The closing date for applications is Thursday, November 5 at 4 p.m. Applicant evaluations will be conducted through November and December 2015, and January 2016. The anticipated start date for the group would be February, 2016.”

Applications may be found online at www.haltonhills.ca/jobs/ or may be picked up at the fire department kiosk located at the Winners entrance of the Georgetown Marketplace Mall. Applications can also be picked up at either the Halton Hills Fire Department, District 1 fire station located at 21 Churchill Road South in Acton, or at the Halton Hills Fire Department Headquarters station located at 14007 10 Side Road in Georgetown. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at either the Georgetown Head Quarters Fire Station or the Acton Fire Station.

Darcy and Tracey Brake are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter **JESSECA BRAKE TO JAYSON RONGE** son of Brad Wettlaufer and Laurie MacDougall.

Wedding to take place on October 1, 2016

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LEGION NEWS

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Mixed Darts every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and have some fun.

On November 29, your Bar Supervisor will be having a Smart Serve course starting at 12 noon sharp. You must be a paid up member in good standings. If you are interested in the course, please leave your name at the bar and a phone number.

Remember, we are always looking for volunteers for our meat draw on Saturdays. Signup sheet is on board. You can pay your 2016 membership dues now and become an early bird before November 30 2015.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the laying of a personal wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony is asked to leave your name and phone number with the Legion Bar Steward at 519-853-0910.