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## SKATE FOR REFUGEES

Mayor Rick Bonnette will host a Free Skate to help raise funds for refugees programs here

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## TEEN MOVING INTO ELITE CIRCLES

Sledge hockey player Jacob Calvert is looking for a spot on Canada's national team.

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## SNAGGED DURING A SNOWSTORM:

Halton Police reported during Tuesday's snowstorm there were four collisions in Halton Hills, including one resulting in the closure of River Dr. at Maple Ave. in Georgetown for several hours. A tractor-trailer had jackknifed on the hill and it took several hours to dislodge the tractor trailer from the guard rail. Police reported that it was lucky for the driver the concrete barrier was there. Resident Bob McMillan, who watched the events from his nearby home, said this underscores the dangers of having very large trucks driving through this mostly residential neighborhood. His comments were echoed by many on *The Independent & Free Press* Facebook site.

Halton Police photo

## Development plans around Civic Centre area moving forward

By Melanie Hennessey  
Special to The IFP

A plan that could result in almost 400 medium to high-density housing units being built on lands around the Halton Hills Civic Centre is in the home stretch.

The Civic Centre Area Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), which indicates that 360 to 390 units in a mix of structures like townhomes and apartments could fit on property near the Maple Ave./Trafalgar Rd. intersection, is expected to go before council for approval in April.

A public open house is also being

planned for next month (date to be determined).

The plan has been in the works since 2013 and applies to the lands bounded by Maple Ave., Princess Anne Dr. and the CN railway. It's designed to help the Town meet its intensification objectives, which says there should be a total of 520 new residential units in the broader Civic Centre District that encompasses lands both east and west of the CN railway by 2031.

The property west of the tracks will be the subject of a future CDP.

To meet the intensification target, the CDP suggests a mix of

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## \$250,000 fire damage to Acton area home

Damage is estimated at \$250,000 following a fire in a rural residence near Acton Friday afternoon.

Halton Hills Fire Department (HHFD) crews responded to a call of a fire on Fourth Line just north of Hwy. 7 at about 1 p.m. and upon arrival saw heavy smoke coming out of a front window.

HHFD assistant deputy chief Bruce Morrison said firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze, which had spread from its believed origin near a woodstove in the basement to the main floor and attic.

No one was injured, although the family pet, a small dog, was found

deceased by the homeowner later that evening. Members of the HHFD had searched extensively for the animal while on scene but couldn't find it.

Morrison said the fire was difficult to battle initially as the home was under renovation and the smoke caused zero visibility until venting took place.

The residents of the house were forced to find alternate living arrangements due to the amount of damage.

Additional tankers from Georgetown had to be called in for support due to the rural location of the home.

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