

# Council votes to ban door-to-door solicitors

By: Dawn Brown

Halton Hills Town Council voted through a resolution to ban the door-to-door sales of energy products—including furnaces, air conditioners, water treatment devices and water heaters—at the council meeting on

Monday, May 30. The resolution is in support of the Private Member's bill and also appeals to the Provincial Government to adopt said bill as a law in Ontario.

Citing aggressive, unsolicited and misleading sales tactics experienced by residents across the

province as a key factor for the motion, it also notes that often vulnerable individuals are targeted as a result of these unscrupulous sales tactics.

"Anyone who has ever been pestered by these people, it's incredibly annoying, incredibly deceiving. If you almost

play along with them for a moment, it's just down right misrepresentation and lies," said Regional Councillor, Clark Somerville. "They really need to do something and to stop it. We have had the issue before with the energy retailers. Thankfully, they've disappeared, but

unfortunately there's a new crop of weasels that have popped up."

Mayor Rick Bonnette had his own troubling experience with these door-to-door sales people when a few years earlier he learned of an individual presenting the Mayor's business card and claiming that Bonnette had endorsed the product the

salesmen was peddling. "There is no depth that they won't go down to try to make a sale," said Bonnette. "It was very disturbing for me."

Bonnette also noted that residents should remember that their utility companies would never ask to see an individual's bill as they would already have access to it.

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# Acton's Red Harp hosts 'Celebrity Night' MS fundraiser

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The Red Harp Pub raised over \$2000 for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society—Halton Chapter at their first Celebrity Night Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 24.

"My husband has MS," explained pub owner Sam Shein about why she opted to raise money for MS. "It's pretty near to my heart."

Shein, who had wanted to host a fundraiser, thought a celebrity night would be a fun idea to bring people together while raising money for a great cause.

Customers who purchased tickets for the event enjoyed an appetizer, entrée and dessert as well as a night of live entertainment from 'Almost Cool', Woody, and Monty Greig while being waited on by local politicians and prominent residents. There were also raffles for prizes and a 50/50 draw.

Mayor Rick Bonnette was serving, Miss Acton was hosting. Brian Randall, the manager of Sobeys was serving and Bob MacKinnon, formerly of MacKinnon Family Funeral Home did the bar tending.

Also taking part was Councillor Jon Hurst, Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, Carol Lawson, Matt Bunt, Braeden Halls and Leigh Whiting. All of Shein's celebrities volunteered to take part, some even contacting her and asking to donate their time and talents for the evening.

Almost 70 tickets were sold, and the evening raised a total of \$2,128. All proceeds went to the MS Society and stayed in the Halton area. Shein also hopes to do it all again next year.

"Acton has such a great community spirit" Shein said. "It's my favorite part about it, my favourite part of Acton."



**FUN FUNDRAISER:** Melissa Toth Rooney watched as Mayor Rick Bonnette served Ryan and Kim Williams as part of The Red Harp's Celebrity Night fundraiser. - Dawn Brown photo

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