

Pubtalk highlights Canada's Inuit needs

The Red Harp in Acton was recently the setting for an occasional speakers series, Pubtalk, sponsored by the local liberal riding association.

The evening's guest speaker was Tauni

Sheldon, Inuit Ambassador for the Halton Hills Inuit Outreach Project. Tauni spoke about social justice, advocacy and the need to offset the high cost of living in remote regions of Canada, like the far North. The project provides two airplane shipments a year to the Arctic with gently used clothing and much-needed food provisions. Attendees were surprised to learn that a bag of milk in Canada's Arctic is \$17, one can of pop \$4.50 and a mangled head of lettuce \$11. Baby formula and diapers are in very short supply as are frozen and canned fruits and vegetables.

Halton Hills Outreach Project members, who meet regularly at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval, believe that the more Canadians engage in dialogue about indigenous peoples, the better we will all understand one another and the issues

facing First Nations, Metis and Inuit.

Tauni, of full Inuit descent, told the crowd, I have a foot in both worlds - both the North and the South.

Raised and educated in Halton Hills, she worked five years as a pilot for Air Inuit based in Nunavik, then went on to a career in the federal prison system counselling incarcerated indigenous people.

I've seen it all, she said, And I can tell you that we are all more hopeful now that the federal Liberal government seems to be paying attention to issues surrounding indigenous peoples.

An engaged audience asked many questions of Ms. Sheldon, and learned that volunteer help and donations of clothing, food or funds are welcome. Contact the Halton Hills Inuit Outreach Project by email: hhinuitoutreach@gmail.com.

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Wellington-Halton Hills Federal Liberal Association President Matthew Cunningham thanks Tauni Sheldon along with her son Albie for sharing insights about life in Canada's far North.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Council for the Town of Halton Hills will be considering the passage of a by-law to stop up and close the following lands at its meeting to be held on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown:

Alley shown on Plan 75,
 between Alice Street and Bower Street, Acton

Inquiries regarding the proposed sale should be directed to Romaine Scott, Planning & Infrastructure at (905) 873-2601 x 2344.

Council shall hear any person who claims to be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Division at (905) 873-2601 x 2333 by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2016.

