

# COMMENT

*The way we were*



Since 1846, the Georgetown Fall Fair's mandate has been to educate, entertain and celebrate our rich agricultural history. That tradition continues with the 170th edition this year. In this photo taken during the 1920s, this truck belonging to Georgetown Creamery, and decorated for the Fall Fair by driver Jimmy Woods, took home first prize.

Photo courtesy of Equestrian Historical Society/Text courtesy of Heritage Halton Hills



*From our readers*

## BACKYARD BEAUTIES

Eric Doubt of Georgetown sent in this photo of sunflowers that grew from seeds from last year's crop. The tallest is 11 feet, seven inches.

Have a photo to share?  
Email [cvernon@metroland.com](mailto:cvernon@metroland.com)  
with details.

## Halton Hills takes issues to cabinet ministers

Last month, Halton Regional Councillors along with our Halton Hills delegation (Councillor Somerville, Inglis, Kentner and Albano) went to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference (AMO). We had several meetings booked with Ontario cabinet ministers and we brought our long shopping list of local community needs to these meetings.

Minister DelDuca gave an update to the mayors (including yours truly) who are involved with the Kitchener GO Line. He gave us an update regarding the two-way all day GO Service. Mayors at the table are pushing for this extended service.

While in another meeting with Minister DelDuca, I raised the concern in regards to the transportation challenges that are arising for the numerous stakeholders and jurisdictions in the area of Steeles Avenue, Trafalgar Road and Highway 401. I asked the minister to participate in a joint task force which would include all jurisdictions being affected in this area to be included. I had also questioned the minister on the GTA West Corridor and he said a decision was coming in the fall.

We met with Attorney General Minister Naqvi and Minister Flynn regarding the progress of the replacement of the Milton Courthouse and we were told that work is progressing with this issue.

Other ministers we met with include: Minister of Education, Mitzie Hunter and Han Dong MPP and Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills

regarding our China file as well as other educational opportunities.

The Minister of Energy assured us there would be no forced amalgamation of local utilities.

Our councillors also attended many municipal-related education sessions throughout the conference.

I and MPP Ted Arnott met with PC leader Patrick Brown to discuss other local issues. So as you can see, it was a full two days in Windsor to deliver our shopping list.



**RICK BONNETTE**

... Congratulations to the Halton Hills Lifeguard Club in taking third at provincials.

... There's a lot happening in Halton Hills this month. Here are just few:

- Children's Garden in Norval Park: Sept. 10 at 2 p.m.;
- Georgetown Fall Fair: Sept. 9-11;
- Acton Fall Fair: Sept. 16-18;
- Craft Beer Festival: Sept. 17 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trafalgar Sports Park; (Proceeds go to local charities, this year it's Food4Kids);
- Terry Fox Run: Sept. 20 - Acton High School Track and the Gellert Centre;
- Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital: Gellert Sept. 25, 9 a.m.

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