



SITE PREPARATION: On Friday, crews continued to clear the future Acton home of a No Frills food store on Queen Street. Shoppers could be in the aisles by October. - Marie Shadbolt photo

TOWN DIGEST

STORM WASTE CLEANUP

A special bulk brush collection program begins on Monday, March 31 to run until May 30. Staff told Halton Planning and Public Works committee members last week that an additional \$800,000 is required.

With a substantial amount of storm debris still covered by snow and ice, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said he was pleased to see that seven additional waste collection vehicles are available to collect bulk brush. In response to questions from Bonnette about the deployment of seven additional collection trucks, staff said the extra trucks would follow yard waste program in the urban areas and pick up bulk brush on the scheduled day.

Halton's regular scheduled yard waste collections services begin March 31 allowing residents to bundle, tie and place yard waste material in compostable paper bags and reusable containers for collection on their schedule day. In addition, the special brush collection program will allow residents to put out oversized brush - no more than six-feet long and three inches in diameter in piles or no than 10-feet long and four-feet high.

Brush cleanup in Halton following the December ice storm could top \$2-million - some of which may be covered from the federal and provincial governments, but staff said they have not heard any specifics beyond the \$190-million

promised by the province to Ontario municipalities affected by the storm.

Because brush material larger than three inches in diameter could damage standard collection vehicles, residents with larger material can drop it at the Halton's Waste Management Site, at no cost, until May 31.

RAILWAY SAFETY

A Region-wide review of all at-grade railway crossings located within Regional road right-of-ways will be conducted to ensure they meet all road and federal railway crossing requirements.

Last Wednesday, resident Denise Davy appeared before Halton's Planning and Public Works committee to ask for increased safety measures and railway hazard awareness with respect to trespassing along active rail lines.

Davy lost her son in a rail accident in 1998, and appealed for help, first to Burlington Council, after there were six fatalities along a rail in a six month period. She said with 113 pedestrian/train fatalities in Canada annually, Halton "may well have one of the highest" fatality rates with 18 between 1996 and 2011.

Davy believes some rail suicides could be avoided if there was better safety with fencing, lighting and signage. She said although the spotlight has been on derailments and the movement of dangerous goods by rail, the spotlight needs to be on pedestrian/rail accidents, what she called Canada's "hidden rail crisis."

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Town of Halton Hills Public Information Open House

Acton Arena & Community Centre Campus Projects:

- Acton Arena & Community Centre Expansion
- Acton Seniors Centre Renovation
- 3 Musketeers Skate Park Reconstruction

Date: April 2, 2014

Times: 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Location: Acton Arena & Community Centre, Community Hall, 415 Queen St. E, Acton ON.

For more information please contact John Archibald, Facility Capital Projects Supervisor, at 905-873-2601 ext. 2403 or JohnA@haltonhills.ca.



Temporary closure of Acton Seniors Centre

During the renovation, the Acton Seniors Centre's temporary location starting April 2 will be the Prospect Park Boathouse (30 Park Avenue, Acton). Recreation & Parks fitness programs will be held at St. Alban's Church (19 St. Alban's Drive).

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