



MAPLE MADNESS: The maple syrup flowed freely at the annual Sweet Taste of Spring breakfast/brunch at Limehouse Memorial Hall on Saturday. The maple-themed feast was enjoyed by Clair Geczi (left), Anne Wadge and Kathy Geczi, all of Mississauga. - Ted Tyler photo

Halton releases third Citizens' Report

Halton Region has released the Citizens' Report 2013 which highlights accomplishments related to key actions and initiatives in the Citizens' Priorities Action Plan.

"Our Citizen's Report 2013 provides a progress report on how we are effectively meeting residents' needs," said Regional Chair Gary Carr in a press release. "I am very proud of what we have accomplished. Halton residents rate the overall quality of life in Halton very high at 99 per cent and our surveys show that 97 per cent of Halton residents are satisfied with Halton Region's services."

The Citizens' Report 2013 illustrates how Halton Region continues to deliver value to taxpayers. Key accomplishments highlighted in the report include:

- Maintenance of a strong, sustainable financial position, including an AAA credit rating while

minimizing impacts on taxpayers, averaging a 0 per cent property tax increase for Halton Region programs and services over the past eight years

- Support for the growth and success of innovative businesses, adding new jobs and continued economic success in the region
 - Approval of a Development Financing Plan that ensures growth pays for itself and a new Action Plan that sets the direction for Halton's agri-tourism efforts
 - An increased investment in regional roads, of \$289-million
 - One of the highest waste diversion rates in the province
 - Launch of the Halton Housing Help service providing online, telephone and in-person support for people searching for affordable housing
- "In 2014, we continue to work to ensure that Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire," Carr added.

The report and complete list of 2014 key actions are available online at www.halton.ca/actionplan or by dialing 311.

Earth Hour results

For the seventh consecutive year, Halton Hills experienced an overall energy use reduction during Earth Hour on Saturday March 29. The drop was 5.5 per cent - enough electricity to power approximately 2,917 homes for an hour.

"The Town, our residents, businesses, schools and organizations collaborated to celebrate the global Earth Hour event, focusing on energy conservation and taking action on climate change," said Mayor Rick Bonnette in a press release issued Monday.

In 2014, with the support of numerous local businesses, schools, residents, organizations, and Town and Halton Hills Hydro staff, energy consumption decreased by 5.51 per cent, or 3,559 kWh, during Earth Hour. Since first participating in Earth Hour in 2008, the community has saved enough electricity to power about 22,957 average homes for one hour.

Throughout Halton Hills, Earth Hour participants included students from local schools who created Earth Hour posters and wrote on paper stars how they will reduce energy use during Earth Hour. Thank you to students from Georgetown District High School, Acton's St. Joseph Catholic School, and St. Catherine de Alexandria for their artistic creations that showed their support of Earth Hour.

Businesses and residents also created stars to place on a poster. For a limited time, these posters will be on display at the Civic Centre. On March 29, approximately 100 residents turned off their lights at home and attended a free family astronomy and star gazing presentation at St. Joseph School - special thanks to the sponsors for contributing to the success of the event: Halton Hills Hydro, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School and Cosmic Connections.

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Testimonial...

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Nancy Wilkes, Proud new owner of the former Acton Baptist Church

Breakfast Business Mingle Mon. April 21st, 7:30 - 9:30 am, 2 Mill St. E., Acton.
All local business owners welcome, big or small, breakfast served. Call Steve to RSVP or just drop in...

Real Estate Seminar Sat May 10th, 8:30 - 11am, 2 Mill St. E., Acton.
We will be covering what you need to know whether you are buying or selling. Also covering new lending rules, new CHMC rules, first time buyers, smartizing and investment property purchasing.
On-site RBC mortgage specialist to answer questions. Light breakfast and refreshments served. Call Steve to RSVP