

Courting and counting votes

The poor voter turnout in Halton Hills municipal elections might be improved if it were easier and more convenient to cast ballots, according to Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson who asked for expanded voting opportunities on Monday during general committee debate of a staff report on advance poll dates, special poll locations and hours of operation.

In an effort to show voters "we care by making it convenient for you," Johnson asked staff to investigate all-day, work-day voting at the Civic Centre for up to a month prior to the October 27 election, and to reconsider expanding polling locations to include the Acton and Georgetown libraries, which staff said had been excluded because of parking issues.

Town Clerk Susanne Jones said issues including accessibility and staffing are considered when selecting polling locations, and suggested they maintain the "status quo" for this election and make changes for the 2018 vote.

Undeterred, Johnson asked staff to return with a report on the estimated cost to open up the voting for a three or four week period. "Our last election...it was much more open and we had electronic voting and the turnout was still, what

- 30 per cent or less?" Johnson said adding they need to know how much it would cost to go one or two steps forward.

Clerk Jones said she would report back at the April 28 council meeting with the pros, cons and costs.

Eligible voters will be able to cast early ballots at new "Vote Anywhere" advance poll locations, no matter where they reside in the Town of Halton Hills. The advance poll locations include the Acton arena, Dufferin Rural Heritage Community Centre in Prospect Park, and Georgetown Marketplace Mall and the Civic Centre.

General committee members also set the advance poll dates and locations, the hours for special polling locations, and again approved using optical scanning vote tabulators to count marked paper ballots, as was done in the 2010 municipal election. To meet criteria for accessible voting, voting places will also be located at three Georgetown locations including the Bennett Health Care Centre, Mountainview Residence and Extendicare, Halton Hills.

The three advance poll dates are Wednesday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, October 22,



WELCOME TO MILL STREET: The Billy Keys Music Shop Inc., opened recently on Mill Street in part of the BIA office. On hand for the official opening were, from left: Cindy Russell, Acton Councillor Jon Hurst, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Councillor Mike O'Leary Billy "Keys" Parsons, Norma Pokocky, Jerry Staples and Councillor Clark Somerville. - Submitted photo

HALTON HILLS SENIORS RECREATION CENTRES

415 QUEEN ST. E. ACTON
from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

By Julie Conroy

The Acton Seniors Centre will be closed for Easter tomorrow (Friday, April 18) and Monday, April 21.

I must apologize for putting the wrong date in for the Fashion show. The day was right but the date was wrong.

On Tuesday, April 22 the Centre will hold a Birthday Tea to celebrate the birthdays of all members who were born in the month of April. For the next three months, we will be holding the Birth-

day Tea each month.

Tickets are now available at the Boathouse for the Spring social dinner on Thursday, April 24. We will enjoy ham and scalloped potatoes, and Norm Mason will entertain us. It will be held at the Acton Legion, in the main auditorium.

Last Thursday afternoon, Frances Hogenbirk had the only mooner.

Mary Walsma tells me that the three teams that carpet bowled at the Georgetown Seniors Centre in the Ontario Seniors Games enjoyed their day,

but were eliminated from the competition.

There are lots of trips planned over the next few months. Take the time to check out the clip boards. One interesting trip on Tuesday, May 13 is a *Progressive Lunch*. You will enjoy a trip around the Kitchener and Wellington county area. You start with soup at Borealis, then off to Kennedy's for their famous rolled ribs, followed by homemade pie at Anna Mae's, and lastly we will sample the cheese at the Millbank Cheese Factory. Sign up if that appeals to you.

Lunch on Friday, April 25 will be lasagna, salad and dessert. Add your name to the list if you are interested. Dave and his crew ask that you sign up by Thursday. Lunches will be restricted to 32

people due to our cosy new location.

We are looking for additional help with the Friday lunches as we are losing two of our volunteers. If you would like to help prepare and serve the lunches twice a month please leave a message at the reception desk, or speak to Dave Maloney. Dave and Helen Croghan have taken over heading the team of volunteers who provide lunch every Friday. Real is taking a well-deserved break.

On a sad note, we received the news that John Buckman passed away in Windsor this week. John and his late wife Freda were long-time members of the Acton Seniors Centre. We miss John at the Friday lunches, social dinners and trips. Our condolences to Diane and family.

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Apparition of God on Glass

Mr. Halliday from Toronto, ON is bringing this apparition to Acton, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Sunday, April 20 at the 9 a.m. Mass as well as the 11 a.m. Mass, giving the congregation the opportunity to witness this miracle on a glass which is 12" wide and 16" high.

Father Robert, the parish priest has seen this apparition and his comment was that in his words, that's "God," Mr. Halliday states this is equal to the Shroud of Turin

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