

READY TO GROW: Mike Tessaro from Reds Garden Centre discussed seed planting, and growing window sill herbs and patio veggies at a drop-in seminar at the Dufferin Rural Heritage Centre in Prospect Park last Wednesday. The April 25 session is billed as "Going Tropical" and runs from 11 to noon. - Ted Tyler photo

## TOWN DIGEST

## BIKE FRIENDLY AWARD

Halton Hills earned a Bronze award as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition, which promotes bicycling as a mode of transportation, recreation and fitness.

Regional Ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal, chair of the Town's Trails & Cycling Committee, said the Bronze award is a tremendous community achievement. "I am very proud of the work our Bicycle Friendly Community Committee and Council support in achieving this award," Fogal said after accepting the honour on behalf of the Town at a ceremony in Toronto on Monday at the sixth annual Ontario Bike Summit.

The Halton municipalities of Burlington and Oakville also earned Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community Awards.

## BRIDGE COSTS ESCALATE

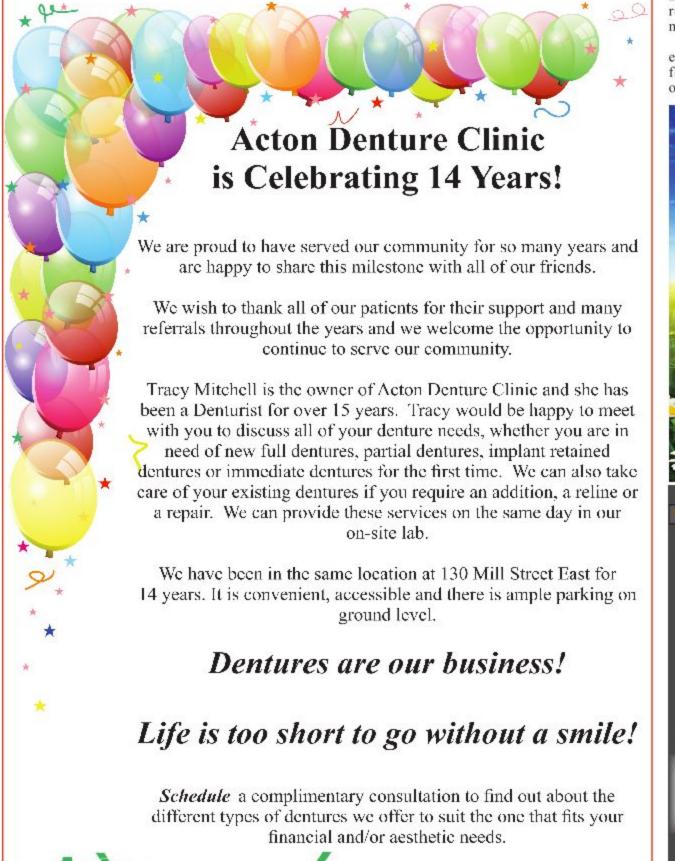
Time is money – that adage proved true as Town councillors agreed to spend an additional \$40,000 for engineering design and contract administration to rebuild the 27 Side Road bridge.

A delay in getting necessary permits from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Niagara Escarpment Commission, and Ministry of Natural Resources caused the additional costs staff said in a report to general committee on Monday.

As well, it was discovered part of the bridge foundation encroaches onto Credit Valley Conservation Authority land, requiring a re-design to replace the deteriorating stone arch structure, located between Eighth Line and Fallbrook Trail, on 27 Side Road over a tributary of Silver Creek.

The initial \$130,235 approved by Council for engineering design and contract administration costs with AECOM Engineering Consultants is now \$170,235. Drexler Construction Limited of Rockwood, won the \$927,582.42 contract to construct the bridge, but in a heads up, staff said the projected cost of construction is expected to exceed the tender value.

The additional \$40,000 will come from the Canada Federal Gas Tax Reserve.



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