

WAITING GAME: After more than two weeks of serious nest building, this swan on Fairy Lake settled in with a clutch of eggs, which should hatch into cygnets soon. - Jack Carpenter photo



TOWN DIGEST

ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVANCES

The Town will hire staff this summer to implement the mandatory Corporate Energy Plan in its on-going efforts to be a "national leader" in the efficient management of energy.

A draft of the Plan was presented to councillors recently by Shona Adamson of IndEco Strategic Consulting Inc., who detailed what happens next to make efficient energy use part of the day-to-day workings of the Town, and to enjoin the community in energy conservation.

Year one priorities include developing a centralized energy facilities management role and a process for encouraging ideas from staff, investigating ways to track energy use and develop energy efficiency training.

Asked by Georgetown Councillor Ann Lawlor

if they should accelerate long-term action on renewable energy generation, Mayor Rick Bonnette said they are developing a five-year road map with goals and benchmarks to reduce greenhouse gases. "The plan is to deliver practical actions...and reduce the operating costs..." Bonnette said.

VOTE STATUS QUO

The Town will not add advance voting dates or use libraries as polling station for the October municipal election - but will keep those suggestions in mind for the 2018 vote.

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson had asked staff to investigate the additional options, but was told last week that they are not possible for this fall's vote, due to logistics and cost.

Johnson then suggested the council of the day set aside enough money to make the changes to make

voting more accessible. The voter turnout was just 25.5 per cent in the last municipal election. In Ward One - urban Acton - it was 14.9 per cent - the lowest in Halton Hills.

Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville also suggested they investigate internet and telephone voting for the 2018 vote.

Noting that many long-time eligible Halton Hills voters were left off the official list in 2006 - it is supplied by MPAC, the Municipal Property Tax Assessment Corporation - Mayor Rick Bonnette was told about a new communications tool, a website called voterlookup.ca where people can check to see if they are properly registered.

Clerk Susanne Jones said the new site will provide an accurate and up-to-date list of electors which will help the Town stage a smooth election which will be quicker for voters.

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Larviciding in Standing Water

Larviciding of standing water may occur anytime from May 19 to October 31, 2014 once monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present. The Halton Region Health Department will apply larvicide to standing water sites under the direction of the Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Monir Taha. The biological larvicide VectoBac 200G (PCP# 18158, granular) or VectoBac 1200L (PCP# 21062, liquid) will be placed in affected standing water on public lands in urban areas in The City of Burlington, The Town of Halton Hills, The Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville. Signs will be posted at each location indicating when the larvicide is applied.

Larviciding in Catch Basins

Larviciding of catch basins may begin anytime from June 1 to October 31, 2014 once monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present. The Halton Region Health Department will apply larvicide to catch basins under the direction of the Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Monir Taha. The larvicide Altosid Pellets (PCP# 21809, pellet) or Altosid XR Briquets (PCP# 27694, ingot) will be placed into catch basins in urban areas on public lands in The City of Burlington, The Town of Halton Hills, The Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville.

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