



**TREE GIVEAWAY:** Jean Beatty (granddaughter of Acton's Wes and Nellie Beatty) and son Mason Dale of Murrinston, accepted a tree from Guelph/Eramosa Trails and Environment Committee member Craig Mosley during a recent community event at the Rockwood fire hall. – Ted Tyler photo

# TOWN DIGEST

## CONNECTING LINK BROKEN

Development charges and capital reserves will take financial hits if the province doesn't reconsider cancellation of its Connecting Links funding program. It provided municipalities with road construction and improvement subsidies for portions of provincial highways running through built-up communities. In Georgetown, that includes Guelph Street and Main Street North, and in Acton, Queen Street, Young Street, Mill Street East, and Main Street North.

Since 2000 the Town relied on Ministry of Transportation Connecting Link funding for 11 projects – \$4.9-million or 64 per cent of the total costs. Town staff said the MTO's new Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) will spread less than \$33-million annually among 350 municipalities, with no sign of any dedicated funding to the 77 municipalities with Connecting Link Roadways.

Mayor Rick Bonnette told councillors he was "rather disappointed" by the cancellation which, looking at the Town's capital forecast, will have "huge impacts on the community." The Town anticipated up to 90 per cent of the \$9.3-million in Connecting Link projects from now until 2018, and Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville agreed they need to get the province to reconsider. "This is not a subtle down-load by the province – it's

kind of a slam," Somerville said, adding there's little chance of Halton Hills seeing any of the \$33-million that 350 municipalities will fight for.

## DECADES OLD DEAL FORMALIZED

The Town is formalizing a long-standing arrangement with neighbouring Erin Township for the care of 32 Side Road, also called boundary road. Since 1975, Halton Hills has been responsible for maintenance from the Third Line to Trafalgar Road, and Erin is responsible from West Town Line to Third Line.

In a recent report to Town councillors, staff said the existing arrangement is being updated to give clear direction to staff who co-ordinate with Erin on truck prohibition signing, speed limits and other traffic bylaws. The agreement also clarifies intersection jurisdiction, insurance and legal claim procedures.

The agreement only covers road maintenance work – capital costs

for road reconstruction, widening or other improvement will be cost shared only with the approval of both Halton Hills and Erin councils.

## PROPERTY NOT REGENCY COTTAGE

A "fake" report and his wish to avoid the "hassle" of dealing with the Town prompted Yoav Hadany, owner of 16 Guelph Street in Georgetown, to object to his property being added to the Town's Heritage Register – a battle he won last week when a majority of councillors voted, after two earlier deferrals, not to add his building – home to Beautiful Pets – to the Register.

Hadany claims the whole process to determine if a property should be on the Heritage Register is not transparent, and could lead to his property being designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, which could curtail future development and reduce the value of his property.

In defence of the Heritage Register, Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson,

chair of Heritage Halton Hills, said designation increases, not decreases property values, and described the "rigorous process" of determining if a building is worthy of being added to the Register. "The Heritage Register is not meant to be the choice of the current building owner, but to reflect the

heritage of the Town.

The wish of the owner is not part of the decision – its heritage, or it's not," she said.

After hearing the property owner might not have had all of the information available to the Town, and was not a "willing partner" Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville voted against adding

## BRANCH No. 197 LEGION NEWS By Sharon Graham P.R.O.

Comrades,

Our Candlelight Tribute walk was a huge success last Thursday. It was so nice to see so many people come out. Thank you to all of the Cadets for a job well done. A special thank you to all of the committee for organizing our annual Candlelight Tribute walk. Also, thank you to our veterans who came out to shake everyone's hands and especially the kids who were present.

This week is our Provincial Convention in Kingston, Ontario. Some of the executive members are at the convention. It is nice to hear fellow Comrades saying that the Branches do so much for our veterans, and so we should. They sacrificed their lives so we can live free. Without the veterans we would have no Legion at all, so please be true to your Branch and remember why we are here.

Have you stopped a

veteran today even just to say thank you so much for all they have done for our country?

Remember, every Tuesday and Thursday evening, and Saturday afternoons we play horse-shoes, so come out and have a good time.

We have Ladies Auxiliary euchre every Thursday afternoon from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. If you are not busy come out and play. It is a nice way to meet new friends.

## CLEARING AUCTION SALE

For RAY PLANT

10065 10TH SDRD, MILTON

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

11:00 a.m.

Vehicles, Trailers, Boat – '84 Ford 800 Dump Truck (370-4V, rebuilt 2005, never used, new tires), '90 Dodge LE 250 Ram with Cummins Turbo Diesel (rough shape, not on road since 2007, low km.), Heavy Duty Triple Axle Beaver Tail Trailer, 6x14 King utility trailer (15" tires, heavy steel body & frame), 2 yard trailers, 1979 ¾ ton Camper Van (Van dura, 25 GMC, as is), Gren-ell 18' Mahog. plank boat (refinished 2 yrs ago, all new steering) with 85 hp 6 cyl. Mercury out-board

Tractor, Equipment – Massey Ferguson 35 Diesel Tractor, JD 450 Crawler/loader (7503 org. hours, painted & motor job 8 yrs ago, not been used since), JD 5' Bush Hog, DHO 10' Plow, Int. 2 furrow drag plow, 6' drag cultivator, 3 pt. hitch 7' cultivator, 7' scraper blade, Lincoln AC 225-S Welder, 5 hp 2" Honda WP 20X water pump, 500 gal. diesel tank/hand pump

Misc – Enterprise Foundry Co., Sackville, NB Woodsman air tight box cook stove (cabin style, like new), 2 old square oil pump barrels, Bennett hand pumps, 1000 gal. Wilkinson cement septic tank, culverts, assorted hand & power tools, hardware & assort. goods, (mechanical & carpentry), used lumber, variety of used tires (car, tractor, big truck), scrap metal

Antiques, household chattels – nice clean working Gramophone, ant. wash stand, ant. one drawer desk, McClary-Easy Fridge, Beaumark upright freezer, Coldspot 21 cu.ft. chest freezer, air tight stove, rattan table & chairs, green vintage couch, clocks, art work, table & swag lamps, elec. organ, stereo equip., record player, exercise unit, patio furniture, yard items, 2 three-wheeled bikes (Floridian Sun II & Rollfast)

Terms & Conditions- Cash or cheque (with ID). All items to be paid in full day of sale. Auctioneer, staff or owners not responsible for loss or accident day of sale. Verbal announcements day of sale take precedence over written ad. NO BUYERS PREMIUM. Lunch booth and washrooms available.

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