

Acton welcomes a new family practitioner

Acton's newest family physician – Dr. Dina Nahab – is now accepting patients at the medial centre on Eastern Avenue, joining three other general practitioners who have been looking for a fourth colleague to help with the patient load for the past 18 months.

Dr. Nahab practiced medicine in Newfoundland before being attracted to this area by the Halton Physician Recruitment office and Dr. Nather Alshakarji at the Acton Medical and Urgent Care Centre.

A decade ago, Acton had an acute need for additional family practitioners – at one point there was one doctors seeing close to 9,000 patients when the accepted ratio was one doctor for every 1,380 patients. "They don't

really use ratios any more, but looking at a doctor's patient load, it is still probably very close to the ratio they used to use," Halton's Physician Recruitment Officer, Angela Sugden-Praysner said on Friday, adding with three doctors working with full patient loads in Acton, a fourth doctor has been needed for almost two years.

She said the under-served program, which offered cash incentives to doctors willing to locate in those areas, has been replaced with a program for Northern Ontario, and a post-graduate return-to-service program, requiring participants to commit to practicing in a community for five years. Sugden-Praysner said the addition of Dr. Nahab in Acton, is a "good situa-

tion, all 'round."

Dr. Alshakarji said they worked hard to convince Dr. Nahab to come and then stay in Acton and he hopes she will be busy. "If you want to keep physicians staying (in Acton) you have to get patients to them, and now we're trying to help out with patients," Dr. Alshakarji said on Friday.

Dr. Nahab, who is accepting new patients and walk-ins, joins Drs. Alshakarji, Dhanya Jayalath, Ahmed Raouf-Alkadhimi, Paul Minc (who does house calls), Vello Tooming (who does walk-in duty twice weekly), and Nurse Practitioner Roger Firsoff at the Eastern Avenue medical centre.

Acton arena twinning proposed on time and on budget

The Acton arena ice pad will be twinned by the same team that provided what Town staff called "excellent, enhanced value" construction management, and "design innovation" with the recent "quadding" of rinks at Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown.

With no public comment, General committee members awarded a \$10.5-million construction budget to Melloul-Blamey Construction of Waterloo on Monday, including \$314,140 for pre-con-

struction and construction services.

They also awarded the \$632,785 architectural and engineering services contract to MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects of Toronto. Both firms said they would use the same teams in Acton that worked on the Mold-Masters project. Melloul-Blamey Construction was the general contractor for the Acton arena and recently worked on the Georgetown library/cultural centre expansion, and the Acton

library.

In a report to committee, Stephen Hamilton, the Manager of Facilities said staff "have confidence that both firms will provide excellent service," and will deliver what is required, on time and on budget.

The Acton arena project includes the additional NHL-size ice pad, six more dressing rooms, two new referee rooms, and additional seating. The new ice pad will be ready for the start of the 2015 season. Council will ratify the general commit-

tee recommendations on June 10.

In related news, the arena projects' *Stay Home*

and *Play in Halton Hills* \$2-million fundraising campaign got another boost on Wednesday when

Acton Auto Tech's Floyd Foster, and son Norm Foster, made a \$15,000 donation.



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Building on the Town's commitment to energy conservation, Halton Hills Hydro's energy efficiency programs, as well as the Community Sustainability Strategy, a Mayor's Community Energy Plan is being prepared. It will deliver practical actions that will translate into reduced operating costs, lower greenhouse gas emissions, community awareness and corporate leadership. To learn more, register for one of the following community engagement events. Space is limited.

Business Focused Event:

Wednesday June 12, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre
Studio Room

9 Church Street, Halton Hills (Georgetown), ON

RSVP: www.surveymonkey.com/s/HHMCEP-Event1

Community-wide Event:

Wednesday June 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Mold-Masters SportsPlex

Gordon Alcott Heritage Hall

221 Guelph Street, Halton Hills (Georgetown), ON

RSVP: www.surveymonkey.com/s/HHMCEP-Event2

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