

## *The way we were*



### Blue Mountain School

In 1910, students were photographed in front of Blue Mountain School, Esquesing School Section 14, on Trafalgar Road, north of Silvercreek. The school was closed in 1962 and the students attended the new school at Limehouse. Today Blue Mountain School is a private residence.  
*Photo courtesy Esquesing Historical Society*

### *From our readers*



### A FÊTE TO REMEMBER

Sacré-Coeur Parish recently hosted a 'Grand Fête', inviting the community to join them as they celebrated their French and Acadian heritage. The various activities, included bouncy castles and various games, and a performance by the choral group 'Vie et Lumière', one of the groups who provides music at the church's masses. Sacré-Coeur Parish (or Paroisse Sacré-Coeur) was founded in 1966, to serve the French Catholic community of Halton and surrounding areas.  
*Submitted photo*

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## Celebrating Georgetown's past

On June 26, I joined Mayor Rick Bonnette, members of Town Council, Catholic School Board Trustee and local historian Mark Rowe, and our MP Michael Chong, at a very special event celebrating our local history and heritage.

The Ontario Heritage Trust, an agency of the Government of Ontario, partnered with the Town of Halton Hills, the Halton Hills Public Library Board, and the Esquesing Historical Society to dedicate and place a provincial plaque outside the Library and Cultural Centre recognizing "The Founding of Georgetown."

The text of the plaque briefly summarizes how the community of Georgetown came into existence, and some of the most significant milestones in its history.

I was honoured to bring greetings, and spoke about the outstanding community spirit Georgetown is known for across the province, and the dedicated and enthusiastic community organizations I've been privileged to work with during the past six years.

Speaking of the past, I added that it is the responsibility of our generation to work together to build on the community legacy we've inherited, and be responsible custodians for the next generations that follow.

Thanks again to all who attended or were involved.

The Liberals at Queen's Park have downloaded the full cost of repair work to provincial highways through built-up communities.

For as long as I can recall, the Ministry of Transportation's Con-

necting Link program paid for up to 90 per cent for these kinds of highway maintenance projects, for example, on Highway 7 through Acton and Georgetown.

The Connecting Link program was recently cancelled without any advance notice or consultation. Negatively affected are as many as 77 municipalities across the province.

If the Wynne government wants to throw out a partnership with local government that has worked well for years, the full cost of these needed local highway projects will have to borne by the local property taxpayer.

On May 28, I complained about this provincial downloading in a speech in the Ontario Legislature.

I am prepared to work with our municipal councils in Wellington-Halton Hills to make the Liberals listen.

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With the Ontario Legislature in its summer recess, I will be working in our Wellington-Halton Hills provincial riding office, attending community events, and out and about meeting and listening to your concerns. I also look forward to spending some time with my family.

If you require any assistance on matters pertaining to the Government of Ontario, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Wishing you and your family a glorious summer!

— Ted Arnott is the MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills and welcomes your comments. He can be reached at 1-800-265-2366. His website address is [www.tedarnottmpp.com](http://www.tedarnottmpp.com).



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