

TOWN DIGEST

BALL/TENNIS LIGHT CONTRACT

Sentry Electric Inc. of Innisfil won the Town contract to install new lighting at the Prospect Park ball diamond and tennis courts, identified for replacement to meet safe recreational play guidelines.

Sentry's bid of \$362,165, was almost half of the highest bid and hundreds of thousands less than the third bid, and staff said while the firm hasn't directly worked for the Town, it installed the same type of lighting at Kiwanis Field at Georgetown High School, and at 16 other sports fields, including the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

The sports lighting system includes a 25-year warranty, and includes a remote monitoring and control system allowing Town staff full control. Staff said the lighting includes glare shields to prevent excessive light pollution, and will use less energy than traditional systems. The new lights will be ready for spring sports in Prospect Park.

NEW NAME

The Town's prime employment area along the 401 from Winston Churchill Boulevard to James Snow Parkway is now officially known as the Halton Hills Premium Gateway – tagged with the line "Access business opportunities where the 401 and 407 meet."

The new name was unveiled last week

at Town council by Mayor Rick Bonnette who said the previous names, 401-407 Gateway Business Park or the 401 corridor, both were not Halton Hills specific. "We have a great story to tell: we have a location that has everything a company needs or wants to access the 400 series of highways (and) a high quality of life for their employees," Bonnette said, adding the new name will reinforce the Town's message to the development community.

Since 2006, over \$2-million-square-foot of new buildings have been constructed, housing 1,500 employees, and the area continues to be an important economic driver for the community Bonnette said. "We want people to know that Halton Hills is the place to locate new businesses and by emphasizing the Halton Hills name will create more brand recognition."

The new name will be featured on post-cards sent to landowners, developers and realtors, and all new marketing materials will feature the new name and tag line. The current Town logo will continue to be part of the branding name.

CULTURAL PLAN AWARD

The consultant that produced the Halton Hills Cultural Master Plan – a long range blueprint to include culture in the decision-making process at Town hall – won a Planning Excellence Award for Best Practice from the American Plan-



CAT COMFORT: Upper Credit Humane Society staffers Jerica and Amber with volunteer Richard Faber show off a large and sturdy cat tree built and donated by Halton High School students under the guidance of their teachers. The felines get a new exercise and rest structure while the students used their creativity for a good cause. – Submitted photo

ning Association.

The award recognized the innovative work of Peter J. Smith and Associates, who with input from the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable, produced the Master Plan that impressed the New York Upstate APA Chapter's Awards Committee, which awarded the prize last Thursday in Schenectady, NY.

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Wellington-Halton Hills electoral boundaries remain unchanged

Federal electoral boundary commission for Ontario completes its report and keeps local boundaries intact

Michael Chong, MP for Wellington-Halton Hills, congratulated the Federal Redistribution Commission for Ontario on Tuesday for completing its final report on Ontario's electoral boundaries. Chong also thanked all of the individuals who participated in the process by submit-

ting their thoughtful input to the Commission.

"These individual citizens who provided their input are to be thanked for assisting the Commission with its work," Chong said.

Every ten years, after the census is conducted, the number of electoral districts and their boundaries are revised in each province and territory to reflect changes in the size of the population.

During the review, Ontario's Commission considered a number of options for Ontario's electoral boundaries. In its final report released today, the Commission determined that the rid-

ing of Wellington-Halton Hills will remain unchanged.

"I applaud the Commission for completing this report and for listening to the input from local residents," Chong said. "I will continue to serve the people of Halton Hills and Wellington County in Canada's national Parliament. I look forward to seeking re-election and continuing to serve."

The boundaries of several other electoral districts in Ontario have changed as a result of the Commission's report, and Ontario will now have 121 ridings to reflect the increase in the provincial population.