

# TOWN DIGEST

## NO PERFORMANCE ANXIETY

While many of the performance measures municipalities must audit and report annually to the province, many are "not real meaningful" to the Town, according to CAO David Smith who told councillors recently that Halton Hills "...will develop measures that are more specific and more meaningful to us..."

The Municipal Performance Measurement Program (MPMP) is designed to improve performance, strengthen accountability, stimulate productivity and improve

the budget process. Town staff cautioned against comparing one municipality's scores against another because each has different accounting treatments, therefore the comparison is not apples to apples.

The year-over-year comparisons within the municipality are valuable means to understand trends in local service delivery staff said, the measures should not be evaluated just by the numbers, but take into consideration that the level and quality of service and other underlying factors.

Some of the indicators

show Halton Hills' operating costs for governance and corporate management was 9.1 per cent last year, compared with 5.6 per cent in 2011. Operating costs for the fire department jumped 17 per cent last year, driving the operating costs per \$100,000 of assessment to 0.65-cents, compared to 0.59-cents in 2011. With 20 fewer winter storms to clean up last year than the year before, operating costs for winter maintenance per lane kilometre decreased by 29 per cent over the previous year. As well, the percentage of paved lane kilometres where the conditions is rated good to very good is 76.8 per cent, an increase of 75-kilometres.

## SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

A man trapped for 67 minutes last May under garden equipment would be freed much quicker by firefighters today, thanks to new equipment – Personal Entrapment Kits – now available at all three Town fire stations.

The Town's Fire Services and Emergency Planning Committee heard recently that the need for additional equipment came to light when crews, using existing equipment, could not easily free a Fifth Line resident who became pinned under a rototiller. Equipment like the Jaws of Life, used primarily for automobile extrication, was ineffective to free the man who was taken by ambulance for medical care.



**KNOX TREATS:** A steady streak of customers, including Guelph's Pat Stubbs (left) being helped by Jane Robinson and Mary Watson, took care of some early Christmas shopping and enjoyed sweet treats at the annual Knox Presbyterian Church bazaar on Saturday. – Ted Tyler photo

## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197



### Remembrance Day Parade Saturday, November 9, 2013



The parade will muster at the Hide House parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and the march to the Cenotaph for the service.

The Veterans Dinner will be served at the Legion Branch 197 starting at 1 p.m.

*At the 11th Hour  
on the 11th Day  
of the 11th Month,  
we remember those  
who risked, and lost, their lives  
for the freedoms we enjoy today*

## Halton Council declares zero tolerance for violence against women

Halton Regional Council unanimously passed a motion last week declaring a zero tolerance policy of violence against women.

"Our police services, tireless community partners like Halton Women's Place, and residents work very hard to make Halton a safe community for everyone," said Regional Chair Gary Carr in a press release issued Monday. "Violence has no place in Halton. It has no place in society. It serves no purpose other than to destroy the character of individuals, groups and communities."

The motion approval solidifies Halton's commitment to ending violence in any shape or form and to support those who have been a

victim of violence.

As organizational partners with the Halton Violence Prevention Council (HVPC), Regional Chair Carr and Regional Police Chief Stephen Tanner will mark the start of November as Women's Abuse Prevention Month with a public banner-raising on Monday, November 4 at 10 a.m., at Halton Regional Centre in Oakville.

The public is welcome to attend and show support as the HVPC hangs its "Act Against Violence" banners throughout the Region for the month of November.

For information about the event or services for victims of violence, dial 311. If you are a witness or are a victim of violence, dial 911.



The Regional Municipality of Halton

Access Halton at: [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca) Dial 311

## Flu Immunization Clinics Open

The Halton Region Health Department is offering free seasonal flu immunization clinics to Ontarians **six months of age and over**.

For clinic hours and locations visit:

[halton.ca/flu](http://halton.ca/flu) or dial 311

No appointments necessary.

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