

Town Digest

SCHADENFRUEDE?

The Rob Ford saga continues as fodder for late-night TV and in the Halton Hills Council Chambers, where for the second time during a public meeting, a councillor got laughs after commenting on the unfolding Ford fiasco.

"I guess we could do a Rob Ford and say 'we saved you \$19-million,'" quipped Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson, in the chair for Mayor Rick Bonnette at last Wednesday's capital budget committee meeting.

She made the crack after staff said that

"double counting" meant the 2015 to 2023 capital forecast was \$100.3-million, \$19-million less than reported in the budget book. Johnson quickly added, "I didn't mean that," after her dig got a chorus of guffaws from her fellow councillors.

At the November 4 council meeting, Georgetown Councillor Ann Lawlor referred to the Ford saga when she explained why May-

or Bonnette, fresh off knee surgery, was not in the chair, and would be driven home by his wife. "We're very pleased in Halton Hills that we provide drivers for our mayors," Lawlor said, as she and most others in the room, experienced Schadenfruede, taking pleasure in the Toronto mayor's misfortunes.

HALTON BUDGET

Regional Ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal delivered what she called some "good news" from a Halton budget meeting last Wednesday, reporting after years of zero per cent tax increases – partially due to social costs being absorbed, which no longer occurs – they expected an increase for 2014. "Although the direction to staff was to come back at (a) 1.5 per cent tax (increase), they've actually come in, including police, at .4 per cent, and the regional portion is at zero."

In a press release, Halton Chair Gary Carr boasted of the Region's eight years of zero per cent tax increases. Halton Council will deal with the 2014 budget at its December 11 meeting.



NATASHIA TAKES GOLD: Acton's Natasha Kasunic captured a Gold medal last week at the Brock Open Fencing tournament in Under-15 Women's Sabre, and Under-17 Women's Sabre. Natasha is attempting to Qualify for this year's Ontario Summer Games. She currently trains with the Escarpment Fencing Club. – Submitted photo



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Recreational Boating Feasibility and Capacity Study Open House

Thursday, December 5, 2013

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Halton Regional Centre
Dakota and Glenorchy Rooms
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Conducted in partnership between the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington, and Halton Region, the *Recreational Boating Feasibility and Capacity Study* is taking a comprehensive look at the current state of recreational boating in the GTA/Golden Horseshoe area, with a specific focus on Halton. Presently, all marina facilities are operating close to maximum capacity and maintain waitlists.

To determine if additional harbour capacity is required within the next five to 20 years, this study is examining: changing demographics of the area; impacts of changes on demand for recreational boating; sources and location of demand; current pricing strategies; economic, social, and recreational trends; and, trends in boating types and berth requirements.

We want to hear from you! At this public open house, you will have the opportunity to learn about the study including its research and findings and next steps. The open house will begin with a presentation, followed by an opportunity for you to provide feedback on what you have seen and experienced and also to ask questions of staff and the consultants.

If you are unable to attend the open house in person, you may submit questions or comments at any time to:

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