

# More 'compassionate' cemetery rule review

The 25 per cent surcharge on cemetery product and services fees for non-residents of Halton Hills may be repealed as Town councillors ask the cemetery Advisory Committee to "relax" the definition of a resident to include those who have lived in Halton Hills at some point during their lives.

The issue of the non-resident surcharge was raised by Winston Marshall of Mississauga, who complained after being "shocked and surprised" by the extra cost to bury his late wife Gloria's ashes in a columbarium at Georgetown's Greenwood Cemetery. All cemetery services in Halton Hills have a local and non-local rate, which is 25 per cent higher, and which Marshall called a "slap in the face" to people like his late wife who wanted to be buried near her parents and ancestors.

In an emotional appeal

to councillors on Monday, Marshall said his wife was born, educated and started a family in Georgetown where they lived for decades before retiring to British Columbia in 1999. He said his wife's family settled in Georgetown in the 1935, were merchants in the downtown, and had a street named after them. "People who grew up in Georgetown, (were) raised, educated in Georgetown (and), move away, they should be welcomed back when their time has expired..." Marshall said.

At the instigation of Acton Councillor Jon Hurst, vice-chair of the Town's Cemetery Advisory Committee, the committee, which includes public members, will be asked to take a second look at changing the definition of residents to include all former residents to be more "inclusive and compassionate."

"There is no perfect answer - no perfect policy in the world that is going to work for everybody..." Hurst said, adding that relaxing the definition, while maintaining the 25 per cent surcharge for non-residents, is the best answer.

When it was noted that most other Town user fees have a local and a non-local fee schedule to give preference of local residents, Marshall noted it costs the Town the same amount for cemetery services and products when dealing with locals and non-locals.

Initially, Mayor Rick Bonnette said he was "uneasy" with Hurst's intention to effectively waive the non-local fee, but agreed it should be reviewed by the Cemetery Advisory Committee for discussion, and then a recommendation to council, which would then deal with the committee's minutes.

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## LEGION NEWS

By Sharon Graham

P.R.O.

Comrades,

Tickets are on sale now for the Seniors Christmas Dinner held on November 26 - the doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m.

The children's Christmas party deadline for sign up is November 23. The Christmas Party is Sunday, December 8 at 1 p.m. If you have not signed the sheet for the kids, please do so this week.

Please remember to mark November 30 on your calendars. The Branch will host a fundraiser for Bev Boisvenue (nee Dunn) in the Gord McCutcheon hall from 8 till 12 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Here is just a bit of history on Bev who has been hospitalized for approximately one year following complications of surgery. As a result,

she has suffered a stroke and has lost most of her speech.

Bev has been known for her great singing voice over the years. In the past she has sung the National Anthem at our arena for hockey games and at the Back to Acton Days. One of her greatest accomplishments was being chosen ten years ago to sing the National Anthem at the Blue Jays game in Toronto. Bev is a lifelong resident of Acton who is married to Andre. They have three children Alyssa, Ryan and Austin. The beauty of living in a small town is that everyone joins together to help those in need. All are welcome to attend this event. Tickets are available at the bar at 519-853-0910.

Mark your calendars. On December 7 we have our initiation afternoon

when we welcome our new members. It will start at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Let's make our new members welcome.

Our turkey roll will be on December 14 at 2 p.m., and goes till 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so come out and you have a chance to win your Christmas turkey. We will be serving roast beef on a bun with fries. We will let you know the cost sooner to the date. There are lots of activities on this date so come out and have a good time.

Tickets will be on sale for New Year's Eve Dance with Bob and Sue Rogelj this weekend, so some out and enjoy the evening and ring in the New Year. We have a light buffet and a free bus ride home for anyone living in Acton.

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**SENIORS**  
RECREATION CENTRES  
415 QUEEN ST. E. ACTON



By Julie Conroy

The Fund Raising committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Bingo last Saturday. Kris was happy to take home the *Share the Wealth* prize, plus she won an additional game as well. Lady luck was also shining on Margaret Anderson.

It was a very successful Santa Claus Parade on Saturday thanks to all the hard work of Sylvia and her helpers. They had lots of fun with the Mardi Gras theme.

Soon, our snow birds will

be heading south for the winter. Please try and pay your membership before you leave. Membership is for twelve months starting on December 31 each year. The exception is, if you are a new member and joined in September, October or November when it was prorated for one year (2014) plus the additional months.

On Tuesday, November 12 everyone was transported to New Zealand when they enjoyed the presentation by Pat and Bev Jones, who spent several weeks there in 2012. It was a long journey, but they really

enjoyed their visit.

Then it was back to earth with the Autumn Social Dinner the same evening. It was also well attended, and everyone enjoyed the ribs with all the fixings and dessert. The local group *Friend from the Hills* entertained us. Everyone enjoyed dancing and listening to the music. There were beautiful tropical plants as door prizes and the winners were Peter Jowett, Myra Sartor, Zoya Frakman, Nina Palichuk, Elly Holtman, Judy Piper, Robert Crawford, John Walker, and Geoff Knuff. The 50/50 was won by Connie Burt.

Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Gala

Dinner at Blue Springs on Thursday, December 12. We will be having a bus again this year. If you wish to ride on the bus please tick the appropriate column when you purchase your ticket. We will be picking up at the Seniors Centre at 5:10 p.m., Elizabeth Street apartments at 5:25 p.m., and Birchway Legion Apartments at 5:40 p.m. The bus will leave after the entertainment at 9:15 p.m.

Still on the topic of food, the Friday lunch on November 29 will be barbecue chicken from Swiss Chalet. There is a slight increase in price due to the additional cost of the meal, but I know it will be well

worth it. If you are interested you **must** sign up by Wednesday, November 27 at the latest, as Real has to place the order then.

The craft ladies, and bazaar committees are very busy getting ready for the Bazaar tomorrow, we will have a collection of

Austrian Swarovski Crystal for sale. For more information see the coming events advertisement in this paper.

On Thursday afternoon at bid euchre Frances Hogenbirk and Ruth Burke each had two mooners and Shirley Hunter had one.

Lorraine McDonald will be holding another Water-

colour Painting Workshop on Tuesday, November 26 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. You must have your own painting supplies. If you are interested please sign the appropriate sheet at the front desk.

Catherine Hunt had a nice surprise last week. She was the lucky winner of the Town of Halton Hills Customer Service Survey. In her bag were a lovely blanket, bottle holder and pen. Her name was drawn from participants at the Acton Arena and Seniors Centre.

The 50/50 was not won this week, so next week it should total \$150.

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**LIGHTING & ART:** A large selection of quality oil paintings, sculptures great chandelier & other lighting.

**OTHER:** Some china, ironstone, books, linens, LEGO sets, large antique architectural items, fireplace mantel with stained glass overmantel.

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