

Student contest raises awareness of affordable housing in Halton Region

Halton Region invites high school students to showcase their artistic talents by participating in Halton Region's fifth annual "Be a Hero. Be a Voice for Affordable Housing Contest." Students in Grades nine through 12 are invited to develop an entry that uses video, design, song, or poetry, etc., to capture how a lack of affordable housing can impact a family or individual. Full contest details and entry criteria can be found at www.halton.ca/beahero.

"High school students who participate in the Be a Hero contest build on their awareness and understanding of the important issue of affordable housing," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "Affordable housing is an integral part of a healthy and sustainable community. The scenarios the students learn about are very real and the powerful impact on them is demonstrated in the art they design for the contest."

Cash prizes (Gold - \$1000, Silver - \$500, Bronze - \$100 x 4) will be awarded to the entries that best depict why Halton needs more affordable housing. Entries will be judged by an independent panel of judges consisting of representatives from the local community. Winners will be announced and all entries will be on display at the Be a Hero. Be a Voice for Affordable Housing awards ceremony on Tuesday, November 22 at the Burlington Convention Centre.

In 2010, the top prize was awarded to the Grade 12 Design Technology Class from Acton District High



HAIR RAISING FUNDRAISING: Municipal Colleagues from across Canada helped Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville (left) to raise \$1,500 last week for cancer research when he agreed to dye his hair bright pink while in British Columbia at a Canadian Federation of Municipalities conference. Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside helped Somerville, an FCM director, raise pledges. On Sunday at the Acton Terry Fox Run, Somerville's head will be shaved to raise even more money for cancer research. - Submitted photo

School, for their design picture of the winning entry can be viewed at www.halton.ca/beahero. A modular affordable housing development.

This year's contest is sponsored by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association and the Social Housing Services Corporation. Submissions for the contest are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, October 31. Students can visit www.halton.ca/beahero for contest details.



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