

PARADE LEADERS: With instruments tuned, members of the Acton's Citizens Band wait for their cue to lead off Saturday's Acton Santa Claus parade. – Frances Niblock photo

## Halton accelerates its infrastructure program

## Road work will ease congestion

In the next five years, Halton Region will invest more than \$1-billion in water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure across the region, with \$615-million of that going to improving the Regional transportation network.

In order to reduce traffic congestion on regional roads within Halton, Regional Council approved the acceleration of certain planned road improvements by up to eight years.

Accelerated road improvement projects included: Tremaine Road - Main Street to Highway 401, Tremaine Road - Derry Road to Britannia Road, Britannia Road - Tremaine Road to Highway 407, Dundas Street - Bronte Road to Proudfoot Trail, CN Rail crossing and Bronte Creek crossing, Neyagawa Boulevard - Dundas Street to Highway 407, and Regional Road 25 -Highway 407 to Britannia Road.

"Making sure the right infrastructure is in the right place at the right time is critically important so that Halton Region can remain a vibrant and successful community," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "When working towards the long-term needs of our community, we also need to ensure that our short-term needs are met. While it's important to make sure the right infrastructure is in place, it's just as important to minimize the impacts of this needed construction on our residents and businesses."

In order to minimize construction-related disruptions, Halton Region is also widening roads to their ultimate width at certain key locations. Widening roads to their ultimate width at strategic locations can make it easier to keep traffic moving during construction and eliminates an entire phase of construction for communities.

Currently underway are the ultimate widenings of: Dundas Street from Oak Park to Highway 403 and Neyagawa Boulevard from Dundas Street to Highway 407.

Future ultimate widenings include: Tremaine Road from Derry Road to Britannia Road and Britannia Road from Tremaine Road to Regional Road 25, including the grade separation.

Halton will also enhance programs already in place and ensure adequate detour routes are in place for all projects; review and adjust traffic light timing on roads impacted by construction; and enhance the coordination of construction activities across the Region.

"Maintaining and enhancing quality of life for Halton residents is a top priority," Carr said. "This year alone, we've invested more than \$190-million in infrastructure. We know that driving on Regional roads is an important part of most people's days and I want to thank them for their patience while we work to improve not only our roads, but also the critical water and wastewater infrastructure running beneath them."

Halton residents have identified that maintaining current infrastructure and planning for future infrastructure requirements is a top issue of importance. To address this, Halton Region introduced the Building a Better Halton program, which is Halton's infrastructure construction plan. The plan covers road, water, waste and wastewater projects.

Halton's website at www. halton.ca/construction has updates on all Regional infrastructure construction activities as the Region continues to Build a Better Halton.

WED. DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup>, 12:30PM - 2:30PM
THE HIDE HOUSE PARKING LOT
(Eastern & Mill)

20 LB BOX OF FLORIDA Seedless Navel Oranges or Ruby Red Grapefruit

25.00 PER BOX



## LEGION NEWS By Sharon Graham

P.R.O.

Comrades,

Special thanks go out to Pete, from Pete's Barber Shop, who generously allowed us to use his front window for our Remembrance Day display. Pete said we had a lot of positive feedback regarding the display and even spotted some people taking pictures.

Tickets are on sale now for the Seniors Christmas Dinner on November 29 at 6 p.m. just \$5 for a great turkey dinner. You can obtain your tickets at the Branch. The Rotary Club of Acton helps host the dinner. Say, we just might get a special visitor from the North Pole. It is a good time to get out and meet your neighbour or some new friends.

Have you made plans for New Year's Eve yet? Why not come out to the Branch for an evening of live entertainment with Brown's Garage Band. Tickets are available now for \$35 a head. This includes your party favours, a buffet and a local bus ride home to all persons living in Acton. Doors open at 7 p.m. so why not make your plans early and celebrate ringing in the New Year.

On December 2, Cosmic Warehouse will be bringing a Christmas music show to the Branch. Why not dress up in your festive duds and help celebrate the season?

## Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Congratulations

are in order to Teresa Uiterwyk and Sherri Thompson for winning first place in District Doubles at Branch 58, East Hamilton this past Saturday, Also Susan Poulsen and Peggy Harris won sixth place in Doubles. Both teams will advance to the Provincial Dart championship on April 28, 2012. Excellent dart playing ladies! With Teresa and Sherri winning first place, Acton now gets to host the District Singles and Double Darts November.

The LA Christmas Party is Thursday, December 1. Don't forget your wrapped gift and something new and unwrapped for the penny table. I also hear there will be some special guests coming after dinner.

Members who are under the weather, we are thinking of you and hope you soon will be feeling better.

The next general meeting (Christmas Party) is Thursday, December 1 from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Yours in Comradeship Peggy Harris President to Branch 197 Ladies Auxiliary

