

New courthouse finally promised for Halton Region

The Ontario Government has promised a new Courthouse in Halton Region. On June 21, Attorney General Yasir Naqvi made the announcement in Oakville.

"For more than three years, we have been pushing for a firm Government commitment that a new Halton Courthouse will be built," Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott said. "The existing Milton Court facility is aging, overcrowded, and simply inadequate to meet the needs of a rapidly growing Halton Region."

Arnott, who attended the announcement, acknowledged the role of Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr, Regional Council, local

lawyers and other stakeholders, in securing the commitment.

"I want to express sincere thanks to Gary Carr, Paul Stunt, Ken Kelerwas, and the many others whose efforts have helped lead to today's announcement," Arnott said. "This was truly a team effort."

When the current Milton Courthouse was built on Steeles Avenue in 1962, the population of Halton Region was 190,000. While there was an addition in 1979, the population of Halton Region has grown significantly in recent years. Halton Region is forecast to be home to 620,000 by 2021 and that number is expected to exceed 1 mil-

lion by 2041.

"Our current Courthouse was not designed to handle such a large population," Arnott said. "We need to plan for the future, and that's why today's commitment is so important."

Since 2014, Arnott has raised the need for a new Halton Courthouse on numerous occasions during debate in the Legislature, as well as during Question Period. He has written many times to both the current Attorney General and his predecessor Madeleine Meilleur, and repeatedly raised the matter directly with both of them in conversations in the Legislature. He also arranged for meetings at

Queen's Park to generate discussion, while working with the other Halton-area MPPs, and encouraging them to speak up.

"I hope this commitment is genuine and sincere. In the coming months, I hope they will continue to take steps towards the construction of the new Courthouse," Arnott said. "We intend to continue monitoring their planning process, and push the Government to deliver."

Ontario PC Leader Patrick Brown also recently spoke out about the need for a new Halton courthouse at a speech to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce earlier this month.

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

We had a wonderful celebration on Friday, June 23 at Hillsview. Everyone seemed to be wearing either red and white or items that showed off our pride in the 150 year celebration of Canada becoming a nation. The hall was decorated with flags, bunting, balloons and everything had a red and white theme. The 150 Committee put a lot of effort and thought into the celebration and we thank them.

We all joined Bob MacLean before lunch with a rousing Oh Canada. The lunch was great, especially the huge decorated cakes. Following lunch, Bob entertained us with Canadian songs from coast to coast. We enjoyed

watching our social dance group showing off the moves to some of the line dances they have learned over the year.

During lunch, each table had a Canadiana Quiz sheet, and there was a continuous Canadiana Slide show running. Joyce Kendall won the 50/50. She received \$138, and Lynn Reilly won the "Legacy" award which was a free membership for 2018. In future, each year in honour of Canada Day we will draw a name from the current membership list and the name drawn will receive a free membership for the upcoming year.

The Tuesday afternoon movie on July 11 at 1 p.m. will be Inferno



Dorothy Rognvaldson (left) may be over 90 but she still enjoys dancing. - Submitted photo

starring Tom Hanks and Felicity Jones. The Centre is a great spot to be on a hot day or even on a rainy day, and there have been lots of those this year.

Lunch and Learn has been very popular. The program will continue monthly over the summer. The next one is on July 4 when you will enjoy ribs and red potato salad plus salad, and the speaker will be talking about thera-

peutic recreation services. The Centre will be closed on Monday, July 3 as Canada Day is on a Saturday this year.

Frances Hogenbirk had the only mooner while playing Bid Euchre last Thursday. The weekly 50/50 was not won this week so next week it should be around \$120. Friday lunch on July 7 will be soup, sandwiches and dessert, followed at 1:15 p.m. by Bingo.

Chocolate Yoga in the Park!



Staying Alive Fitness' popular fundraiser heads into its 9th year with a new twist!

Gym owner Leanne Monaghan, Acton's trusted fitness guru, has teamed up with Bridgitte's Giddy YoYo Chocolate to add a new dimension to this year's Yoga in the Park. Each participant will be given a piece of chocolate before class to set the mood for Yoga.

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Now in its 9th year Yoga in the Park has become a summertime institution, encouraging EVERY BODY to try something new in a safe environment and get back to nature. ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME!

The event adds a 'feel-good' vibe not only to Acton's line up of summer events, but to the community itself. With the venue set for Prospect Park, those in attendance can expect a relaxing yoga session surrounded by trees, water and CHOCOLATE, guided by yoga instructor Leanne Monaghan and a few guest yoga instructors.

This is a free community event thanks to our many generous local sponsors. A non-perishable food item, or monetary donation will be accepted during the event to support the Acton Food Share, Links2Care and the CRC (Concerned Residents Coalition fighting the Hidden Quarry)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you can help out in any way please contact Staying Alive Fitness 519-853-2650 or info@stayingalivefitness.com

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