

Amendment to Community Improvement Plan presented at public meeting

By: Vivien Fleisher

A draft amendment to the Halton Hills Community Improvement Plan (CIP) was followed with a statutory public meeting on Monday night. The purpose was only to inform the public. Decisions will be made later. The CIP, approved in 2010, encourages rehabilitation of properties, development, and changes in land use, which increases the town's tax base. Eight sub-areas have been identified, and a chart shows incentive programs available to each. In some cases, several programs are available to some areas and in others only one. For example, in the 'Industrial Parks' sub-area, only the 'Landscape Improvement Grant' is available.

Advertised in The New Tanner on August 31, the amendments were a response to residents' requests for an extension of the sub-areas identified in the initial plan. Senior planner Tara Buonpensiero outlined three criteria for expanding the CIP to such sites that would ensure the objectives of the CIP would still be met. The goal is to make it easy for staff to determine eligibility of those outside the sub-areas, with only commercial mixed use and institutional uses to be considered as per the original plan. One

is that improvements to the building be in compliance with the Town's Official Plan. The property must also be within the 'Georgetown or Acton Urban Area' as defined in the Official Plan while extending eligibility to properties beyond the eight CIP sub-areas. The property must have frontage on an 'arterial road', defined as those major streets with a concentration of businesses. Councillor Lewis sought clarity on the issue of rural businesses, and Planning and Sustainability Commissioner John Linhardt assured him that Trafalgar road, Winston Churchill, and Ninth Line are examples where rural businesses qualify.

One delegation appeared Monday. Pat Farley of Georgetown expressed concern that the historic aesthetic of downtown Georgetown was not consistent, given that a few newer businesses had a "sleek modern look". She asked that since Halton Hills now has a full-time Heritage Planner, would they be consulted, to which Mr. Linhardt replied, "Yes, that would certainly be our intent." Next steps are to compile comments and prepare a future report for council on the disposition of this amendment. October 13 is the deadline for written submissions.



RECOGNITION FOR VOLUNTEER: Councillor Anne Lawlor (right) presented Georgetown resident Terry Mosher with the Governor General's Sovereign Medal for Volunteers. Before presenting her with the award, Lawlor read part of a letter written by outgoing Governor General the Right Honourable David Johnston: "Volunteers like you are fundamental to the well-being of our country, reflecting the rich diversity of Canada's people and the many talents and interests which enrich our society. What they have in common is the support they provide to communities at the grassroots level and the positive impact they have on the lives of others." Terry has been a volunteer with the Georgetown Breadbasket, which provides nutritious food to those in need, since 2007. - Vivien Fleisher photo

LEGION NEWS

By: David Maloney P.R.O. ~ Branch 197



As we say goodbye to Sharon and Mike Hedly we thank them for their service to Branch 197 over the years. Sharon's portfolio will be taken over by others for now, and Dave Maloney will assume PRO duties as well as a Youth Education Officer shared with Peggy Graham.

Last Sunday, we had unbelievable weather which was a boon to our Horseshoe Players who celebrated their end of Season BBQ Picnic and finals day competition. Everybody had a great time, and I am informed that Brian Richards took overall honours on the day.

The early bird membership drive has taken off quite well with more than

70 members signed up for 2018 so far. The new plastic card, however, is causing some controversy as it raises questions about years of service. Whereas the old cards showed years of service, the new card shows the date that the member joined the Legion, and there are discrepancies between the two which I am following up on. We are not too concerned at the moment, as we receive a register from Command showing years of service for each member printed with the same information as shown on the 2017 cards. As this is the register that we use to determine awards of Service pins, nothing has really changed. The new card is expected to last for five years and will be

updated annually with a sticker. If you have any concerns about the new card, please contact the membership chair Dave Maloney.

Our Poster and Literary contest information will be given to schools very soon. If any student would like to submit an entry, ask your teacher for the information or phone the legion and we will get information to you. We look forward to receiving entries from the students. This is your opportunity to give back to the veterans.

The fourth copy of the Military Recognition Book will soon be released. They are starting a fifth copy. If you know of a veteran who should be included, see Peg Graham for a submission form or

get one from the bar. This is a wonderful way to recognize our veterans for their service.

We are hosting the District Convention this Saturday and Sunday, and we look forward to welcoming Legion members to our Branch. Tickets are on sale at the bar for a dinner and dance on Saturday evening. Come out and join us for a night of fun.

Once again we are depending on Volunteers to aid us in hosting the District Convention this Saturday and Sunday. The response from volunteers for the car show last month was outstanding so please help us out this weekend.

As part of the Convention, tickets are on sale at the bar for a dinner and dance on Saturday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dr. 'J' will be the entertainment. Come out and join us for a night of fun.

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