

Acton Agricultural Society annual meeting reports on a good year and elects new officers

By: Harry Rudolfs

After another successful Fall Fair, the Acton Agricultural Society (AAS) continues to plow ahead. The annual meeting on Saturday drew a full boardroom at the Dufferin Centre. Dominique Zeldin was elected president, Dave Somerville moved from 2nd vice-president to 1st vice-president, and Holly Goldie was newly elected to the executive as 2nd vice-president.

The AAS is comprised of about 30 independent committees that meet regularly during the year, covering anything from horseshoes to home crafts. Many of those committee chairs delivered reports to the membership.

Brad Swackhamer said that the stands are always full during the heavy horse pull. "The track was fast. We had six teams, and it went really well."

Mary Walsma related that the truck and tractor pulls were also very well-received by fair-goers. According to Walsma, the event worked well further down the track where it has been moved, "and you could still see it from the beer tent." She suggested a pedestrian walk-way should be installed somewhere along the track.

Fran Morris president, of the Home Crafts committee acknowledged that the number of exhibitors were recorded as being down, but the homecraft conveners' reports showed that all sections were up. She also said that her committee is growing, and that the red and white bunting worked very well and will be continued next year.

Holly Goldie reported on a successful Education Day that had more attendees than last year. "I think 760, and that doesn't count the

ones that didn't register. We're really getting good quality high school students. And the teachers that come with them are fabulous. The kids come ready to work."

The AAS relies on a network of volunteers and secretary Jill Medland said that they "have an incredible group of junior members this year. I think we have 15 or 16. They're awesome, they're excited."

Outgoing-president Brian Kuechler was complimentary of the attention paid by the Halton Police, particularly to the Beer Tent. "They brought their auxiliary officers and cadets," he said, "At one time I saw about 10 of them in there besides the four I'm paying for."

Kuechler stated that the Practically Hip show at the Beer Tent was a huge success. "Dean Hughes is from Acton, and he always draws a big crowd. We have rebooked them for Saturday Night. This year on Friday night we've booked a local band Wicked Truth. Apparently they're very good."

Bill Lasby reported that the Beef Cattle Show was exceptional this year. "I think we had over 100 calves this year. Most people went home happy," he said. "There seems to be a bit of a resistance to registering online and I don't know why, because most of them are in their teens and should be savvy. I told them, if you want to put one of your kids on a cellphone and make your entry on the way to the fair, we're happy with that."

The AAS doesn't make its financial report public, but Jill Medland provided a general idea of its content. "We did well," she said. She also let drop the theme for the Acton Fall Fair 2018. "It's Popcorn!" she said.



The new Directors and Executive for the Acton Agricultural Society



Halton Hills Transit Service Strategy

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The Town of Halton Hills is commencing a study to develop a transit service strategy in Halton Hills. The study will evaluate service alternatives and explore opportunities for a *made-in-Halton Hills* transit solution to meet the current and future mobility needs of the community. The Town has retained WSP Canada Group Ltd. to develop the Transit Service Strategy which will be completed in 2019.

Over the next 18 months, consultation activities will be used to engage the public and businesses to identify the issues, opportunities, and challenges for developing a transit service strategy for the community. Through the consultation process, residents and businesses will help to identify solutions that will support the development of a strategy that aligns with the Town of Halton Hills Strategic Action Plan and address the needs of the community.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

We need your help to shape the future of transit in Halton Hills. There are a number of ways you can get involved!



Find out more about the study and provide your input using the project website: <http://haltonhills.ca/TransitServiceStrategy>



Attend the upcoming public information session on February 21, 2018 to meet and speak with members of the team.

Date: **Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

Time: **6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.** (drop-in style with formal presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Location: **Town of Halton Hills, Council Chambers, 1 Halton Hills Drive.**



Contact one of the study team members and provide your input and ideas via email or telephone.

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