

Bidding farewell to Roxy Coffee

By: Alex Hilson

Roxy Coffee bid farewell to Acton last Friday after eight years as one of Acton's go-to meeting spots. After a regular business day, they closed at 5 p.m.—permanently.

The night before, on Thursday, a celebration was held to commemorate the sense of fellowship the shop had fostered. Doors opened at 6:30 p.m., and visitors socialized over hors d'oeuvres and coffee. "We really wanted to in-

vite the community—the people who've been supporting us—to say thank you," said Wendy Tavender, one of the Roxy's managers along with Mary Ellen Stanley and Madeline Attrell.

Richard Stanley, Mary Ellen's husband, spoke about the Roxy's journey. The Stanleys were one of the original families that started the Roxy nearly a decade ago. Richard was also a pastor at Crossings Church, which meets in the back of the Roxy.

It was an emotional evening. "When I was sitting down with a couple last night, a man thanked the Roxy for being here," said Tavender. "And he proceeded to say that when he has visitors from outside of Canada, he always brings them to the Roxy because our staff greets them with a smile. And the food's good," she laughed. "And he said that he believes that this is what being Canadian is all about. Being friendly and accepting people for who

they are."

People are what made the Roxy what it was, more than the coffee. "What's the saying? Love thy neighbour like yourself," continued Tavender. "You never know what people are going through. And when you're in the service industry, you need to try to remember that. Greet them with a smile because you can change their day. Also, have a good ear. Sometimes people just want to talk and they want someone to listen. And you never know how that's going to affect them."



Richard Stanley recounted the Roxy's journey.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) - WARD 1 Concerning an Application for an Amendment to the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law (2010-0050) Property: 284 Queen Street East (Acton) Town of Halton Hills Files: D09OPA18.001 & D14ZBA18.002

DATE OF PIC: Monday June 18, 2018

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

PLACE: Acton Arena
Front Entrance - Main Floor
415 Queen Street

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held on Monday, June 18, 2018, to consider an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications proposing the development of 16 'bungalow' townhouse units at 284 Queen Street East in Acton. The townhouses are proposed to be accessed by a private road with connections on both Queen Street East and Longfield Road.

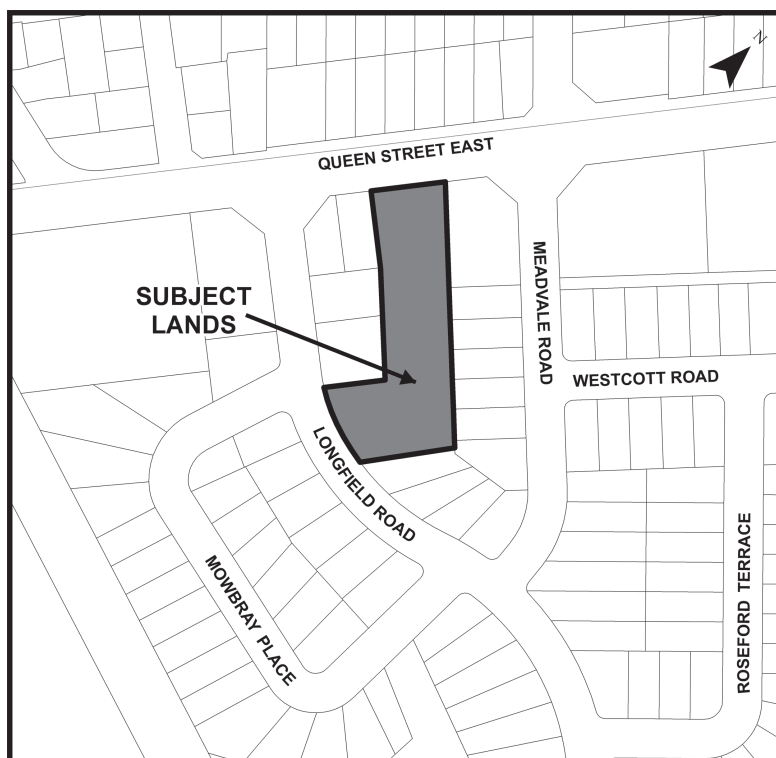
The purpose of the PIC is to provide residents with:

- information regarding the proposal; and
- an opportunity to comment on the application and for residents to consult with Town staff.

Representatives for the Applicant will also be in attendance to provide information and respond to questions about the proposed project. The meeting will be open-house format; no presentation will be given by Town staff or the Applicant.

To obtain additional information regarding the proposal or Public Information Centre (PIC), please visit the Planning & Sustainability Department at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills (Georgetown), or contact:

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Results of Road Safety Week enforcement

In support of Canada Road Safety Week, from May 15 to 21, the Halton Regional Police Service conducted heightened traffic enforcement on area roadways. Officers focused on what has become known as the "Big 3" road safety issues: aggressive driving, distracted driving and impaired operation—by alcohol and/or drug.

During Canada Road Safety Week (CRSW), which included the Victoria Day Long Weekend, Halton Regional Police Service officers laid a total of 2,538 charges and warnings related to all forms of driving offences.

The top charges laid were as follows:

- Speeding, Careless Driving and Stunt Driving—1,381 charges
- Documentary infractions-licencing and insurance—210 charges
- Fail to Yield—202 charges
- Cell phone- electronic devices—146 charges
- Seatbelts—20 charges

The total number of charges laid represents a 22 per cent increase over the number of charges laid during the 2017 CRSW campaign and a 33 per cent increase over the number of charges laid during the 2016 CRSW campaign.

As part of CRSW enforcement, Halton Police conducted a variety of proactive initiatives, including R.I.D.E., to specifically address the ongoing concern of motorists choosing to drive while impaired, whether by alcohol and/or by drug.

The following results were obtained:

- 13 drivers were charged with driving while ability impaired and/or driving over 80mgs or Fail/Refuse to provide sample which resulted in criminal charges, an immediate licence suspension and vehicle impoundment—compared with 14 in 2017.
- One driver was charged with impaired by drug or Fail/Refuse to provide sample, which resulted in criminal charges, an immediate licence suspension and vehicle impoundment—compared with three in 2017.
- 13 drivers were found to be driving in the alcohol warn range, with roadside breath testing resulting in 3/7/30-day roadside suspensions—compared with 23 in 2017.

Of note, three of the 13 motorists who had their licence suspended for a warn range alcohol reading had their licence previously suspended for the same offence.

Halton Police would like to thank the vast majority of citizens and area motorists who remain committed to road safety across the region.

If you observe a vehicle being operated in a manner which places you or anyone else in danger, please call 9-1-1 for an immediate police response.