

The way we were



Georgetown Creamery

Pictured are staff from the Georgetown Creamery from 1920, on Guelph Street below St. George's Church. Owner Morris Saxe was born in Kiev, Russia in 1879, immigrating to Canada in 1902. He opened the first creamery in Acton in 1916 after attending the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph and taking a course in butter-making. A local entrepreneur, Saxe's business ventures included dealing scrap metal, owning a tannery, knitting needle firm and the first movie theatre in Acton. He was also founder and president of the Federation of Jewish Farmers of Ontario.

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From our readers

FORE THE YOUTH

The 10th annual Bill Laidlaw Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Eagle Ridge Golf Course recently to raise funds for the youth of Norval United Church and the community. The tourney honours Laidlaw's commitment to youth. Anna Laing (left) and Brad Fraser (right) presented a cheque for \$1,700 to Halton Hills Canadian Tire's Jumpstart reps Tracey Craig (second from left) and Anne McClenaghan. The Jumpstart program gives kids the opportunity to participate in local sports and recreation programs.

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Building a better Regional road network

Halton Region is committed to maintaining and improving the Regional road system to ensure our shared quality of life and economic prosperity. In 2011, we established a 20-year, \$2.4 billion capital program to meet transportation demand to 2031. The Transportation Master Plan is the blueprint for all the Regional road work you are seeing today and the significant changes still to come.

By the end of 2016, segments of all 15 major Regional road corridors will have been improved to provide additional capacity and 153 kilometres of new lanes. East-west capacity on portions of our Regional roads will increase by 16 additional lanes and the north-south capacity will increase by 14 additional lanes. Residents will also enjoy 217 kilometres of shared or dedicated on-road bike lanes and off-road multi-use pathways, provided as part of the Region's Active Transportation Master Plan.

Better roads require a substantial investment balanced with a commitment to keeping taxes low. Over the past seven years, our capital budget for roads has increased from \$50 million

in 2006 to \$289 million in 2013. At the same time, we've achieved an average zero per cent tax increase on Regional services, one of the best records in Canada

Locally, you'll see the Region at work on Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8) as we continue to widen all sections of the road from James Snow Parkway (Regional Road 4) to Winston Churchill Boulevard (Regional Road 19). Intersection improvements are also underway on Trafalgar Rd. (Regional Road 3) at 5 Sideroad.

To stay informed about what's planned for Halton's transportation corridors over the next several years, subscribe to Construction Update at www.halton.ca/construction.

As always, if you have any Regional concerns or comments you would like to share, please feel free to email me at gary.carr@halton.ca. You can also find me on Twitter @garycarrhalton, LinkedIn or on Facebook. To receive further updates on Regional issues, please subscribe to my quarterly e-newsletter, "The Carr Report."

—Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region



GARY CARR

Letter: Drinking in a neighbourly act

Dear editor,
Recently, while walking with a girlfriend and my new pup Oliver, I experienced a wonderful act of random kindness.

As we were walking, a car pulled over on 10 Sideroad and a lady came towards us. She had seen us walking on her way home from work and thought Oliver needed a

drink of water.

She brought a dish and full bottle from her car and stood on the side of the road with us as Oliver gulped down the welcome surprise.

It made my day to see someone go out of their way to help others, especially an animal. A shining example of why I love our community.

Michelle Duquette, Georgetown

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