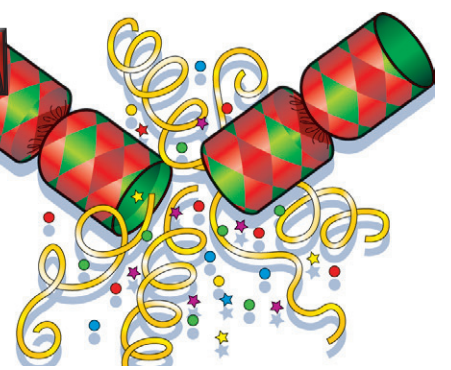


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A Ted Bit:
Surviving
the storm

Cleanup under way

By LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

The cleanup of tree limbs and debris on sidewalks and roads caused by the ice storm is expected to be lengthy but Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said the Town will not stop until everything is finished.

The Town's Public Works Department has hired back its seasonal summer staff and contractors to help regular crews with the cleanup.

"This ice storm (Dec. 21/22) won't soon be forgotten by any of us. The devastation caused by the ice is extensive. Our crews have been working on the cleanup since the storm hit. We will continue to do what is necessary to bring things back to normal," added Bonnette.

Dick Spear, the Town's Superintendent of Public Works, said there isn't a street, rural road, backyard or forest that hasn't had severe tree damage and it will take a long time to remove branches, damaged trees, and then replant in the spring/summer.

He said the Town is using its wood chippers and tree contractors' chippers in the cleanup as well as "loaders, tandem trucks and any other piece of equipment that we can get our hands on."

But unfortunately, he said, due to the extent of the ice storm, other communities are in the same predicament, so borrowing their equipment is not an option. Despite that, however, Spear said that the progress has been "tremendous" over the past week.

Along with the storm cleanup crews are also trying to remove the ice buildup from

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Following closely behind Halton Hills Hydro workers after they restored power to various parts of town, Town of Halton Hills works crews were out in full force, cleaning up broken tree branches and limbs left in the wake of the ice storm. Clearing the debris at Charles Street and Park Street Monday were Town employees Mike Marcolini (left) and Marcus Burns. Photo by Ted Brown



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