

# Cycling Challenge returns

The Town's Community Cycling Challenge is back again, but now it's even bigger and better than last year.

Instead of the 200,000 km goal of the 2013 challenge, it's been upped to 300,000 km with the hope that more people will join and ride further than ever. As of yesterday afternoon, 198 people have signed up and ridden 8,750 kms.

The program encourages everyone (residents and Town employees regardless of age) to ride their bicycles as much as possible during the 2014 cycling season and submit their achievements to a website designed especially for the Halton Hills challenge, [www.bikechallenge.ca](http://www.bikechallenge.ca).

The Cycling Challenge is different than other efforts. There is no cost to join and participants don't do any fundraising. However, when the Town reaches its goal of riding a collective 300,000 km, \$66,000 will be donated by sponsors organized by the Town to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

"Last year our sponsors generously donated \$50,000 to the Foundation after we reached our goal," said committee chair Councillor Jane Fogal.

"This year we thought if we bumped up the goal then we should bump up

the financial reward for the Foundation. I am grateful that we were able to find generous businesses that support active living and our local hospital. After four months of fun cycling, our residents will be fitter and the Georgetown Hospital Foundation will receive an amazing \$64,000. This truly is a win-win."

Every kilometre counts as every rider from infrequent to lycra-clad cyclist can contribute to the success of the whole community. Families are especially encouraged to participate and there is an option on the website that allows registration as a family.

Last year more than 800 people took part over the course of the summer and the 200,000-km goal was reached on Aug. 15. New this year, participants will be able to set a personal goal and track their progress as well as the community's running total. Anyone can check on the community total by logging onto the website.

"It was terrific to see the community jump on their bikes last summer and ride for the challenge", said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "We had more than 800 people sign up last year. This year let's see if we can reach 1,200."

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## Election call: Thursday, June 12

The provincial election is set for Thursday, June 12 and so far there are three candidates in the Wellington-Halton Hills riding. Running are:

- Ted Arnott – Ontario PC (incumbent)

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- Dave Rodgers – Green Party

- Dan Zister – Liberal (to be confirmed as the candidate at a nomination meeting this Saturday).

The NDP has not yet selected a candidate.



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