

# Stay at Home and Play campaign nearing the finish line

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The Halton Hills Arena Users Group (HHAUG) Stay at Home and Play campaign is in the homestretch with \$1.89 million raised of the \$2.2 million goal.

Campaign organizers hope to top that goal in the next four months and to help lead the way for the important Acton phase of the fundraising. Acton resident Kathleen Dills, who is also Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce general manager, has accepted the position of campaign co-chair.

"The arena is such a strong focal point for the community and I'm really looking forward to the community stepping up to support it," said Dills.

She said the facility is used for so many activities including seniors' events, soccer, lacrosse, hockey, figure skating and teen community dances.

"People need to shop and play locally. It's so important to a vibrant community," said Dills.

Dills will be working with the other campaign co-chairs—Finn Poulstrup and Bob Hooper—as they focus their fundraising efforts on Acton businesses and residents.

She is following in the footsteps of her grandfather and father who both took part in fundraising campaigns in the community—her grandfather Arlos Dills for the one to build the Acton wading pool in the 1950s, and her father David Dills for the campaign to put artificial ice in the arena in the



Acton resident and Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce general manager Kathleen Dills (front) is the new co-chair of the Stay at Home and Play campaign. She joins other co-chairs from left: Bill Curry, Bob Hooper and Finn Poulstrup. Dills will help to lead the way for the important Acton phase of the campaign.

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1960s.

Dills said there are still several naming/dedication donation opportunities in the Stay at Home and Play campaign available including the Name-A-Seat program that allows donors of \$500 to have their name/busi-

ness recognized on a designated seat in the new rink.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the campaign is asked to contact Dills at the Chamber office at 905-877-7119, or home 519-853-2024 and they can email her at

akrdills@gmail.com

The campaign was initiated as part of the HHAUG financial pledge to the Town for the much-needed Mold-Masters SportsPlex and Acton Arena and Community Centre expansion.

The Mold-Masters SportsPlex expansion is complete and the facility now offers four arenas and court surfaces. Ground was broken for the twinning of Acton Arena last Wednesday. That arena is expected to be ready for use next September (2015).

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