

## Heat kills

It's the first week of summer, and already Halton Police has had to respond to a number of calls of pets in distress after they were left alone in a hot car.

Leaving young children and pets unattended inside a vehicle, even on relatively mild days, can be very dangerous, even fatal.

According to Health Canada, outside air temperatures as low as 23°C/73°F can climb to more than 50°C/122°F inside a vehicle. Imagine how hot it could get during an actual heat wave.

Every spring and summer in Canada, there are reports of babies, toddlers and pets dying after being left unattended inside vehicles—something that can be easily prevented just by using some common sense!

Extreme heat affects young children more quickly and dramatically because of their smaller size. Young children have a reduced ability to regulate their body temperature in comparison to adults, which leaves them vulnerable to heat stroke. Heat stroke occurs when our core temperature reaches 40°C/104° F and can be fatal. In a small, closed environment, our bodies, especially small or frail ones, can go into shock very quickly causing circulation to vital organs to fail.

It is never safe to leave people and pets inside a vehicle. Leaving the window open a crack is of no use.

Tips for all Canadians on ways to prevent heat-related illnesses and deaths can be found at [www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/sun](http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/sun). The same information can also be ordered free of charge at 1-800-O-Canada.

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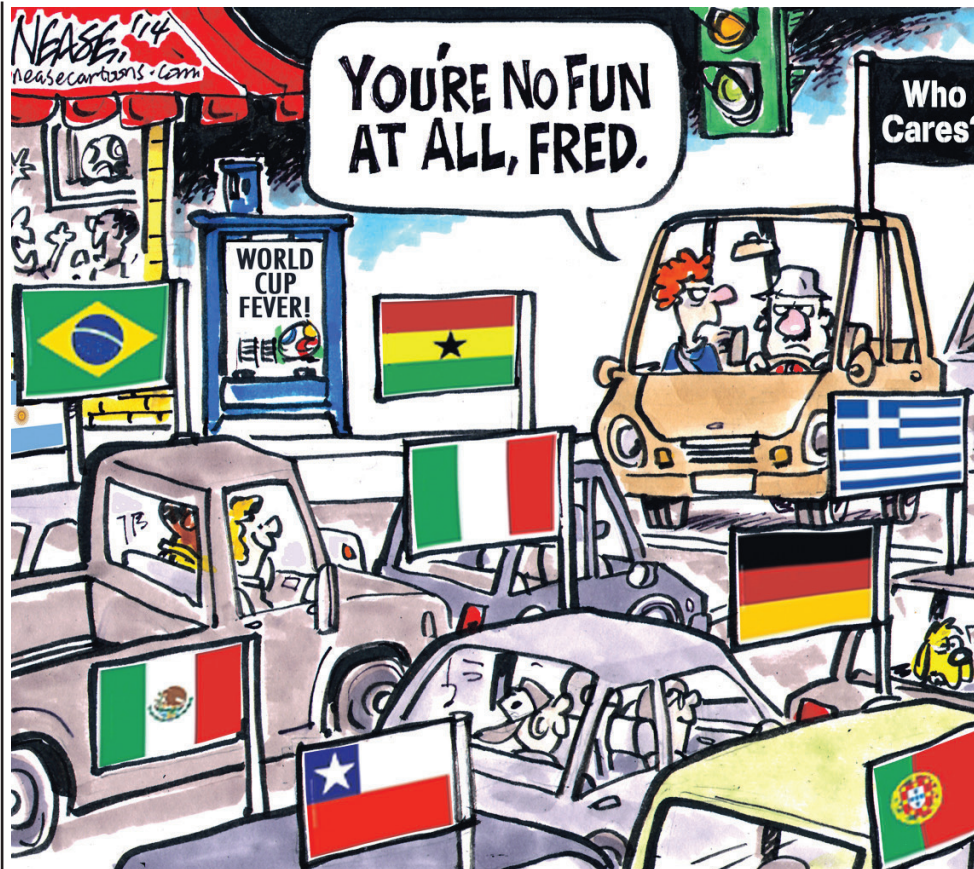
What do you think newly-elected MPP Ted Arnott's first priority should be?

- Seeking all-day GO service (45%)
- Seeking more road funding (28%)
- Seeking the PC Party leadership (16%)
- Seeking high speed rural internet service funding (11%)

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## Letters to the editor

### Reader laments another local business gone

At the end of this month, I am sad to acknowledge that a small, local business, Feet in Motion, will no longer fill our beloved small town Main Street. The cause of death to this great sporting goods store is chronic lack of interest and support from the residents of Georgetown. The same residents who praise the awesome small town community will pay 10\$ in gas to go to the Outlet mall to save \$10 on a pair of running shoes before trying out a local business first. These residents will gladly show off our vibrant downtown farmers market on Saturday to their friends and tourists but once the show is over do not support the local businesses. I hope the residents realize that they will never see a Nike swoosh or Brooks Brothers on their child's soccer or hockey jersey. The local businesses support our community and we need to support them. These businesses add to the character of Georgetown

and I ask that you support them or at least see what they have to offer. I guarantee you will not suffer from trying.

Claudine Waddick  
Halton Hills

### Bike lane on Miller Drive is unnecessary

Have you heard? The town is putting a bike lane on Miller Drive this summer. Spending \$150,000 to do it. Why? Cyclists can already ride on the road way. There is a bike path on the Eighth Line for cyclists to use where they are separated from road traffic. Why this is necessary?

Why not invest \$150,000 upgrading our Hospital or the town providing outreach programs for seniors, and families. All this money spent on paint!

Residents of Miller were not consulted, we were told. No discussion, no recourse for those who oppose. I do not understand how the Town can consult a Trails and Cycling Advisory Committee to "provide advice and input" but they do not consult the residents of that street! How does a Cycling com-

mittee have more of a say than a homeowner? Or townspeople? Ask the community what they want!

Bruce White  
Georgetown

### Businesses thanked for Ctk Relay support

The Relay for Life Committee would like to extend a sincere thank-you for your support in making Christ the King Catholic High School's 2014 Relay for Life a HUGE success! Thank you CRS Contractors Rental, Domino's Pizza, Georgetown Choral Society, Long & McQuade, Maple Lodge Farms, Party Cinemas, Pita Pit and Real Canadian Superstore.

Christ the King  
Relay for Life Committee

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