

Saving our forests

Halton Region's recent move to adopt 37 hectares of new forest land deserves a big round of applause.

Preserving the region's natural heritage is a must for future generations of Halton residents to enjoy as well as for the benefit of local wildlife and the ecosystem — and it won't happen by itself.

The Region announced last week it would commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Halton Regional Forests by acquiring 37 hectares of new forest land.

The initiative marks the first addition to our regional forests in almost 50 years.

However, considering a hectare equals a little under the size of two football fields, that's a significant mass of land now being preserved.

It's all intended to protect the land for generations, say Regional staff.

Since 1939, Halton Regional Forests — Agreement Forests, first managed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and now Halton Region, have acquired more than 665 hectares of land. That is spread over 14 separate forest tracts that range in size from 12 hectares to more than 166 hectares.

The new forest lands contain a provincially significant wetland (about 14 hectares) and a woodlot (about 23 hectares) and will bring the total size of Halton's Regional Forests to 702 hectares.

We only hope it doesn't take another 50 years for further action in this regard.

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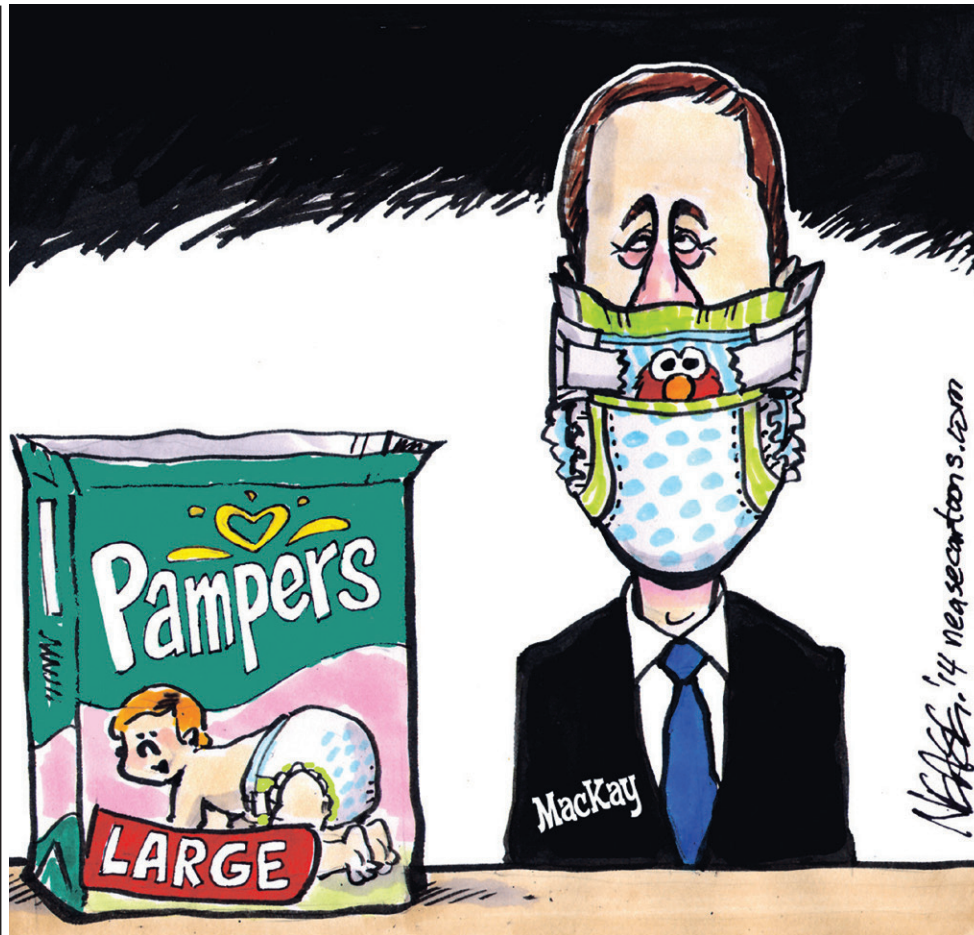
How are you going to spend Canada Day?

- At Canada Day in the Glen (33%)
- I have to work (24%)
- At Acton Fire Fighters' fireworks display in Prospect Park (19%)
- In the backyard with friends (19%)
- At the cottage (5%)

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Letters to the editor

CASHh thrilled by support

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the residents of Halton Hills for their generosity during our April "Give Where You Live" campaign. Each year we count on the residents of Halton Hills to help us help those living with cancer, and you didn't let us down. When our volunteers knocked on your door... you answered!

We are thrilled to announce that over \$108,000 was raised during our campaign. Please know that all funds raised for CASHh remain in Halton Hills. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their dedication to our campaign, and to all of the people who donated to our charity. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

Marilyn Inglis
 CASHh Campaign & Publicity
 Coordinator

Police rescue sweltering dogs

I just wanted to write in and say thank you to our local police officers in Georgetown!

I work at Foodstuffs, downtown on Main Street and on recent Monday afternoon a very nice customer of ours expressed concern over two small dogs being left in a van outside the RBC.

After calling the local non-emergency number I was SO pleased at how quickly a cruiser was sent out. Not only were they quick but the nice police officer even brought water for the puppies!

Having been spoken to by police, I hope this driver thinks twice before leaving her dogs again.

Just a reminder to everyone that it is NEVER a good idea to leave animals or children in your car!

Marissa Brayne
 Halton Hills

Now that's service

I recently ordered a custom cake from Edible Delights in Georgetown for my son's birthday. I picked the cake up the day before his birthday and was amazed at what Victoria had created. It was exactly as I had requested. After arriving home I opened the box to find a smashed cake. I, of course was in a complete panic but after contacting Victoria my mind was put at ease. She not only offered to make me a whole new cake but also offered to deliver it to me the following morning. The new cake was just as amazing as the first and absolutely delicious. If you are looking for a cake for any occasion I highly recommend Edible Delights.

Lynne Simon, Acton

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