

# COMMENT

*The way we were*



## Down on Main Street

Looking north on Main Street, Georgetown about 1949. The Royal Bank sits on the left with the McGibbon Hotel on the right. Note the interesting street lamps.

*Text courtesy of John Mark Rowe, Georgetown: Reflections of a Small Town. Photo, Esquesing Historical Society*

From our readers

## THINK SPRING!

Can spring be far away? The robins arrived at the home of photographer Rein Pater on March 1.

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## Halton Region once again receives AAA credit rating

Halton Region's strong financial position is an important part of our ability to invest in Halton's future. Our strong financial position and prudent budgetary practices in our annual review once again earned the Region an AAA credit rating from Moody's Investors Service. The rating agency also attached a "stable outlook" for the Region's financial future, indicating its confidence in Halton's ability to maintain this standing.

Achieving the highest credit rating possible from Moody's Investors Service, while keeping taxes low, demonstrates that Halton Region's growth is both fiscally responsible and sustainable. Regional Council is committed to governing for the future as part of our Strategic Action Plan, and this achievement confirms that we continue to move in the right direction with one of the best records in Canada.

Achieving this rating ensures that Halton Region and the four local municipalities that borrow under this rating (including Halton Hills) continue to obtain the best possible capital market financing rates, minimizing the longer term costs of infrastructure capital. In announcing the rating, Moody's high-

lighted a number of Halton's fiscally responsible actions including:

- Effective multi-year planning and prudent fiscal policy;
- Management's conservative debt and investment management policies which limit exposure to market related risks and help ensure smooth debt servicing costs;
- The Region's forward-looking operating and capital plans to address pressures and spending requirements; and
- The Region's comprehensive, transparent and timely financial reporting.

On January 28, Regional Council approved a 1.5 per cent increase in property taxes to fund Regional tax supported programs and services while strengthening the Region's investment in the planning and delivery of infrastructure. This change is consistent with Halton's eight-year track record of keeping tax increases at or below the rate of inflation.

To learn more about Halton's budget, including an overview of the Halton Region Budget and Business Plan 2015, visit [www.halton.ca/budget](http://www.halton.ca/budget).



**GARY CARR**

*Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region*

## Family grateful for community's help

How to do you thank a community for coming together for you and your family?

We had special neighbours, Maureen Lynas and Rhoni Whelan— along with their fundraising committee members, which included many neighbours and other wonderful people of Georgetown— who put together The Rob and Sharon fundraiser at Nashville North on Feb 13.

A special thanks to Kit Andrews, owner

of Nashville North for allowing us to have his place for that night.

Rob and I were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from this amazing community; we were truly touched.

I am so glad we moved to Georgetown over 15 years ago and call this community our home. Words will never be enough to say how much we thank you all.

*Rob and Sharon, family*

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