

COMMENT

The way we were



Welcome home

Homes on Tweedle Street in Glen Williams welcome home First World War heroes in this photo from 1919. The house with the banner is 3 Tweedle, built in 1849 for David Williams, the village tanner, and son of Benajah Williams. Today, it is a private residence and a listed heritage property.

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From our readers



BEHOLD THE RARE WHITE SQUIRREL

Christine Dorosh snapped this photo of a rare white squirrel prowling around her garden on Metcalfe Ct. in Georgetown. Have a photo you want to share? Email — with details — to cgamble@theifp.ca.

Make an informed decision on Oct. 19

On Monday, Canadians will choose the next Prime Minister and select Members of Parliament (MPs) to represent their communities in the House of Commons. Here in Halton Region, this decision is especially important — your ballots will determine our partners in advocating for a strong Halton at the federal level.

MPs act as your voice in the House of Commons, and we need their support to ensure that our taxpayers are not burdened with the high cost of growth. Provincial legislation mandates that our population must grow to 780,000 by 2031, and this growth is placing an increased demand on our local services and infrastructure. In order to grow, we must ensure that the infrastructure and human services required to support development are well planned and adequately financed in advance of need. This means long-term, predictable funding commitments from both our federal and provincial partners.

On Sept. 23, Halton Region sent a questionnaire to every federal election candidate running in our community. It asked candi-

dates how they would help us address some of the local challenges associated with provincially mandated growth. These challenges include infrastructure, climate change, affordable hous-

ing, economic development and child care. The questionnaire also asked about municipal engagement and putting Halton constituents first. As their responses came in, we

posted them on our website for you to review before election day.

Your vote counts in this federal election, and I encourage all residents to visit the polls on Oct. 19. A strong Halton helps build a strong Canada, and this election is your opportunity to shape the future of our region and our country.

I look forward to working with your elected MPs to help keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

To view candidate responses and learn more about the issues facing the Region, please visit halton.ca/election2015.

— Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region



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