## Candidates hit the hustings as June 7 approaches

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well, they will protect their own farmland," said Arnott, who explained that the Progressive Conservative government would not be opening up the Greenbelt and supports economic success in agriculture.

The candidates were also asked how they would handle the province's ballooning debt.

Rodgers said that Ontario has some of the lowest rates for natural resources in the world, explaining that debt can be paid off by making incremental increases on gravel recycling and water-extraction licensing.

Ballantyne said the NDP would make small tax increases on average residents, but more on those making over \$300,000 a The vear. audience clapped.

Arnott first warned of Ontario's debt crisis back in 1990, explaining that, since then, the province's debt has risen to approximately \$22,000 for each resident.

"Future generations will have to pay the bill," he said. "Governments should be running balanced budgets in good years.

Hurst said the Conservatives' selling off of public



Ted Arnott, Conservative MPP for Wellington Halton Hills.

assets like Highway 407 could have helped keep revenue for the province and fixed massive congestion.

"It's only the Liberal party that can carry the day against Doug Ford," said Hurst.

The Georgetown Canadian Federation of University Women recommends residents check their voting status and polling information before the June 7 election.

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## **Public Library's Caddystacks 3 event** raises \$1,343

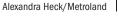
On April 7, residents stopped by the Halton Hills Public Library in Georgetown to see if they could get lucky with a hole in one at the Caddystacks 3 event - and they helped the library raise \$1,343.

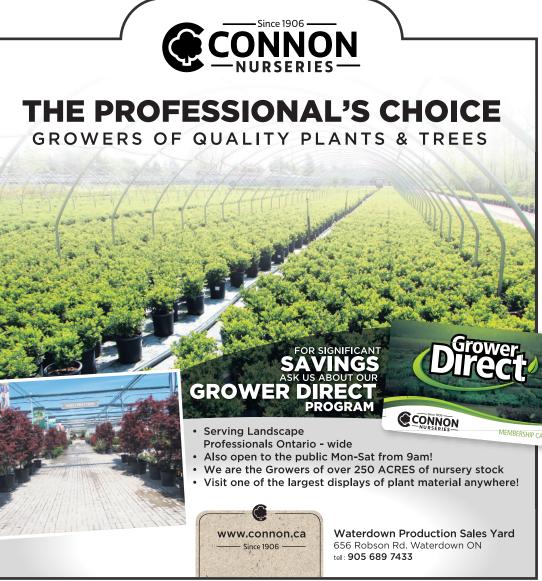
Local families travelled trough the library's minigolf course and also had the opportunity to browse through a new feature this year, a toy and book sale.

The funds collected from the event, hosted by Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library, will go toward the Acton Reading Deck and the community's annual One Book, One Halton Hills program. "I'm overwhelmed with

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the amount of goods collected for our sale - toys and books filled much of the library's upper floor,' said Mark Rowe, chair of Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library. "It's always gratifying to see families, kids and people of all ages come out to enjoy a day of minigolf. Those smiles are what keep us going, and we hope Caddystacks continues to be a regular fixture of our year."







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