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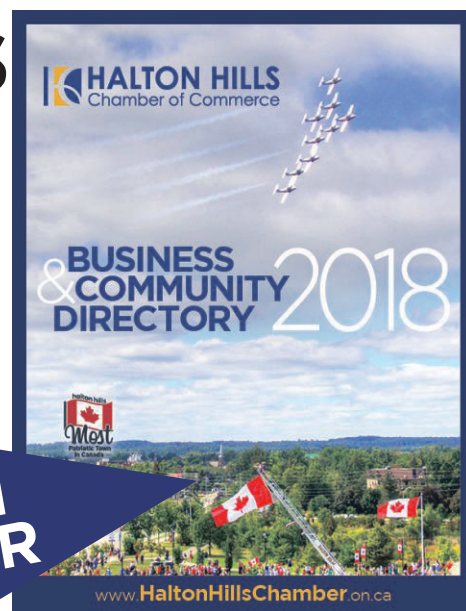


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Georgetown Independent and Free Press Editor Chris Vernon is on the move. Effective July 23, Vernon will be the editor of the Kitchener Post, Waterloo Chronicle and the New Hamburg Independent. Catherine O'Hara will assume the helm of the Georgetown newsroom. She can be reached at cohara@metroland.com.

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For a commercial property, HST is applicable. It is important as a seller that you select "in addition to" so that any applicable HST doesn't affect your sale proceeds. For property that is mixed residential and commercial, the HST is applicable on the commercial portion, and again it is important to select "in addition to".

If you are selling vacant land, or farmland, then HST may or may not apply. HST can be complicated and it is important to understand whether it applies to your property before entering into an agreement.



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