

NEWS TOWN RECEIVES \$20K GRANT FROM FRIENDS OF GREENBELT

The Town of Halton Hills was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation.

The town applied for the grant in order to help protect its natural assets.

'This grant will allow us to inventory and map out our forests, wetlands and green space," said Mayor Rick Bonnette, "Understanding our natural assets and the services they provide becomes increasingly important as we plan for growth and take a local response to anticipated impacts from climate change."

The town will partner with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to carry out the work. Creating an inventory will allow the town to develop strategies and plan for maintenance, renewal or replacement of its natural assets.

'We are pleased to invest in the town's efforts to create a more resilient community," said Edward McDonnell, CEO of the Greenbelt Foundation. "This is a great example of how we can use nature and the Greenbelt to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing our communities as our climate grows wetter, wilder and warmer."

WENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Herb Garbutt / Metroland Edward McDonnell (right), **CEO of the Greenbelt** Foundation, presents a cheque for \$20,000 to Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. The town was awarded the grant in order to help it map out its forests, wetlands and greenspace to allow it to develop strategies and plan for maintenance, renewal or replacement of its natural assets.



Halton Hills Chamber of Commer

Only Mortgages was named the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce business of the month. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Amy Sykes of the Chamber of Commerce, Only Mortgages owners Moe Forget and Debbie Forget, and Norm Paget of the Chamber of Commerce.

ONLY MORTGAGES NAMED CHAMBER BUSINESS OF MONTH

Only Mortgages was named the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce business of the month for February.

The honour marked the two-year anniversary of the business opening its mortgage brokerage office in Georgetown.

Only Mortgages has been around for a lot longer, though - Debbie Forget founded the company in 2007, after spending much of her career in the mortgage and banking industry. She waited until her husband Moe took early retirement from his executive banking career before expanding the company and moving it

into its 204-232A Guelph St. office.

They chose to open the office in Georgetown, because it's where they have lived for the past 23 years, and they wanted to live and work close to their three daughters and three granddaughters.

The Forgets are licensed to provide mortgages anywhere in Ontario, but focus their efforts on serving Halton Hills residents.

As mortgage brokers, they represent dozens of Canada's première banks, trust companies, credit unions and mortgage companies; they are certified to provide reverse mortgages - a growing segment of the Canadian marketplace - and both are experienced at providing specialized lending services for first-time home buyers, for self-employed applicants and helping people who may have had credit issues in their past.

"Joining the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce was one of the first things we did upon opening our business, which has proven to be one our best investments," said Moe Forget. "Most of our success since opening can be traced directly to our participation in Chamber events.