

TOWN 'SUCCESSFUL BEYOND EXPECTATIONS' IN 2019

HALTON HILLS EXCELLED IN UNPREDICTABLE YEAR, SAYS MAYOR

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Despite a year Rick Bonnette characterized as unpredictable, the Halton Hills mayor said the town was "successful beyond expectations" in 2019.

The main source of the unpredictability was the provincial review that could have resulted in Halton Hills being amalgamated with neighbouring municipalities. Bonnette told the members of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce during the Mayor's Christmas Luncheon that the

town was vocal in its opposition to any changes to its government structure.

He pointed out that if the review was to find efficiencies, the town was already looking for them. He pointed to the Halton Hills Fire Department joining with Burlington and Oakville for a centralized dispatch and the Halton Hills Hydro's membership in GridSmartCity, a group of 14 municipal utilities that uses collaborative purchasing to reduce costs.

The province ultimately decided against amalgamating any municipalities.

The town also saw a resolution to the employment land in its premier gateway to replace the land it was forced to set aside for a potential GTA west corridor high-

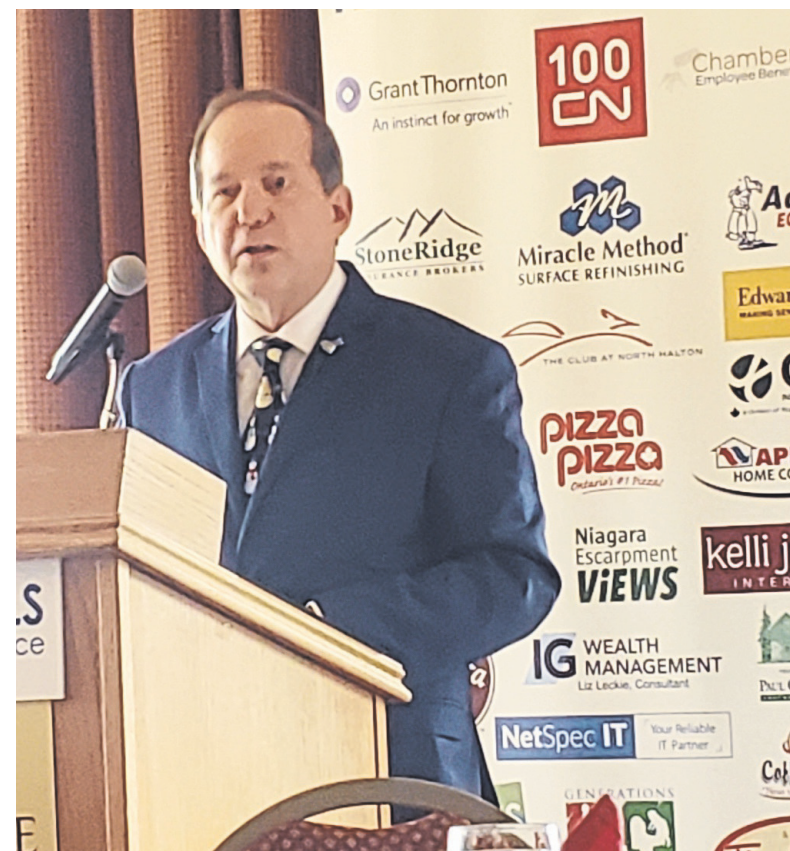
way.

The province withdrew its appeal for an official plan amendment, giving the town the green light to develop 185 acres.

"These dormant lands are now ripe for a huge financial investment in Halton Hills," Bonnette said. "(The province) recognized the value of opening these employment lands to economic development."

Bonnette said this will provide another boost to the town, which has seen the highest job growth rate (14.4 per cent) in Halton over the past five years. He said it will also help maintain its industrial/commercial to residential ratio, with five million square feet of industrial/commercial buildings in

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Halton Hills mayor Rick Bonnette said the town accomplished a lot in 2019 despite the uncertainty surrounding the possibility of amalgamation.

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HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH

8958 Trafalgar Road at 5 Sideroad * 905.878.4872 * hbuc.ca
Sunday morning service at 10:30 am
Communion Service Dec 22, 2019 at 10:30 am
Christmas Comfort Service Dec 22, 2019 at 1:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm

NORVAL UNITED CHURCH

14015 Danby Road, Georgetown * 905.877.6122 * norvalunited.ca
Sunday morning service at 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Ivany, Lead Minister; Jen Auger, Youth Minister
Christmas Eve for Families at 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm
30 minute celebrations of the Christmas story especially for kids:
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion at 7:30 pm & 9:00 pm
A chance to be still, to listen, to feel.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

89 Mountainview Road South * 905.877.4482 * standrewsuc.ca
Sunday morning service at 10:00 am
Rev. Grant Williams, Minister
Family Service at 5:00 pm
Candles, Carols and Fun; a short 45 minute worship for young families.
Candlelight Communion Service at 8:00 pm
Quiet, Soothing and Reflective Service with Carols, Choir and Message.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH (Georgetown & Glen Williams)

11 Guelph Street * 905.877.2531 * stjohsuc.ca
Sunday morning service at 10 am in Georgetown;
Rev. Norm Hennig-Pereira, Minister
Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:30 pm in Georgetown;
Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service at 10:30 pm in Georgetown;
God's tent is set up in our midst.



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

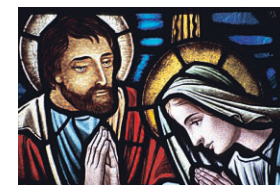
CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday, December 24th, 2019)

- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (will begin when Church is full)
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
- 9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
- 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday, December 25th, 2019)

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

May the joy and peace of the newborn King be yours now and throughout the coming year.



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