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... Lend Me Your Ears

LOSS OF HEARING DUE TO NON-AGING FACTORS

Hearing loss due to aging can be compounded by other things. A few of these include noise exposure, disease and ear infections.

Hearing loss due to age and noise are cumulative. That is, hearing loss from noise exposure will be added on to hearing loss due to aging. Neither are medically correctable. There is something to be said for protecting the hearing we have left by wearing hearing protectors while doing shop work or target shooting.

Each of us reacts differently to hearing loss. We may totally or partially deny that a problem exists. Typical "denial" statements are "you're mumbling again", or "I was not paying attention" and can be a way of concealing hearing difficulties.

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COMMUNITY

TOWN FUNDING ON TAP FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Applications are now being accepted for funding from the Halton Hills Community Partnership Program.

The initiative allocates municipal funds and resources to support community-based activities, events and initiatives that align with the Town's priorities.

"Meeting the needs of residents through a collaborative approach of working alongside community organizations is an excellent example of what makes our municipality so special," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "I would like to thank these organizations for working with us to keep residents in our community connected

and engaged."

Applications can be submitted in the following priority areas:

- Active living: Create community gatherings and celebrate rural character, culture, agriculture, and local history; build connected and more engaged neighbourhoods; focus on outdoor activities and connecting residents to nature.
- Community well-being: Support recreation for all; focus on active recreation, sport, active transportation and healthy lifestyles; make improvements to parks and facilities.
- Community and neighbourhood engagement: Improve and encourage inclu-



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Halton Hills supports community-based activities, events and initiatives through its Community Partnership Program.

sion, community health and well-being; support families, youth, seniors, diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility; promote and create quality opportunities for civic participation and volunteerism.

Organizations that meet the eligibility criteria can submit one application by the deadline of March 11 at

4:30 p.m.

The Town will host two virtual information sessions for community organizations to learn about the program and the application process on Feb. 22 and March 1 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3KDnbeW> or call 905-873-2600, ext. 2273.

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