

## Town Council News

With Ann Lawlor, Mayor of Halton Hills



It's a pleasure to be invited by publisher Scott Brooks to share Town Council news in this great publication. Lots is happening and we want you to have all the news you can use.

### New Fireworks Bylaw

May is here and summer events are around the corner. For some, fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day are fun ways to celebrate the holidays. Councillors, in Committee, recently reviewed the Fireworks

Bylaw and some changes are recommended:

- Family Fireworks may only be discharged by someone over the age of 18;
- no fireworks after 11pm;
- no permit is required for fireworks on Victoria Day, Canada Day, New Year's, Lunar New Year and Diwali; and
- excepting Exhibition Fireworks with a permit, fireworks are not allowed on public properties such as roads and parks.

Final decision on the revised Fireworks Bylaw will occur at the May 8, 2023 Council meeting.

### Slowing Traffic

In certain areas of our community such as school routes, traffic needs to slow down so that cyclists and pedestrians will be safe. After testing the effectiveness of speed reductions in certain areas last year, Council is reducing the maximum speed from 50 km per hour to 40 km per hour on sections of the following streets: Mill Street East, Arthur Street, Peel Street, Wellington Street and George Street.

Watch for new maximum speed signs to be installed early this summer and be ready to lighten up on the gas.

### More Trees, Please

Trees along our streets and in our yards cool the hot summer air, filter dust, add oxygen, provide habitat for birds and bugs, sequester carbon and look beautiful! Our Town's environment is enhanced when more trees are added and Council is encouraging residents to plant on their own properties.

So, this year, \$20 Tree Vouchers are available to the first 500 Halton Hills residents from the Acton Community Centre, Mold-Masters or Gellert Centres. The vouchers, for a tree valued at greater than

\$50, can be redeemed at Red's Garden in Acton or Sheridan Nurseries in Georgetown. These businesses will add a further \$10 discount for a total \$30 tree purchase saving.

Grab a shovel and let's help green our Town!

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