

Town Council News

With Ann Lawlor, Mayor of Halton Hills



July's Halton Hills Town Council meeting agenda was full of varied subjects from plans to celebrate our history to recommending rural waste pickup. Some of the highlights:

Wedding Bells at Town Hall

Town Council is considering a new service for Halton Hills residents – civil marriage ceremonies! Many municipalities provide this service and requests for small private civil ceremonies are often received.

The Municipal Clerk or designate can officiate at a ceremony scheduled during business hours in the council chamber. The fee will be average with other communities, in the range of \$400 plus licence.

It is hoped that the service will be available starting this fall.

We're looking forward to having happy couples in Town Hall.

Another Heritage Building Recognized

St. John's Anglican Church, a charming Gothic Revival frame structure has functioned as a church since 1840. The landmark

property at 10996 Trafalgar Road, Stewarttown, has been researched for the Town's heritage designation strategy in response to provincial Bill 23.

Imagine if the church pews could talk. They would tell stories of community meetings, harvest celebrations, church socials, village weddings and of travellers along Trafalgar Road when it was plank or corduroy – constructed of boards or logs laid side by side.

Designating and preserving our heritage buildings establishes our unique community character.

Our Town is Turning 50

The Town of Halton Hills was formed through the amalgamation of Esquesing Township, Georgetown and Acton in 1974. On January 1, 2024, the Town will mark its 50th anniversary of incorporation. To celebrate, events are planned throughout the year.

Our town is a lively mix of urban and rural neighbourhoods, each with residents who are proud of

their turf. So, the Heritage Committee identified a theme - "Recognizing the Communities of Halton Hills."

Stay tuned for special art and exhibits at the Helson Gallery, Culture Days activities, a kick off open house and lecture, Library programs, Doors Open weekend and some financial support for projects with a 50th anniversary twist or theme.

Rural Waste Pickup

In May, rural property owners in Halton Hills were surveyed about their desire for waste collection and bulk item pick-up. 62.6% voted yes and 37.4% voted no, so Halton Hills Council is requesting that Halton Region implement rural waste collection services and bulk item pick-up for the rural residents of our town. A schedule and timing are to be determined.

Enjoy the Summer Sunshine

Our meeting schedule is taking a summer break and Council will not reconvene until late August. Enjoy the sunshine, everyone. See you at the Leathertown Festival!

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