

Town Council News

With Ann Lawlor, Mayor of Halton Hills



Halton Hills Town Council met on August 28th with a full agenda to launch the fall season.

Several councillors made announcements regarding upcoming fairs, fundraisers, and more family fun: Georgetown Fall Fair is September 8th, 9th and 10th at Fairgrounds Park; Acton Fall Fair is September 15th, 16th and 17th at Prospect Park; Head for the Hills Beerfest sponsored by our service clubs is September 16th at Trafalgar Sports Park; Georgetown Hospital Walk is September 24th at Gellert Community Centre and Terry Fox Runs in Acton (Acton District School) and Georgetown (Georgetown Fairgrounds) are September 17th. Thanks to hundreds of volunteers and donors who make these events such a great success.

Town staff described Culture Days, September 22nd - October 15th, which is another chance for residents to try out something new. Organized by the Town, local groups and artists, Culture Days events are free opportunities for residents to explore various artistic experiences. Staged throughout our community, the activity could range from playing in a steel band to a singing workshop to a talent show or Acton Arts Market.

Check out haltonhills.ca/culturedays and awaken your inner artist!

While temperatures are still double digit, staff are planning for wintry days and considering improvements to our snow clearing workplan. Council reviewed the general costs for items such as town-wide sidewalk clearing, driveway windrow removals, additional and specialized plough capital costs and adding more weekend and evening crews. Decisions will be made about potential new service levels when the 2024 budget is reviewed.

Community Safety Zones are being introduced throughout the Town to slow down traffic in areas where there is significant pedestrian activity. Later this year, look for changes and additional speed enforcement on Acton Boulevard from Peel to Norman Avenue (east) and on Queen Street (Hwy 7) from Eastern Avenue to Churchill Road.

In addition to this month's Council news, here are some property tax tips that might help your planning for next year's tax season:

Halton Region allows older adult homeowners with low incomes to

defer their property taxes, interest free, until their circumstances change. The program helps participants stay in their homes longer.

Applications must be submitted to the Town by September 30. For eligibility and details, call 311.

Town of Halton Hills offers \$500 Seniors' Tax Grant for senior homeowners who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement. Applications are sent automatically to eligible seniors.

Well maintained heritage properties that are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act are eligible for a 20% refund on their property taxes! The refund recognizes that we all share in the benefit and value of heritage properties since they help create our Town's unique character. Contact Town of Halton Hills Planning Department Heritage staff for details.

Call our Service Halton Hills staff at 905-873-2600 or email your Town Councillor and they will assist you in getting more details.

See you at the Fair!

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