

EDITORIAL

With Scott Brooks



September 15th was a dark day for Ontario's local media landscape as the news came out that Metroland Media had filed for bankruptcy, thus no longer distributing printed newspaper editions to homes and businesses.

Sadly, 605 professionals of reporters, editors, and other associated newspaper staff lost their jobs in the blink of an eye without any prior notice or any severance, which includes those who reported news locally across Halton Hills. The papers in Halton Region to have been abruptly cancelled were the *Georgetown Independent & Free Press*, *Milton Champion*, *Oakville Beaver*, and *Burlington Post*—effective immediately making *The Acton Monthly* the only printed newspaper in all of Halton.

While I do not take this new-found claim lightly, as it meant a loss of jobs for many, as a historian it does make me realize we have now entered a new chapter in the history of local news reporting, one that no longer involves the tradition of a local weekly paper being delivered to every home or the record-keeping of events

for the future generations to look back on.

Thankfully, you as a reader need not to worry as, *The Acton Monthly* will still be here providing you coverage on the happenings of Acton thanks to the continued support of local businesses through advertisements. While this paper does receive support through ads, it is also supported through a dedicated subscription base.

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Ribbit, Ribbit! This frog was spotted resting on a log along the shore of Fairy Lake, soaking up the warm sun rays of autumn; well before the cold days of winter begin to sneak in.
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The Acton Monthly

Covering the happenings of Acton

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