

Town Council News

With Ann Lawlor, Mayor of Halton Hills



Council meetings over the past month have been lively and discussions wide ranging with subjects including legacy funding, Fairy Lake water quality, geese and gas plant expansions. Here's a roundup:

2024 is the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Halton Hills. That's when Acton, Georgetown, Glen Williams and the Esquesing Township countryside were amalgamated into one municipality. The Region of Halton was also created from Halton County.

The Town is celebrating the founding with a series of events throughout 2024, including themed Doors Open and Culture Days.

We're also inviting community groups to commemorate the year through their own activities and some legacy grant funding is available. Applications can be submitted until December 6th this year.

Fairy Lake is a special spot and the Town is looking at ways to enhance the water quality and opportunities for recreation and enjoyment. Through a major water quality study, town council learned that measures such as naturalization, reducing the flow of phosphorus into the lake and better stormwater management are needed. Of course, the subject of geese on the beach covered a few paragraphs! We want to hear more from residents about

their ideas for the lake. Check it out online: LetsTalkHaltonHills.ca

Halton Hills is host to a gas plant which burns fuel to create electricity for the provincial grid. Atura, the provincially owned company, made a recent presentation to Town Council regarding gas plant expansion to accommodate future demand. Council is considering the pros and cons of increasing the local burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity. Are there effective alternatives?

I've enjoyed connecting with residents, with a highlight being the Acton Rotary Citizen of the Year event honouring former Mayor Rick Bonnette. Several councillors joined me for the dinner, and I was pleased to say a few words about Rick's legacy. He's a hard act to follow and a year after the election, I'm still working on it!

Councillor Hilson and I connected with grade 3 and grade 5 students at MS Bennett to talk about our

jobs and also learn students' ideas for improving local facilities and services. We're taking the students' ideas back to be incorporated into Council's strategic planning exercise. Tops on the lists were snow clearing, bike lanes, safety and more places to eat and have fun.

November is a special time for Remembrance, and I am feeling honoured to participate as Mayor in Remembrance Day Parades in Acton, Georgetown and Glen Williams.

We are fortunate to live in a country where peace prevails, but it cannot be taken for granted.

That peace has been secured through personal sacrifices by our veterans, some long ago and others more recent. Wearing a poppy helps support veterans' causes.

Remembrance parades are quickly followed by the arrival of the Christmas season and the Jolly Old Elf Himself!

See you at the Acton Santa Claus Parade sponsored again by the Acton Firefighters.

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