



BUSINESS AWARD! Tim McElhone, second from left, and his wife Bridget were surprised to learn that their TimBri Tea House was named Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for March. Celebrating with Tim, from left, are Chamber Manager Terry Jackson and customers Jim McKoy, Bill Dowell, Sheila Dowell and Sally McKoy of Brampton. (Doug Harrison photo)

Seminar to prepare teens for job search

Special to The Acton Tanner
How to Get the Job I Never Knew I Wanted is an informative, motivating session created for teenagers and young adults, to make the most of their employment search.

April 22 from 9 am till noon. Cost is \$15 per person.

Register today through the Recreation and Parks Department, or call the Recreation Hotline for more info at 873-2600, ext. 262.

The workshop leader will address timely employment issues facing young people today, while offering insights and solid advice from an employer's perspective.

Key issues include: employment equity, the "lack of experience" syndrome and interview preparation.

You will leave this session feeling energized, enlightened and ready to take on the task of pursuing summer employment opportunities. You won't want to miss this great learning experience.

The session will be held at the Cultural Centre in Georgetown on

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Legion Ladies' election coming up

LEGION LADIES NEWS

BY OLIVE ELLERBY

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary held their April meeting with 21 ladies present.

Betty Footit was the 50/50 draw winner.

Lucy Synnott, Lily Higgins, Pat Peterson, Marg Dunn, Bev Boisenue and Helen Van Opstal were

our representatives at Oakville Legion Ladies Auxiliary's 53rd Anniversary. The ladies had a most enjoyable outing.

Congratulations to Pat Rowsell (nee McClure) on the birth of a baby daughter March 11. We are hoping to hear the news that Lois Gordon will soon be up again and out of hospital.

We also hope Marion Phiel will

soon be feeling better.

Our guest liaison, Gary Mundy, informed us that Pete Turkosz will soon be finished making more round tables. The new tables will be most welcome for our busy season of catering weddings and banquets.

May 4 will be our election of officers. Come out and show your support.

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A Message from Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline

I am pleased to submit for your review, the results of the Region's 1994 financial operations, as well as the 1995 Budget. I am proud to report that as a result of responsible management of resources, the Region was able to generate a surplus of \$5.6 million, which will be used in the future to safeguard the delivery of necessary services while maintaining current taxation levels and reducing future debt requirements. Over the last three years, total expenditures have been reduced by approximately \$6.4 million, while at the same time maintaining or improving services to our citizens. Furthermore, 1995 represents the third consecutive year with no tax increase for Regional services. In fact, average property taxes and user charges when adjusted for inflation have virtually remained constant for over a decade.

Over the past several years, Federal and Provincial governments have reduced or capped transfer payments, shifting the financial burden of service delivery from personal to property tax and shifting many costs to local governments. In response, major efforts are being made to en-

sure that our services and programs continue to reflect the highest standards of cost-effectiveness and quality of delivery. Halton is currently preparing a Strategic plan to help us focus on the most important issues facing our Region and develop effective and efficient approaches to address them.

We are leading the way in taking a serious look at determining whether or not Partnering is a viable option for us. Specifically we are analyzing the benefits of working closely with the private sector and other public partners to see if we can deliver services more cost effectively. Initiatives of this nature have already resulted in several million dollars of savings for Halton taxpayers.

Halton is a prime candidate for continued growth. Our new Official Plan provides the framework for growth management and integrates the concept of healthy communities into the physical planning process. The Official Plan, combined with the recently approved Halton Urban Structure Plan, will comply with the highest environmental standards, safeguard the existing quality of life and the unique character of the in-

1994 - 95 Financial Report

STATEMENT OF CURRENT OPERATIONS (\$000's)	1995 Budget	1994 Budget	1994 Actual	1993 Actual	Cost for Average Household	
					1995	1994
EXPENDITURE						
Funded by Property Taxes						
General government	\$ 9,005	\$ 9,005	\$ 8,582	\$ 8,984	\$ 34.09	\$ 34.73
Social services	54,212	56,596	56,323	61,125	57.36	58.33
Police, 911 & conservation authorities	41,015	40,733	41,048	40,386	184.74	183.67
Health services	8,534	8,440	7,489	7,399	13.40	13.44
Roadways	3,101	3,105	3,109	3,119	15.06	14.72
Planning & development	2,979	2,878	2,789	2,747	8.11	8.14
RBG, museum & waterfront development	1,129	1,029	959	919	5.28	4.84
Total Tax — Supported Expenditures	119,975	121,786	120,299	124,679	318.04	317.87
Funded by User Rates						
Water/waste water	40,629	39,699	36,681	37,000	353.61	343.11
Solid waste disposal/diversion	13,559	14,276	12,912	13,272	69.99	70.03
Total expenditure	174,163	175,761	169,892	174,951	741.64	731.01
REVENUE						
Property taxes	62,472	60,038	61,406	60,616		
Water/waste water billings	47,377	45,266	44,942	43,704		
Solid waste disposal/diversion fees	13,020	13,772	13,726	13,817		
Ontario grants	54,615	58,463	58,240	63,014		
Other revenue	11,516	11,253	15,962	15,674		
Total revenue	189,000	188,791	194,276	196,825		
Excess revenue over expenditure	14,837	13,030	24,384	21,874		
Net transfers to reserves and capital	14,837	13,030	18,773	18,694		
Surplus for the year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,611	\$ 3,180		
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (\$000's)						
Cash and short term investments			1994 \$ 160,411	1993 \$ 148,592		
Net long term debt			77,805	91,158		
Capital fund			53,177	51,943		
Reserves			59,000	54,136		
Reserve funds			47,443	42,451		
Current expenditure per household			1,612.92	1,680.19		
Debt per household			665.16	794.05		
Cost of debt per household			112.55	108.64		
			- principal repayment			
			- interest			
			69.28	82.63		

The 1994 Consolidated Financial Statements audited by KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne, from which these highlights were extracted, are available from the Regional Finance Department upon request.

Joseph L. Rinaldo,
 Commissioner of Finance
 and Regional Treasurer,
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dividual communities in Halton, while providing a long-term growth management strategy to accommodate future population growth and the related physical infrastructure requirements.

As a Council, we are committed to responding to the needs of our citizens. We will continue to review the way in which we do business and guard closely the practices which give Halton its Triple A financial

rating, a rating which surpasses both the Provincial and Federal governments. We look forward to continuing to serve you and together moving ahead to meet the needs of our community.