

Rural residents will want garbage pickup: Gastle

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If they don't have to pay much for it, rural residents—including those in Acton's Ward 2—will want road-side garbage pickup. That's the prediction of Ward 2 Council-

lor Kathy Gastle, Rural Waste Management Committee chair.

Rural residents, who currently don't have garbage or recycling pick ups, will be asked if they would like those services in a survey conducted by Halton Region.

Gastle said that the rural residents she has talked to are satisfied with the status quo.

"They can drop their recyclables at several rural locations, and they can compost and they can dump their waste for free at the Region's

landfill in Milton or they pay \$1.50 per bag to drop off their garbage in Georgetown at the transfer site,"

Gastle said Monday night. Council voted to ask the Region to do the survey in conjunction with one being done in north Burlington.

"Rural people don't want garbage pick up if their taxes are going to go up. They feel that their taxes are high enough now to cover this service," she said. "Part of the survey will determine exactly what the cost for the service would be."

Hatch drops FoodShare co-ordinator's position

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Pat Hatch resigned yesterday (Tuesday) as co-ordinator of Acton FoodShare, but will stay on as a board member.

In fact, it was decided at the meeting that all six volunteers will take on the responsibilities of the co-ordinator's position.

"I just couldn't do the job myself. The food bank needs more than one co-ordinator.

It takes two or three others to take on some of the jobs," comments Hatch, 46, who succeeded Loretta Duclos in September 1994.

The Acton resident feels the move will make the FoodShare stronger, since the volunteers will be working together closely.

As well, she adds, it will allow for more input at the monthly

meetings, more people will be available if visitors have questions and more care will be given to clientele.

Hatch, who works full-time heading *Personal Secretarial Services* in Georgetown, says her 16 months as co-ordinator was a learning experience. She would like to thank the community for their contributions.

"I learned how giving and strong this community is," she states,

"and I learned that there are people out there who need our help."

In other related news, the FoodShare will now be open Saturdays from 10 am to noon as well as 9 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays.

ASSIC executive director Peggie Balkind is retiring in March. *The Tanner* will feature Balkind in next week's edition.



PAT HATCH

Where Actonites go

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The weather reports are full of phrases such as "wind chill factor," "flurries" and "black ice."

Is there somewhere else you'd rather be?

More people are travelling to warmer climates this winter than last year, says Bruce Hood of Bruce Hood Travel.

"This year with the cold weather, the industry has gone crazy, especially in the last two weeks."

The "real shot in the arm," has been the ongoing seat sale initiated by Canadian Airlines and matched by Air Canada, said Ted Tyler of Ted Tyler Travel Service.

"All hell broke loose here," he said, adding some airfares were reduced by as much as 60 per cent.

Florida is still the most popular vacation spot for Actonites, Tyler said. It's fairly close, which makes airfare more reasonable for families. Tyler himself was in Florida the week after Christmas.

"We had some rain, but you

don't have to shovel rain," he laughed.

When it comes to the true "hot spots," Cuba stands out as the best buy for the Canadian dollar, said Hood. Cuba is known for its beautiful beaches, although the accommodation and food may be different than Canadians are used to.

"A five-star resort in Cuba could be the same as a three-star place in Canada," said Hood. "But things there are improving."

If it's a bargain you're looking for, Hood suggests the islands of St. Maarten and Antigua. Recently hit by hurricanes, these former popular vacation spots are getting themselves back on track.

Today, many people choose an all-inclusive package when they go on a vacation, said Hood.

The trip is entirely paid for at home in Canadian funds and creates far less financial worry when you're away. Everything from meals, drinks, entertainment and sporting events can be included in an all-inclusive trip.

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