

Home to Honeyfield

Acton development offers a sense of belonging

By DEBORAH QUAILE

There will soon be another reason to drive to Acton - the development of a new subdivision.

The grand ribbon cutting for Honeyfield homes in Acton took place on July 18 at the sales office on Hwy. 7.

With over 20 sales in the first week, the new development is well on its way to being a successful new home community and an asset to the Town of Acton.

Honeyfield, built by Monmar Homes, is offering a selection of quaint, comfortably styled homes that are well situated for shopping, activities at the arena, proximity to an elementary and high school, churches, and they will boast a nearby forest and park area.

Honeyfield is offered as "a fresh approach to small town living", with small (852 sq. ft.) to large dwellings (2,715 sq. ft.), gracious porches, decorative mouldings, and a nearby "mail gazebo" where residents can gather to chat by the park as they pick up mail.

Each of the home styles is named along a floral theme, such as Iris, Bluebell, Violet, or



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Honeybee Dylan Shortt, Mayor Kathy Gastle, and Monmar President Alfio Manarin officiate at the ribbon cutting ceremony in July for Acton's Honeyfield, a new housing development.

Lavender.

At the well-attended gathering, local dignitaries and representatives from a variety of capacities watched as Mayor Kathy Gastle, along with Monmar President Alfio Manarin, cut the ribbon.

Halton Region represented on Smart Growth sub-panel

By DONNA DANIELLI

A few months into its existence, the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel is beginning to take on a more identifiable shape.

The advisory committee has divided itself into subpanels to provide advice on two priority issues: *Unlocking Gridlock and Promoting Liveable Communities*, and *Rethinking Garbage*.

The creation of a third sub-panel was recently announced by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and it will include both Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline and Conservation Ontario's Peter Krause, neither of whom were asked to join the original Smart Growth Panel.

This sub-panel is chaired by Burlington Mayor Rob MacIassac,

who is a member of the Smart Growth Panel and who was a vocal supporter of the Greater Toronto Services Board's initiative to add to its responsibilities. The GTSB was shortly thereafter disbanded by the Ministry in favour of the creation of the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel.

"A third sub-panel will support the Central Ontario Panel in providing advice to the province for the development of the Smart Growth Strategy for the central zone," explained Brad Graham, Executive Coordinator for the Smart Growth Secretariat.

"A Smart Growth Strategy will present a vision for the zone, identify growth-related priority issues, and suggest strategies on how to deal with those issues."

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