

Gellert Community Centre on track

BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

A group of citizens, including business people, councillors and the media got a sneak preview of Georgetown's Gellert Community Centre on November 3 when the Town of Halton Hills hosted its construction tour of the site, located off Main Street South.

The \$11.3 million facility, which is set to open in early spring 2004, is about 70 per cent complete. And construction is still on schedule, said Terry Alyman, director of Recreation and Parks for the Town.

The tour included a stroll around unfinished rooms inside the facility. Even at this stage of construction, however, the unmistakable outlines of a large pool, an atrium, front entranceway, wash-room facilities, and meeting rooms were hard to miss for those taking part in the tour.

According to the Town's Facilities Manager, Paul Stover, most of the exterior work is complete. By this month the windows should all be installed and work will begin on finishing off the interior of the building early this winter.

The tour presented an opportunity for some of the project's major contributors to see how their

money is being spent. Members of the Wittich and Gellert families - both major contributors - attended, along with Jonathon Fischer, president of Mold-Masters Ltd., a Georgetown company that is on the list of major donors. Mr. Fischer also headed the Town's Localmotion Capital Campaign, a community-based effort that raised funds for the Gellert Centre.

At a reception after the tour, Mayor Kathy Gastle emphasized the significant contribution local residents made to the project. "We raised an incredible \$2-million from our citizens."

Funding has also come from all levels of government. As part of a joint provincial and federal initiative, the Canada Ontario Infrastructure Program, the province and the federal government contributed over \$3 million. On the local level, the Town provided \$6.9 million from its capital budget for the project.

The Town of Halton Hills first endorsed the project in the fall of 1999 after an indoor facility strategy study identified the need for a community centre and indoor pool.

An official opening ceremony for the facility is planned for June

13, 2004. Those wishing to recommend program ideas or to make

suggestions for the Gellert Centre, please call the Town of Halton

Hills at 905-873-2601, ext. 7707.



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We received so much positive feedback from our last column that we are going to continue the thought for this issue. By the way, my father is doing very well and my mother is taking very good care of him.

We all agree to have an "emergency binder" created in every household, young and old. This helps loved ones if you are unable to make financial and personal decisions due to incapacitation or sudden death. The whole point of this is that sometimes we don't have time to communicate with others about the important issues of running our household.

The plan needs to be tailored for each family. I suggest the first thing to do is to each make a list of all of the important tasks each person takes care of in the home. For example, filling the watersoftener (I have no idea on how to maintain it or when it needs salt... or is it sugar?). Detail those tasks in your emergency binder for each other.

The following are some ideas, but we

Dear Tracey

With every publication I will be answering your questions about Tax, Estate and Financial Planning. I've lived in Halton for 30 years and I am raising my family here.

are also looking for some suggestions from you as we design these binders to give to anyone that would like them. If you have any ideas please forward them to us.

1. Computer passwords.
2. Household maintenance routines.
3. A detailed description of closing the family cottage.
4. All bank, GIC and investment information. Account numbers, addresses of the financial institutions, contact persons and phone numbers.
5. A detailed description of pre-authorized payments out of your accounts and monthly bills.
6. Locations of safety deposit boxes.
7. A list of valuables that are not in the obvious places (like money in the mattress).
8. ALL life insurance policies, individual policy number amounts, the company and contact name, and insurance on debt such as cars, mortgages and lines of credit.
9. Beneficiary information on all insurance policies, RRSP's and RRIF's.

10. Location of wills, power of attorneys, birth certificates and marriage certificates as all of these will be needed for Canada Pension benefits, life insurance and investments.
11. Organ donation requests.
12. Burial request, place of burial or spreading of ashes.
13. A detailed description of specific gifts that you would like given on your behalf.

I am sure there are things that I have not mentioned yet, but this is a good start. The most important aspect of the exercise is to update the list on a yearly basis, either on a wedding anniversary or the first of the year. Pour a glass of wine and update your "emergency binder" together.

Regards,
Tracey

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