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find a way to work around the issue of making sure their garbage collection doesn't interfere with snow removal.

In the end, Mr. Yaworski's arguments were compelling enough to convince the Council to vote 8-2 in favour of implementing a rural waste collection program beginning February 1. Based on a cost per \$100,000 of Current Value Assessment, the tax for garbage collection services will be an estimated \$25.39 per year for the once-a-week collection, billed as part of the property tax bill.

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ly and a promise I had made before leaving Canada. Climbing Everest is not worth unnecessarily jeopardizing my safety and health, and at 7500 metres I felt I was beginning to lose strength on the mountain. I had promised my wife that as soon as I was losing control I would turn back. ...the weather turned windy, preventing everyone who did go higher the chance to try for the summit anyway."

Experienced mountaineers respect Everest and the climbers who make the difficult and wise decision to turn around when they've reached their personal maximum effort. As Sir Edmund Hillary, who is credited with being the first white man to reach the summit, is fond of saying, he was the first to reach the summit and return safely. Getting home alive should be the goal of every expedition.

"Although I did not summit," says Mr. Edwards, "the expedition was far from unsuccessful." More than \$26,000 were raised for the Children's Wish Foundation, "so children suffering from life-threatening illnesses can live their dreams too."

Mr. Edwards' interest in mountaineering was piqued at a young age, by photos in *National Geographic*. "Immediately after looking at these pictures I knew I wanted to make my own footprints in the snow-covered slopes of mountains," he says. His preparation began with basic camping skills as a cub scout. "I then learned how to read a compass, winter camp, plan my own trips, basic rock-climbing skills, rope rescue skills, and then I began to learn how to mountain climb," he adds. One of his most memorable climbs was reaching an elevation of 5416 metres with his wife in Nepal.

"It was not until 1999, after 23 years of training, that I finally felt I had sufficient experience to take that step and begin planning the expedition," he says of Everest.

Glenn Edwards works as a fire fighter in Markham, and chose this profession because of its excitement and the ability to help people in need. One of the aspects of work that helps him with mountain climbing is teamwork skills, which he says are imperative for safe mountaineering.

Of the Everest expedition, Mr. Edwards wrote in his diary, "This has been the greatest experience in my life." Upon later reflection, he notes a lesson learned: "As a husband and father of two daughters, I was reminded once again that it is your family and friends that are most important in life. Setting

goals and reaching them are paramount to self development and self fulfillment, however, it's not the mountains you climb alone that are most important, it is the mountains you share with your family that are most important in life."

Mr. Edward's talk is one in a series of presentations offered by the Georgetown chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women. More information is available from Pam Kilmer at 905-877-7665. These meetings are open to the public.

Damage control

Maureen Marentette displays the thermometer used to measure the money saved to construct a new building at the property of the Halton County Radial Railway. Mrs. Marentette, who is the business manager for the Ontario Electric Railway Association, the organization which operates HCRY, says the new building is desperately needed to protect the museum's aging vehicles and artifacts from weather damage. Much of HCRY's historic collection is sitting outside exposed to the elements. The building is slated for completion in 2004.

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