

Vanessa Sabucco – Show Jumping Champion

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The 2004 Royal Horse Show held November 5-14 at the National Trade Centre showcases the world's top international show jumping competitors and Halton's own Vanessa Sabucco placed second in the Children's Champion competition. Vanessa, 15, is a disciplined rider. Competing with her horse, Redford, Vanessa has been highly decorated this year.

The Royal Horse Show is only one of the events showcased at the Royal Winter Agriculture Winter Fair. This

annual event takes place at the National Trade Centre in Toronto. It hosts international competitions with world-class horses and riders, plus Carriage Derby racing, Dressage and more. The events feature riding techniques and training, horse whisperer demonstrations and horse breed trivia.

Vanessa started riding when she was two years old on her family's farm. Vanessa is now one of Halton's best young riders competing all over the Province with her horse Redford.

"When I am riding I forget about homework I forget about everything bad and just think about working with the horse," Vanessa said.

To get to the Royal Horse Show takes years of practice and hard work. "I get up, go to school and when I come home I start training," Vanessa said, commenting on the hours of hard work she puts in when competing. Her coaches, Scott and Anne McKay, give Vanessa the encouragement needed to keep focused. "What my coaches did for me for the Royal is amazing," Vanessa observed.

Vanessa is finally old enough to start teaching riding classes this year on her family's farm. "I am just amazed. My parents have been very supportive of me and I couldn't have done it without their help," Vanessa said.

Milton Council Notes

By COUNCILLOR CINDY LUNAU

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Partnering with MEDAC (Milton Economic Development Advisory Committee), Council awarded a contract for Economic Development (\$34,399) to Kenneth Caplan and Associates.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - Milton endorsed the Bridges 59 & 69 on Sixth Line Nassagaweya as highest priority eligible for the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program. If successful, Milton would be eligible for a grant of \$954,000.

BUSINESS LICENSING BYLAW - Council passed a bylaw with regulations for licenses & fees for businesses, including personal services, adult entertainment, body rub parlours, auctioneers, food vendors, group homes, kennels, bingos, pawn brokers, salvage yards, second hand dealers, taxi/Limo licenses, and transient traders.

FAMILY HEALTH TEAM - Council supported Dr. Garnet Maley and the Halton Medical Society's application to the Province to establish a Family Health Team in Milton.

ROMA/OGRA CONFERENCE - Councillor Jan Mowbray was designated as Milton's representative at the Rural Ontario Municipalities/Ontario Good Roads Association conference in February.

ZONING AMENDMENT - Following Public Meetings & comments, Council approved rezoning of 901 Steeles Avenue East to permit equipment sales and rental, automotive sales and services, and restaurant.

COMMUNITY FUND - Council approved CSAC (Community Services Advisory Committee) recommendations of funding to seven organizations under the fall application process. \$2300 to Milton Lawn Bowling, \$4300 to Milton Skating Club, \$2400 to Milton Choristers, \$4008 to Milton Concert Presentations, \$6165 to A Cappella Showcase, \$5375 to North Halton Girls Hockey, \$9000 to Elizabeth Frey Society. Deferred applications for \$150,188 include Milton Millennium Community Residences, Brookville Minor Baseball, Milton District Hospital Foundation, Milton Minor Baseball, and Halton Women's Place. Applications totalling \$125,057 were denied to Milton District Hospital Auxiliary, Milton Players Theatre Group, Big Brothers of Halton, Community Living North Halton, Transitions for Youth, John Howard Society and Heather Granger dance program. \$114,706 remains in the fund. More information is available on the Town web site.

USER FEES - Although the Statutory Public Meeting was held in December, there will be additional opportunities to review and comment on User Fees as they affect individuals and groups. A final staff report on User Fees, policies, and draft by-law will be presented to the

Administration & Planning Committee on January 17 following consultation with user groups. The final Bylaw regulating User Fees will be considered by Council on January 24th. Anyone wishing to appear as a delegation at either meeting should register with the Town Clerk.

CAMPBELLVILLE SAND & GRAVEL - Council unanimously supported the Minister of Natural Resources' Notice of Proposal to require an amendment of the site plan for the licence of Campbellville Sand & Gravel (Campbellville Road/5th Sideroad east of Guelph Line) including testing of current materials. The Region further requested down-gradient monitoring wells. Milton Council further requested letters of credit for future remedial work and an on-site program to protect roadways from mud & damage.

ZONING BYLAW PUBLIC MEETING - A Public Meeting to review proposed 'housekeeping' or technical amendments to 2004 Zoning Bylaw will be held on January 17th, 2005. These amendments are available on the Town website or through the Planning Department. If you wish to appear as a delegation, please register with the Town Clerk.

DEFIBRILLATORS - Automated external defibrillators designed for use by the public are now available at Town Hall, the Milton Leisure Centre, and the Milton Public Library. Early 2005, the units will also be installed at the Milton Sports Centre, John Tonelli Sports Centre, Memorial Arena and the Seniors' Activity Centre and Rotary Park Outdoor Pool. Fire vehicles are equipped with more advanced defibrillator units. The police car used in Rural Milton has a similar unit.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & LEEVEE - A thank you to the Milton Historical Society for their organization and participation in ringing in the New Year (rung by Ron Banyai, Chair of the Milton Public Library), to celebrate their 150th anniversary, to the Historical Society and FASM (Fine Art Society Milton) for sponsorship of the Annual Mayor and Council New Year's Levee. Happy New Year!

WEB SITE: Council agendas and minutes are posted on the Town's web site. This site also includes other useful and interesting information about Town events, services, press releases and reports. www.milton.ca.

REPRESENTATIVES: Phone numbers and email address for the Mayor and Councillors are available on the Town's Web Site or by phone. Town Hall 905-878-7211 or 1-800-418-5494. Region of Halton 905-825-6000 or 1-866-442-5866.

(These notes are intended to provide a snapshot of Milton Council happenings, rather than opinions. Further information can be obtained - and comments shared - through elected representatives, town staff and the Town website.)

the mayor's column



Christmas and New Year's are now behind us and I truly hope that everybody had a great holiday and good rest. It is now back to business for the town. Last year was a busy one, and 2005 promises to be every bit as busy. Council and staff have already been looking at preparing the 2005 budget. Budget meetings have been scheduled for January 17, 18, 31, and February 1, 2005.

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Council will not only be dealing with budgets, we will be looking forward to much needed industrial development along the 401 Corridor. The town has contributed \$1.5 million dollars. This is an investment to our future. The financing is in partnership with the Region of Halton and the private sector in our community. The financing will create jobs and increase much needed non-residential assessment. The funds will ultimately be paid back to the town in approximately 10 years, once the Region of Halton is paid back for their much larger investment.

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Mark Friday, January 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in your calendar. Ares Restaurant in Georgetown has kindly donated their restaurant to host the *Mayor Bonnette's Lunch for Youth*. Tickets are \$30.00 each and all proceeds will go towards Youth Centres in both Acton and Georgetown. You can purchase tickets from Halton Hills Community Support and Information, 36a Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown, telephone 905-873-6502.

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I am now into my second year as Mayor, and I would like to acknowledge the efforts and teamwork of our town staff and councillors. Many of you may not know who your Councillors are, or how to reach them. Here is a list of Town Council Members, and their contact information:

Regional Councillor – Wards 1 & 2
Clark Somerville – 519-853-9930

- Ward 1**
Jon Hurst – 519-853-2015
Mike O'Leary – 519-853-4177
- Ward 2**
Bryan Lewis – 905-877-5380
Joan Robson - 905-877-0253
Regional Councillor Wards 3 & 4
Jane Fogal – 905-877-5806
- Ward 3**
Mike Davis - 905-873-8649
Moya Johnson – 905-877-3755
- Ward 4**
Ron Chatten – 905-877-3579
Bob Inglis – 905-873-9124

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There will be many planning issues the town will be dealing with in 2005. Another Public Meeting will take place regarding the Barber Mill lands. There is a lot of interest both pro and con on the issue.

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Lastly, we must remember our food banks, the United Way of Halton Hills, Bob Rumball Association for the Deaf, and many other charities in our town. The spirit of giving is all year round as we help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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I would like to give special recognition to the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce for working closely with my office on many different issues, and to all the organizations who hosted events within our community over the past year.

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Congratulations to new businesses:

- Acton:**
Bling Jewellery
- Georgetown:**
Glazed Expressions Ceramic Studio
Stores in new plaza located at 221 Miller Drive, Georgetown South:
C. W. Horticulture
Quik Pik Variety
Carafe
Accents Décor
LA Studios
Truestar Fitness

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Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca