

# Halton Hills Council Meeting Notes

A summary of happenings of interest to Halton Hills residents

By JERRY FORD

## April 4, 2005 Meeting

**Book of Condolences** – Mayor Bonnette asked everyone to sign the memorial book to Pope John Paul II in the front foyer of the Civic Centre.

**Clean up Halton Hills Day** – Councillor Fogel reminded Council that the annual clean-up day is Saturday April 23, and the first annual 20 Minute Makeover will occur on Friday April 22.

**Local Health integration Network News** – Mayor Bonnette announced that the new LHIN boundaries had been finalized. Burlington will be grouped with Hamilton and the rest of Halton Region will be grouped with Mississauga.

**25 James Street Public Meeting** – to examine the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments required, referred back to staff for further information.

**Residential Care Facilities Public Meeting** – to examine the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments required, referred back to staff for further information.

**Bennett Health Care Centre Delegation** – Janet Duval and Ernie Bodnar addressed Council and advised that the Phase I "Life Lease For Seniors" was at a critical point where town assistance by deferring certain charges was needed to make the project viable. Mr Bodnar proposed that the town take title of 2.98 acres as the required parkland for the entire project, with the credit to apply to future building phases. Construction of a public road through the property was also requested.

**Bennett Health Care Centre Concessions** – Staff Report # FIN-2004-0047 was deferred to the April 18 Council meeting for evaluation in light of additional information received from The Bennett Health Care Centre April 1, 2005.

## April 18, 2005 Meeting

**Resolutions** – Several resolutions arising from past meetings were passed, notably the 25 James Street and Residential Care Facility Bylaw Amendments which were the subject of April 4 public meetings.

**Devereaux House** – Anne Lawlor on behalf of Friends of Devereaux House updated Council on plans to restore the circa 1860 property that sits on property designated for cemetery use.

**John Street Public Meeting** – To examine and discuss Zoning Bylaw Amendments so the town's surplus land can be sold while preserving the town trail.

**92 Guelph Street Public Meeting** – To examine and discuss Zoning Bylaw Amendments to permit conversion of a residence to an orthodontic office.

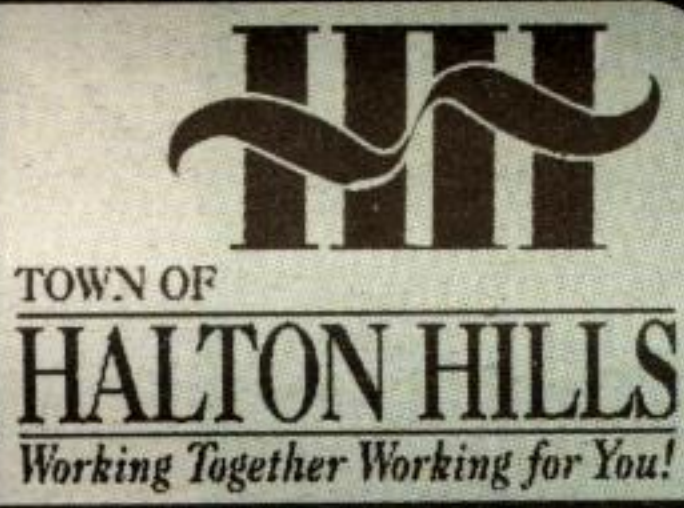
**St. Andrews Senior Residences Delegation** – Wayne Barrett of St. Andrews United Church asked Council to amend a December 2002 decision of Council with respect to the waiving of specific fees associated with the project. The total value of the deferral is unchanged, but fees anticipated as applicable in 2002 have changed substantially in 2005.

**Bott-Duff Pit Expansion** – Expansion of the existing pit to include land under the berm was approved.

**Bennett Health Care Centre Concessions** – Mayor Bonnette introduced a five part motion in which the town assumed approximately 6 acres for parkland, deferred \$465,000 of Development Charges until 2007, committed \$160,000 of the total \$250,000 for the roadway, committed both parties to a storm water management facility and limited transferability of these rights if ownership changed.

**Housekeeping** – Council approved a number of 'housekeeping' matters, full details are available through the Clerk's office.

## the mayor's column



This year marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands, and the day World War II ended in Europe. On this day, a celebration will be held to remember, honour, and thank our Canadian veterans. There are 100,000 World War II veterans in Ontario, and their average age is 82 years. On May 5, a ceremony will take place at our Civic Centre at 8:45 a.m. for the unveiling of a memorial which was generously donated by grateful Dutch Canadians and J. C. Duff Ltd. to honour and recognize war veterans who served Canada overseas and on the home-front. Their dedication and sacrifices were the price paid for our peace and freedom. At 7:00 p.m. Silent Walks and Candlelight Tributes will take place in Acton and Georgetown. For information contact Joyce Buchanan at 519-853-0523, or Bob McNeilly at 905-877-4991.

A contingent of local citizens led by Tom Schenk and Martin Boomsma will be travelling to Holland and Normandy on May 2nd for the 2005 "Keeping the Memory Alive" tour. The Georgetown Children's Chorus will be visiting Holland in May as well, and the two groups will be joining together in Ermelo for a day of civic events.

Warmer weather is finally here, but there is still plenty of hockey left to enjoy locally. Hockey fever certainly gripped Halton Hills with the exceptional play of the Georgetown Junior 'A' Raiders. They were the comeback kids, and provided entertaining hockey to the packed Mold-Masters SportsPlex. I enjoyed watching our fans take the regular seats for each game. The fellow with the blue jean jacket and booming voice full of humorous quips; the redheaded fellow behind the penalty

bench. Also, a former Georgetown "great" goalie watching every play sitting behind the Georgetown net. The Raiders gave a valiant effort against St. Mike's. The Dudley Hewitt Cup tournament will begin the week of April 26th. Get your tickets now at the Mold-Masters box office.

Halton Hills has had many championship teams this year in both Acton and Georgetown. Congratulations to all of the managers, coaches, players, and parents. Also, our Figure Skating organizations have concluded their programs for this year. On behalf of Council, I also extend accolades to each and every one of you who were involved.

On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank all of you who took the time to help clean up our town in the "20 Minute Makeover", and to the numerous volunteers who participated in Clean-up Day. Special thanks to Councillor Jane Fogal and her committee for spearheading this effort. The Town is better for the clean-up. Now, if we can only convince some people that littering is not acceptable!

A reminder that the 2nd annual Halton Hills Arts Week is being held April 21 - May 1, and will include special events, demonstrations, studio tours, theatrical and choral productions, a children's art exhibit, and the "John Sommer Juried Art Show".

Council welcomes the following new businesses in Acton: Herbal Magic, and Ice Dream Art.

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

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