





## Acton High School second annual Film Festival

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he second annual Acton High School film festival will highlight the skills of North Halton's up and coming direc-

tors and actors on June 9 at 7pm in the Acton High School Cafeteria. For the students involved in this movie making project it will be a seat closer to the director's chair and an opportunity to showcase their creations. Sixteen student made short films are ready to reel for friends, family and movie fans.

Organizer and Acton High School teacher Jen Ross helped bring this unique program to the school last year with help from former student Laura Stevenson. This year, the film festival has grown larger and more exciting after the previous year's success. "This year we not only have more judges, but

the films will be shown on Cogeco cable and will interview the film makers," Jen explained. "There are so many new things this year it seems a little overwhelming. Our Communication Technology teacher Wade Stark is also planning on putting together a compilation of the films on DVD for sale."

This year's panel of judges consists of film and animation professionals Andrew Grant of C.O.R.E feature animation, Ken Walker from Sheridan College, animator/director Stephen Barnes and documentary filmmaker James Motluk. The judges will review and comment on each

film to give feedback to the students. This year's student coordinator is Diana Drechsel

who has had her hands busy arranging a special presentation with Cogeco cable, which will feature interviews with each student and broadcast their creations on TV. Diana will also be the

MC for the evening. "After the students show their films when the judges are deliberating, we have the students who were a part of the festival last year and who have gone on to create films in university and collage come back and show what they have been working on," Jen said.

This year's festival will be an event not to miss. "A wide variety of films have come out of the communication technology class. Some of the entries are independent films the students

have been working on. Some have been worked on for two months, others a whole year," Jen explained. "This is not for a mark for school, but this is an opportunity for students to show their films on screen and get feedback from professionals in the industry."

Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the door. This event is open to the public so if you are a movie film buff it is a great chance to see the up and coming talents of these hard working youths. For more information, please call the school at 519-853-2920.

## HAAC can't support draft tree cutting by-law

Jennifer Ross

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Agricultural Advisory Committee (HAAC) also spoke on behalf of the group and again reiterated that HAAC cannot support the draft as it stands.

He pointed out that the by-law should be enforceable equally for everyone but that as it stands clear cutting, what the by-law is ostensibly trying to prevent, will continue through the development process.

"This by-law only applies to private landowners who are not developing," he said.

Other concerns centered on the Region's hiring of an enforcement officer, boundary clarification and municipal exemption.

Diana Levy, an Oakville resident want-

ed to know about the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and it's powers. Her question about the OMB's ability to override the Offical Plan was answered by a resounding "yes" from the audience of politicians and residents.

"That is the process that we are to work within and create by-laws that are a defensible as possible," said Jane Clohecy, director of planning and transportation for the Region.

The final public meeting will be held in the Halton Hills council chamber on May 31 at 6:00 p.m. and on July 6, the draft will go to before the planning and public works committee and then to council on July 13. For those wishing to submit comments in writing, the deadline is June 3.

## Halton Healthcare to take over Georgetown Hospital

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For most people, there will not be any noticeable changes, the sign on the Georgetown Hospital Campus will likely change in the near future, but people will continue to see their physicians and attend surgeries and diagnostic appointments, unless otherwise advised.

Down the road, what it may mean is more seamless care or as Oliver indicates, it may open doors to Credit Valley Hospital or Trillium.

"We're hoping that it will be a richer environment," said Oliver.

According to Cindy Lunau, Councillor, Ward 3, Milton the changes are really a governance issue, but a welcome one and one that will strengthen Halton Hills' identity in healthcare.

"Communities are very protective of their hospitals and they should be," said Cindy Lunau, Ward 3, Milton. "A strong hospital is the cornerstone of a strong community."