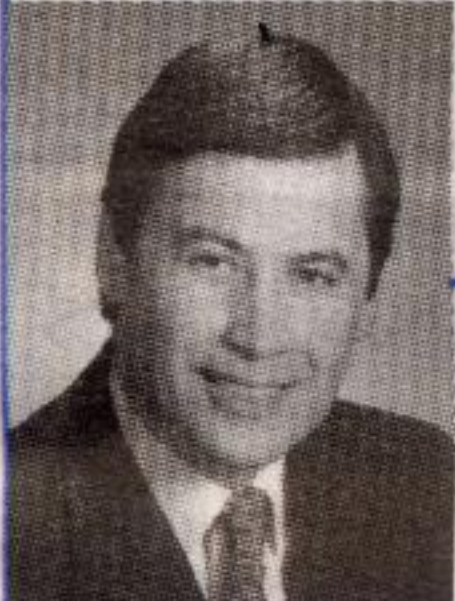


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Is Greenbelt Council biased against farming? OFA frustrated with committee makeup

With only two of nine members appointed to the Ontario Government's Greenbelt Council coming from agriculture, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is frustrated with the council's makeup, says Ron Bonnett, OFA President.

"Farmers have spent an inordinate amount of time delivering the message to Queen's Park that agriculture had to have a majority of seats on that council," Bonnett said. "Considering much of the land being designated within the green belt area is farmland, OFA and the farmers it represents felt that request was reasonable."

Farmers named to the council include Donna Lailey, a grape grower from Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Howie Herrema, a full-time

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Tim Horton's Annual "Camp Day"

Wednesday June 8 was Annual Camp Day at Tim Horton's stores across Canada and the USA. On that day the entire proceeds from every cup of coffee sold is donated to the Tim Horton's Children's Foundation. The monies are used to give children summer holidays at Tim Horton's five camps in Canada and one in the USA. Here Andrea Case, television personality and Mayor Gord Krantz of Milton help out collecting donations at the Tim Horton's drive through at Derry Road and Highway 25 in Milton, owned by Diego and Carlana Sdao.

By LOUISE COOK

Halton Region acquires Brant Court Apartments

Halton Region has acquired Brant Court Apartments from the City of Burlington for use as affordable housing.

The acquisition, which was completed on April 15, will add 16 more affordable housing units to Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC). Brant Court Apartments, located at 708 & 710 Brant Street in Burlington was previously owned and operated by the City of Burlington. It consists of 12 one-bedroom and four bachelor units in two 2-1/2 story, walk-up buildings. The buildings are home to low-income senior citizens, who pay modest rents to cover operating expenses. The transfer of the buildings to the Housing Corporation ensures that they can be maintained as affordable housing over the long term.

"Providing low income residents with affordable accommodation, such as Brant Court Apartments, is a priority for Halton," said Regional Chairman, Joyce Savoline.

"This acquisition complements the comprehensive housing strategy that Halton is developing. The strategy will meet a variety of needs, for all incomes and all stages of life - from emergency shelters and government assisted housing to private sector affordable housing, ensuring Halton residents can remain in their own community."

HCHC provides housing to families, seniors, couples, single people and people with special needs in a variety of housing forms including townhouses, apartments, as well as single and semi-detached dwellings. The majority of the housing is available on a rent-geared-to-income basis. HCHC currently owns and manages 1,800 units across Halton Region with properties located in Oakville, Burlington, Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

For more information, visit Halton Region's website at www.region.halton.on.

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