

## TD Bank opens its doors in Acton



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TD Canada Trust opened in Acton on Queen St. officially Monday morning dispensing cake and coffee to clients and wellwishers. Branch Manager Hugh Calderwood, Clark Somerville Regional Councillor, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, Anna Iacobelli, Mike O'Leary Councillor Ward 2 and Karry Lee Racki Manager Customer Relations Sales and Service.

## EDITORIAL

### There are a lot of myths about garbage.

In the 60's I read all kinds of prognostications about the new super-plastics (like polycarbonate) being virtually indestructible. That once formed into bottles or jars or the like they would remain unchanged for millennia. Running the offending bottles, jars, or what have you through a wood chipper was felt to be the closest to recycling that one could achieve. It was reasoned that rendering it all down to a kind of mulch (albeit an indestructible one) was the least environmentally offensive option.

In the 80's we had bought a farm in the Kawarthas that had seen better days, and there were odd little islands of trash strategically placed throughout the acreage that I tried hard not to notice. In one ditch was a pile of plastic bottles that was hidden by vegetation in the summer months. Fall is a cruel season laying bare the landscape as it does in all the most unflattering ways. I finally tired of looking the other way and gathered up the bottles for disposal. It was trickier than I thought. The bottles had cooked in ultra-violet rays for at least a couple of years, and polycarbonate notwithstanding crumbled into fragments at the least touch. So much for mulch with a nuclear half-life.

On the other hand a few years ago scientists in the UK excavated a landfill site that had been abandoned in the early 50's and buried. Expecting degraded compost ready for the allotment they were surprised to find little or no decay. For example, lack of aerobic activity had left scraps of fifty-year-old carrot still edible, wrapped in a pre-war newspaper that though yellowed was perfectly readable.

I suspect that Toronto's trash problem can be solved without resorting to guerrilla sorties into neighbouring municipalities. It would require a re-think of values and an open-minded approach to the science available. A knee-jerk 'no' to incineration, for example, is not helpful. When Toronto politicians have no resource other than themselves available to solve their trash problems, they may find that they don't have the right to choose fashionably correct alternatives, especially if some other poor sap has to pay the price. Long range they have to find a solution that is made-at-home. Any solution that involves the exportation of Toronto trash to other municipalities is not ultimately viable on a sustained basis.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to write you regarding Garth Turner's town hall meetings.

When Mr. Turner was a Member of Parliament, he claims to have had town hall meetings. Unfortunately, Mr. Turner never listened to his constituents, or to their opinions or concerns. When we needed him to stand up to Brian Mulroney and his failed policies, Mr. Turner chose to say nothing, and vote the way Brian Mulroney told him to vote. That is one of the reasons that voters decided that Mr. Turner was not up for the job, and did not reelect him as their Member of Parliament.

Why would anyone give Mr. Turner their opinions on issues that are important to them, when Stephen Harper, and back then, Brian Mulroney, would simply tell Mr. Turner how to vote on those issues? Constituent's elect a Member of Parliament to represent them in the House of Commons, and to be their voice on issues that are important to them. They expect nothing less.

Since I have become the Member of

Parliament for Halton, I have voted against the government on a half a dozen occasions, based on the input of my constituents. In addition, provincially, I voted against the downloading bill, when a referendum showed that 82% of my constituents opposed this bill. I have set up a unique, innovative and interactive consultation process; Citizens Advisory Committees. We have hundreds of constituents that consult on a regular basis on issues such as Health Care, Seniors, Citizenship and Immigration, Rural and Agriculture, etc. If you would like to learn more about these advisory committees, please visit my website, [www.garycarr.ca](http://www.garycarr.ca), that's ca as in Canada.

In the next election, there will be a clear choice. Mr. Turner, who uses town hall meetings as publicity stunts, and then does whatever his party leader tells him to; or Gary Carr, who not only consults with his constituents, but actually stands up and votes on their behalf, in their best interest. The choice could not be clearer.

Sincerely,  
Gary Carr, M.P.  
Halton

## Thanks to everyone that participated in and supported the 25th Annual Terry Fox Run!

We would like to send a huge thank you to every person that participated in the 25th Annual Terry Fox Run in Milton this year! We had a record-breaking year for participation at over 750 and the unofficial results show that Milton raised over \$50,000 for cancer research! Everyone that actively solicited pledges, volunteered and participated should be very proud of themselves for such an outstanding job.

The Terry Fox Foundation's mandate is to ensure that over 89% of each and every dollar goes directly to cancer research. Terry's accomplishments have weathered the test of time, as do the efforts of our participants and volunteers. Together we believe in dreams. Together, we are determined to realize Terry's and our own dream of a world free of cancer.

We would like to make a few special thank-yous to the following people who made our 2005 Run Day extra special. Shawn Haynes was our Terry's Teammate this year and although Shawn was unable to attend the Run with us, we know that his trip to Disney awarded through the Make-a-Wish foundation was special for the entire family. Sam from Unique Sounds Professional DJ Services provided cheerful

tunes for all of the volunteers and participants once again and we THANK SAM for his unending support for this amazing foundation. Subway sandwiches made the incredible donation of 600 subs for our participants - all four locations in Milton donated their time and ingredients to the Terry Fox Run and we thank them all. The Water Depot supplied 25 cases of bottled water for the participants as well, another wonderfully large donation. Other individuals we must thank include; M&M Meats, Borcsok Apples, Just for You Balloons, D&S Signs, Canadian Tire, Shawn Cobbett and of course, we cannot forget to thank E.C. Drury for the use of their school as the venue location. Milton's site is rated one of the top venues in Canada!

To everyone else that helped on Run Day, our volunteer committee - THANK YOU we could not have done it without you!

Some items in the lost and found this year include; a pink baby doll, ACDC ball hat and a pair of rollerblades - if anyone is missing those items, please call Christina at 905-875-0903.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Janjevich and Christina Godbolt

This fall's Annual Garage Sale for Independent Living Halton, Sept, 24th and 25th, was yet another success.

We thank our hosts, Christine and Cory Opsteen for their continuing support of independent living for people with physical disabilities in Halton. In addition to Christine and Cory, we'd also like to thank Murray and John Opsteen for all of their efforts year after year. Our gratitude and thanks to the many Opsteen relatives, friends, student volunteers from Bishop Reding High School, and neighbours who came to the Garage Sale and worked so

hard for us. And our thanks to the Halton Compass - earlier this summer you did so much to help us raise awareness of this event, and of Independent Living Halton.

Last weekend's sale raised \$3,400, bringing the Opsteens' Garage Sale collective donation to \$25,350 for Independent Living Halton. This impressive sum represents many years of unflinching support for which we wish to express our continuing and heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,  
Maria Sewell  
President, Independent Living Halton

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