



**TWO YEARS IN THE MAKING:** Members of the memorial committee were present for the dedication ceremony of the World War II veterans memorial. Acton's Pete Turcosz made the display of those who died in the war which also show the Halton Hills, Rockwood and Acton cenotaphs. Left to right, Jim Milne, Pete Turcosz, W.H. (Ham) Peal, and Grant Allan. — Angela Tyler photo

## Acton man named acting Halton CAO

One month into his stint as Halton's acting top boss, Acton native Brent Marshall feels pretty good.

"So far I'm enjoying it," Marshall said of his sudden promotion to acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) earlier this month when Barry Malmsten resigned unexpectedly after just 16 months on the job.

"It's been really interesting working with the senior staff and the politicians as well. Barry and I didn't have an opportunity to discuss his plans for the Region but I have some excellent staff helping me shoulder the tasks. The senior management team is working closely together," Marshall said, dispelling any notion that the CAO's abrupt departure had caused any problems.

Marshall said that the offer of acting CAO came "rather quickly" and that he slept on it and accepted it 24 hours later.

Marshall, a municipal employee for 27 years, began his career as a public works employee with the Town of Acton. He moved up through the ranks of Regional positions including supervisor,

manager, maintenance director and environmental services manager.

Marshall served as acting commissioner of Planning and Public Works for 10 months until last fall when he was appointed full-time commissioner, a position he still holds along with acting CAO.

Marshall said that his roots in Halton are a tremendous benefit to him on the job.

"It helps me understand the logic and rationale for some of our customers' concerns around the issues and



**BRENT MARSHALL**

I understand very much where people are coming from."

Marshall said that he hasn't "really wrapped his mind around his chances of doing the job full-time."

"I've only been acting CAO for less than a month and there's a great deal of work on the table. I'm concentrating on getting the job done rather than what the job can do for Brent Marshall in the long term," he said.

Halton politicians have approved plans to strike a search committee to look for a new CAO and hope to fill the position this fall.

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## Extra blood clinic in Acton July 8th

Acton will host an extra blood donor clinic to help alleviate summer blood shortages. The clinic is on Wednesday, July 8, at the Acton Legion Hall, 15 Wright Avenue, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There can be a mistaken impression that blood is needed only during critical shortages — in fact, the need for blood is constant. The state of the inventory can fluctuate daily as blood donations come in and units of blood go out to supply 61 area hospitals. To prevent future blood shortages, more donors are needed on a regular basis.

Area hospitals need blood to help accident victims, cancer and leukemia patients, organ transplant recipients and people with blood disorders and those undergoing major surgery.

The need for blood doesn't take a summer holiday, so please take the time to donate. Bring along a friend, too!

Healthy individuals age 17 to 70 years are invited to the Acton blood donor clinic to keep our Blood Bank in the black.

The Toronto Centre is responsible for collecting, testing, processing and distributing blood and blood products for 61 hospitals in Toronto and Central Ontario. The area extends north to Huntsville, west to Oakville and east to Napanee.

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