

United Way searches for Acton campaign chair



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The New Tanner

The United Way of Halton Hills has a goal for this year's campaign. It has volunteers who are eager and committed. What it does not have is a leader for the Acton fundraising drive.

The glaring absence of people in the key positions of campaign east and west chairs wasn't mentioned at last Wednesday's United Way campaign kick-off lunch in Georgetown, but the vacancies were worrying campaign organizers. Since that meeting Tony Schlegel of Georgetown has offered to chair the Georgetown campaign, but the search contin-

ues for an Acton chair.

"People are just so busy and it's kind of scary to say that you'll be in charge of helping to raise \$240,000," United Way executive director Kathleen Hayward said in an interview on Monday, adding that the campaign chairs are equally important to the success of the campaign.

"The campaign workers need people in place that they can report to and feel an allegiance to, as well as the United Way. What is the United Way? United Way is people - the volunteers the donors and the community," Hayward said.

Having successfully reached last year's goal of \$225,000 the campaign team increased this year's goal to \$240,000. That amount will allow the United Way to continue to meet the needs of its 19 human care agencies that

provide 53 programs in Halton Hills. United Way statistics show that one in three people in the community was helped last year by the United Way.

Lois Fraser of Georgetown Terminal Warehouse drew a huge round of applause at last week's lunch when she handed over a cheque for \$2,000 to kick-off the giving.

For the third year Halton Hills Community Support and Information (formerly ASSIC) will host a dinner for Acton door-to-door campaigners on the residential campaign blitz night, Monday, Oct. 5 a blitz night. After some food and a pep talk canvassers will go door-to-door and then return to Trinity United Church to hand in their campaign kits and share coffee and deserts.

If you can help with this year's United Way campaign call 877-3066.

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF: Some Acton residents attended the United Way of Halton Hills campaign kick-off lunch in Georgetown. On hand were, left to right: Acton Scotiabank United Way fundraiser Trish D'Ambrosio, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce president Pat Hatch, Councillor Norm Elliott, Hydro Commission vice-chair Dobbie Frizzell and 1996-97 Acton campaign chair.

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People that do this should not be surprised if a police officer hands them a bylaw offence ticket or a ticket under the Provincial Traffic Act for leaving their keys in an unattended, unlocked vehicle.

Just recently, I was approached by the driver of an emergency vehicle who advised that more and more drivers of vehicles do not pull over to the right when approached by an emergency vehicle, (fire, ambulance, and police.) All drivers should realize that these vehicles are often on an emergency that may be a life or death situation. Remember to always pull off to the right and stop. Failure to do so could result in a Highway Traffic Act fine of over \$100.

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Parking big issue with Y site plan

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what if we said to the Town, 'Do we need an amenity area period?' How big a sacrifice is that if there wasn't one?" Elliott asked.

Town planning director Bruce MacLean said that providing amenity space is an important issue in the Town's downtown redevelopment policies and that they'd investigated using an area inside the building for amenity space.

"I think that the staff are prepared to become agreeable with the seven units if council moves in a direction to place the dependency of parking being provided off-

site. The point being that we don't think you should give up on the amenity issue," MacLean said.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette, who suggested that Biggs should investigate renting parking from a local landowner in a private deal, asked for a meeting on site.

"I'd like to try to help but I don't know how we can... it's a tough decision to make because I know parking- it could come back and kick us later on," Bonnette said.

General committee members approved the proposed seven units, subject to the parking and amenity issues being settled during the site visit.

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