

# Hilary Weston...

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representative in Ontario, confirmed her visit just last week, leaving Town officials brushing up on their protocol and pomp, including the vice regal salute – the first six bars of "God Save the Queen" and the first and last four bars of "O Canada."

Approximately 150 volunteers, most of them youths, including those who sit on the Mayor's Action Committee for Youth, have been invited to the afternoon reception, including a contingent from the Halton Hills Community Support and Information Off the Wall Youth centre on Mill Street.



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**FRIZZELL FAMILY:** Members of the Frizzell family, including Acton brothers Larry and Dobbie (back row, at right) gathered in Acton on Saturday at the Legion for their first annual family reunion. - Frances Niblock photo

## Election fever slow to heat

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

The lack of candidates for the local Acton seat to be vacated by retiring veteran politician Norm Elliott continues to be a hot topic among

politicians, town staff and municipal groupies.

Incumbent Acton Councillor Clark Somerville intends to seek a second term for one of two local seats and political neophyte Stephen Grasby, is the only other declared candidate.

"In the summer, I think probably the more quality candidates would wait to declare until vacation season is over," Somerville said, adding he knows of at least two potential, "serious" candidates for the vacant local seat.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said she encourages Acton citizens – those with "drive, zeal and vision"

– to participate in local government because it can be a "fun and exciting part-time job."

"To be in the middle of helping guide the changes for the future and to look at the vision of your town for the future, to be part of all those exciting opportunities is something that maybe people forget they can do," Serjeantson, who is being challenged by Ward 2 Councillor Kathy Gastle, said.

Nominations are open until October 13. The Town has established two advance poll dates for Acton and Georgetown on November 4 and 8. The election is Nov. 13.

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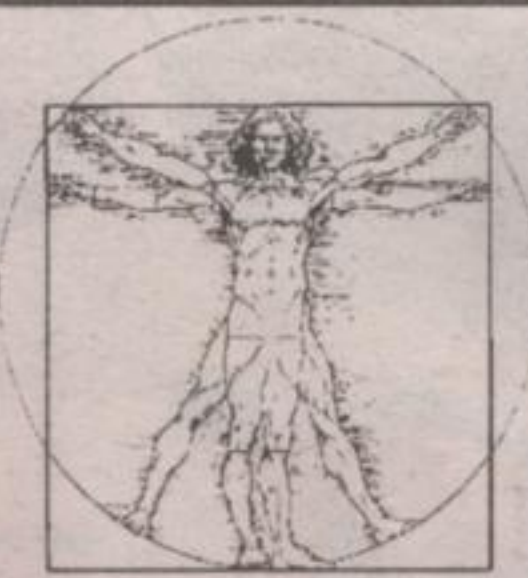
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### Attendance of well over 7000!

The 9th annual Leathertown festival was the best attended ever! The Acton BIA has been promoting this event since January, but it was the support of the olde Hide House radio ads the week leading up to the event that pushed the campaign over the top. Both The New Tanner and the Independent/Free Press published a comprehensive guide of the day's events to inform the community. Thanks are extended to our sponsors: Bruce Hood Travel, Car Quest, The New Tanner, The Salvation Army, Halton Hills Hydro, Superior Glove Works Ltd., Peter Zions Construction, Galvecast Mfg. Inc., The North Halton Compass, Reebok, Independent Free Press, Daniel Varanelli CGA, permair leathers ltd., Thrifty Car Rentals and McNabb Graphics. The Town of Halton Hills Public Works Dept. was prompt with the road closure and removal of the mounds of garbage the volunteers collected. The festival committee of seven relies on the support of their families and other members of the community for use of their trucks and brute strength(!) during set up and take down. Thanks are extended to Len Tuitman, Stan Slater, Terry Foster, Dale Hewitt, Nicholas Fread, Ron Kuiken and Peter Van Dam. Thank you to the Acton Legion and Acton Agricultural Society, from whom we borrow tables. And last but not least sincere appreciation is extended to the volunteer members of the Leathertown Festival Committee, who have been working since February to make this event happen: Bev Duval, Jake Kuiken, Valerie Slater, Elly Tuitman, Sue Walker and Brenda Watson.

## TOWN DIGEST

### Fourth Line work

Construction will delay traffic on the Fourth Line from the Blue Circle Aggregates entrance southerly for three-quarters of a kilometre from now until Hallowe'en.

Macera Contracting of Mississauga was low bidder for the \$739,535 project – the fourth and final phase – of the Town's \$3.5-million reconstruction of Fourth Line and 17 Side Road.

The project is \$50,000 over budget and council agreed to take the shortfall from an engineering reserve, knowing other projects could be affected.

The existing road will be reconstructed to rural design standards with new asphalt shoulder and ditching improvements.

### GTA workshop

Halton Hills' place and role in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) will be clearer to local politicians after an upcoming workshop to deal with GTA reports on transportation, common challenges and ways to protect the two-thirds of the GTA that is classified as "countryside."

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said she was "quite surprised" that the GTA countryside strategy got so much interest at a recent GTA services board meeting.

"Urban sprawl is a big issue," Serjeantson said as councillors asked for one workshop to deal with all three reports.

### Town's pesticide use questioned

Before next year's sports season begins, Acton Councillor Norm Elliott wants Town staff to re-examine it's use of herbicides in light of health risks associated them and pesticide use.

Children are most at risk to the cancers believed linked to pesticide, herbicide and insecticide use, according to a Halton's medical officer of health. Bob Nosal, who in a report to councillors said although the research is not conclusive, it "clearly indicates that we need to be concerned with the use of pesticides."

Elliott said staff must maintain good quality, safe turf, but should also look at its use on public property of "a chemical that has dubious benefit to humans."

Halton Hills applies a herbicide annually to all sports fields, town office property and cemeteries. Insect infestation and noxious weeds are dealt with spot treatment. Milton has minimized its use of pesticides to virtually none and Burlington has suspended pesticide use on all public lands, with the exception of herbicides on selected sports fields.

Oakville applies herbicides to parks, sports fields, boulevards, road allowances and cemeteries.