



**HYDRO POWER:** The hard work and dedication of former Halton Hills Hydro Commissioners was honoured by the Town at a ceremony at the Civic Centre on Monday. Receiving thanks and a certificate from Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson were, from left, Dobbie Frizzell, Murt Allison, Russ Miller and Mike Davis. - Frances Niblock photo.

## Former hydro commissioners honoured by Halton Hills

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The New Tanner

If Halton Hills is going to protect its rural nature and environment it will have to relax standards and increase densities to allow more housing units per acre.

"There has to be a corporate will that intensifies the density. Otherwise we'll just keep building single-family houses that will completely cover the whole 905 area," Town administrator Steve Andrews said during debate on the Town's housing statement update, adding allowing higher densities will help stave off pressure for urban growth.

Johnson asked for full debate on the report, saying she was "frightened" and "nervous" about the lack of public input, especially since where and how much medium and high density housing was a "hugely sensitive" issue in Halton Hills.

Reading from a section that said higher densities will be needed to meet the housing needs of seniors, non-

family and single-parent households Johnson said, "in other words, you know, the 40 units per acre will become 60 or 80 or whatever."

Staff said the shortage of medium and high-density developments would be studied during the Town's Official Plan review which will have

full public input. The Town hasn't met its target, set almost a decade ago, of having 15 to 20 per cent of the housing stock designated either medium or high density.

Halton will use the Town's housing statement as it works on a housing statement update.



**MEOW POWER:** Kelly Turkosz holds two of the many cats and kittens currently residing at The Acton veterinary Clinic but hoping to find a master in need of a cuddly pet. Most are already spayed and vaccinated.- Maggie Petrushevsky photo

## Simulated paramedic treatment at Halton ambulance ceremony

Halton paramedics practise resuscitation of an electrocution victim in a mock scenario presentation at the October 18 official opening ceremonies. Left to right, Nadine Bosscher, Shamez Kassam, Scott Kline, Joel Smith with Dale Corbett the patient.

A demonstration of the emergency medical services provided by Halton Paramedics launched the Official Opening Ceremonies of Ambulance Services at the Halton Regional Administration Building on Wednesday, October 18. The simulated electrocution of a Regional employee provided the setting for Halton's Paramedics to leap into action. The demonstration by Paramedics was a highlight of activities that marked the ceremonies.

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bob Nosal and Jim King, Director of Ambulance Services made brief remarks at the ceremony. The event highlighted recent enhancements made to Ambulance Services. The celebrations also focused on thanking staff for their commitment and work during the transition process. Ambulance Services was transferred from the Province to the Region on August 16, 2000.

"Halton Region has made a commitment to improving the delivery of ambulance services. Council has provided funding for a number of enhancements that will ensure that Halton residents receive

exceptional care," Says Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"We have increased the number of Advanced Care Paramedics in Halton, we have increased the number of ambulance vehicles in our fleet, and we are currently upgrading our defibrillation equipment - these are all positive changes that will improve Ambulance Services for Halton residents," says Dr. Bob Nosal.

The number of Advanced Care Paramedics in Halton has more than doubled since Halton Region assumed responsibility for delivery of the

service. Advanced Care Paramedics can provide a wider variety of advanced life support procedures, controlled medical acts and pre-hospital treatment options. Equally important is the number of additional vehicles that are now on the road in Halton. The additional ambulances have made it possible for Ambulance Services to increase the level of ambulance coverage provided in Oakville, Milton and Burlington.

In December 2000, Halton Region will receive an additional 164 hours per week of ambulance coverage.

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