

Looking back at 2001



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Hacking competes in the Paris-Dakar off-road motorcycle rally – reportedly the only Canadian to complete the brutal 10,000-km course.

MARCH

There's a downside to the building boom in Halton Hills – some Town employees are so overworked, they're burning out.

Permit fees to the Town and construction values exceed all historical levels with \$1.54-million in fees issued in the previous year – 46 per cent higher than projected.

Halton announces addicts will be able to exchange used needles at its sexual health clinic in the Halton Hills Community Support and Information Mill Street offices.

Halton Council earmarks \$400,000 for a new ambulance station in Acton.

Acton's Catherine Harding, a paramedic in Hamilton, becomes the Town's first female fire-fighter.

The Acton Aqua Ducks compete at a Scarborough meet, churning up the pool to post 45 personal best times.

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- Halton gets the go-ahead to proceed with multi-million dollar upgrades to its Third Line sewage treatment plant, allowing Acton to grow to 10,000.

- Halton taxpayers face their first Regional tax hike in eight years, a 2.7 per cent increase, or \$30 more.

- Town Council aims for a budget with no more than a 3 per cent increase.

- The olde Hide House releases concept plans for Leathertown Centre – a multi-million dollar development on both sides of Eastern Avenue between Mill and Church Streets.

- Louisiana-Pacific, the American owners of the vinyl siding plant on Highway 25, consider doubling the size of their Acton plant.

- The Limehouse Kiln Society unveils plans to preserve and rehabilitate a number of kilns in the village.

- Acton youth five-pin bowler, Kylie Kruk, won a Silver medal at the Four-Steps-to-Stardom zone finals.

- The Town's new exotic pet bylaw is passed, banning 17 exotic animals not indigenous to Canada, including venomous reptiles, "sexy" insects and bears.

- A crew from the Brit TV show *Soap Secrets* comes to Acton to tape a segment at Wetherby's, featuring Coronation Street fans Pat Pacheco and Edith Jennings, both of Acton.

APRIL

- Only three of 19 general practitioners in Halton Hills are accepting new patients. Local officials look at how to recruit physicians to Acton, where two of three doctors are reaching retirement age.

- Magna extends the closing date on an Acton property, keeping plans alive for a 500-job car plant.

- Acton dad, Bruce Davitt, begins a cross-border tug-of-war for his daughter, Betsy, after his ex-wife vio-



APRIL: St. Joseph principal Jim McGeragle (right) announces his retirement and welcomes new principal Colin Simpson.

lates an Ontario court order and refuses to return the girl to Canada from the U.S.

- The Halton District School Board approves a return of Junior Kindergarten at several pilot schools, including two in Acton.

- Sixty-six per cent of the Grade 10 students at Acton District High passed

both the reading and writing sections of the first province-wide literacy test. Province-wide, 61 per cent of students passed.

- Acton volleyball ace Jeff Birrell heads to the national championships as all star of Ontario's number one ranked team, the Oakville-

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