

# Canadian gold rush fan fever!



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with cheering, hooting, hollering and very, very happy sports fans.

Several vehicles full of celebrating Canucks, at least a dozen of them sporting flags, Canadian jerseys and waving hockey sticks while riding in the bed of a pickup truck, slowly drove through the

Town, honking and cheering and waving to the curious who came out of their homes to see what all the fuss was about.

The honking procession, about five vehicles long, wound its way up and down the streets, drawing honks and flashing lights from other drivers and claps, cheers

and thumbs-ups from small crowds of flag-waving Canadians in the downtown area.

With fierce pride, unbridled joy and the thrill of sweet victory, Actonites celebrated the 5-2 win over U.S.A. in a noisy, but trouble free, demonstration of Canuck puck superiority.

Gold medal, eh?

Seconds after Canada's Olympic Gold medal win over Team U.S.A. in men's hockey, the streets of Acton were filled

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More medal celebrations when the Minor Atoms bring home the bronze for Canada. Story and photo on Sports Page 11.



Lakeview Flooring & Kitchens is also in the celebrating mode, as they join up with Alexanian Carpet & Flooring. See Page 8 for story.



Quilts of hope are stitched with love and are being auctioned at Stratford's Quilt Show. See story and photo on Page 13.

# Town bans use of pesticides



**FLAG WAVING:** Actonians poured onto the streets after Sunday's Olympic hockey game between Canada and the USA proving Canadians know how to toot their own horn. Exuberant fans include (l-r) Mike Hills, Mitch Moore and Jamie Goy.

## Sports fields and parks focus of ban

The first step in the "gradual and eventual" elimination of pesticide use on municipally owned and leased lands in Halton Hills is a new three-year, integrated plant health care program of "prudent avoidance" of herbicide, insecticide and fungicide use.

Like other Canadian and Ontario municipalities, the Town is moving to curtail or ban the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes, citing their potential risk to human health and the environment.

Phase one of the Town's policy suspends a previously established pesticide application program, establishing a monitoring program for turf health, increasing aeration/fertilizing/top dressing, spot application of herbicides for public safety (e.g. poison ivy) identifying potential sites for turf alternatives through naturalization and researching organic fertilizers.

In year two (2003) the Town would monitor its pesticide reduction policies and would only spray if there is a weed/insect or fungal infestation that's a threat to public health or safety or on sports fields where turf quality is at risk for either extensive capital replacement or a hazard to safe play. In 2004, the Town would identify new measures for pesticide reduction and report to Council with final recommendations.

The Town's policy is expected to dovetail with one being worked on by a Halton inter-municipal group looking at the impact of a pesticide ban for cosmetic purposes on private and public property. That report is ex-

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# Bridge over troubled waters

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Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle's failed attempt to get Council's support, and more money, for a covered Jubilee Bridge in Cedarvale Park ranked several of her fellow politicians on Monday.

Gastle had staff present a last-minute report asking for support for a covered bridge to mark the 50th anniversary of the Queen's rule - a bridge to be ready for the July judging of the Communities in Bloom contest, one of the Mayor's pet projects.

Budget chair and Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson said she was a "lit-

tle upset" the project wasn't on the table during "horrible, difficult" budget talks earlier this month.

"It distresses me to see that money has already been spent (\$2,106 in mid-February for a feasibility review) and that we're asking for another \$12,000... to do a project that we haven't even heard about, or seen, until tonight," Johnson said, adding she also had concerns about covering the bridge and a lot of questions.

Georgetown Councillor Jane Fogal said she was also troubled that the walk-on item was outside the budget process and questioned why they'd cover a bridge that didn't need to be covered.

Gastle said the Town is waiting to hear if the Queen will accept an invitation to visit Halton Hills this summer, and blamed the report's timing on staff changes in the recreation and parks department.

Johnson said no one would be "more thrilled" if the Queen comes to Town, but she didn't like feeling pressured to support the project and supported Councillor John Day's suggestion to defer the item until a scheduled March 18 meeting when a staff report will be ready. At Johnson's insistence, that report will include other possible projects that Town could undertake to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

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