



**HAIR RAISING CHALLENGE:** Both Norm Paulsen and Heather Vanderweide are willing to shave their heads in order to raise money for the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. Profile Beauty Salon owner Monica Galway (back left) is ready to clip for the cause and Branch president Cathy Gerrow is grateful for their support. — Frances Niblock photo

## More housing details requested

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The New Tanner

Town councillors want clear maps, more restrictive control on future residential growth and absolute numbers before adopting staff's 2002 municipal housing statement update.

General committee deferred adopting the update when it was presented to them on Monday, asking staff to come back to Council this Monday to continue the debate on the update, a tool to help the Town plan for a full range of housing.

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson had a number of concerns with the report, including the lack of clear maps and use of the terms "in-filling" and "intensification" when talking about vacant residential land with development potential.

Pointing to two large maps in the Council Chambers, marked with orange dots showing vacant residential land, Johnson said, "it bothers me that there are little pockets on single-family home streets that are orange, and I realize they are vacant lots, but it implies you could put an apartment there, or townhouses right in the middle of a neighbourhood that is already single family," Johnson said.

Planner Steve Burke noted that it's the Town's Official Plan that indicates what type of housing will be built where, leading Councillor Johnson to ask that the term "intensification" be removed from the housing statement, leaving the term "in-filling" to deal with the areas marked for potential development.

Georgetown Councillor Ron Chatten questioned how staff concluded the Town had met its housing mix guidelines when it had done nothing to provide affordable rental housing in the past 10 years.

"That's why we have so many people living in illegal apartments, probably in very unsafe conditions, paying

probably three times what they should be paying," Chatten said, adding they have to encourage high density development to occur.

Acton and Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette questioned why staff would be looking at in-filling and intensification when Halton Hills is "almost at the saturation point" as far as providing water.

"When is enough, enough? When do you finally say this is it?" Bonnette asked, adding the continual search for water will lead to the "great debate" over bringing Lake Ontario water to Halton Hills.

Burke said Halton Hills will have a population of 69,500 in 2021, 500 people short of Halton's population allocation within the existing urban boundaries.

Bonnette also questioned if the former Beardmore site in Acton had been considered for in-filling or intensification.

Planning director Bruce MacLean said staff are "constantly looking at the Beardmore property because it is part of the fabric of the community of Acton."

He said they've set the site, which has servicing constraints and land use opportunities, aside while they look for opportunities as they come along, including discussions about possible industrial use, residential use, and green-space under public ownership.

The housing update shows that Halton Hills:

- Has a "virtual lack" of high-density, affordable apartments
- Has the youngest and fastest growing population in Halton with a "significant" population of seniors
- Has the lowest poverty rate in Halton
- The size of the average household has decreased while the number of single-parent households increased by 30 per cent over the 1991-96 period.

## Scouts plant trees to celebrate Earth Week

On Saturday, April 20 from 8:30am to 12:00pm, Halton area Boy Scouts were hard at work planting more than 1,000 trees at Halton's Waste Management Site at 5400 Regional Road 25 in Milton.

"We were very pleased to have the Scouts out again this year," said Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "They set a great example! Their participation underscores the fact that a healthy Halton community is everyone's responsibility and each person's contribution adds up to a great difference."

Approximately 100 Scouts aged six to twelve from the Burlington District

Boy Scouts participated in Saturday's activities, along with many of their parents. The Scouts' trees were planted under the guidance of Conservation Halton staff. Mr Ad Reiserer, Assistant District Commissioner of Burlington District Scouts, volunteered his time once again to recruit and co-ordinate Scouts for the day.

"This event is an example of Halton Region's ongoing commitment to working with our partners to protect the environment," said Joyce Savoline. "And of course it was a great way to celebrate the beginning of Earth Week, and Arbour Day, which is coming up as well."



**SHIP SHAPE:** Prospect Park looked a lot better after these 1st Acton Cubs helped with a PITCH-IN Canada cleanup last Wednesday. Helping pick up a winter's worth of litter were, front: Jeff Longstreet, Jesse Ricketts, Philip Conlin, Braedan Ricketts and Mitchell Ricketts. Middle: Bob Ricketts, Tommy Rivers and Rylan Parker. Back: Akela Marion Urquhart and assistant leader Tracey Urquhart. — Frances Niblock photo

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Patricia Morgan

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- establish clear boundaries
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