

# Letters



## Town's surplus can improve quality of services in Acton

RE: Your article "Town Has Budget Surplus"

I can't help but wonder if a part of this surplus comes from the way Acton is over-taxed and under-served. I've seen my property tax almost double since moving to Town nine years ago and certainly no appreciable increase in quality or availability of services.

Perhaps now with so many people having to travel east on Queen St. to shop, it is time the sidewalk be completed on the south side.

What about the condition of our parks!

Are they equal to that of Georgetown South?

Certainly from my neighbourhood, which has no park, it is a long walk across busy streets or crossing railroad tracks to get to Fairy Lake, Bovis, or Mann. Apparently the money is there so why can't Acton get some things fixed and brought in to line with acceptable standards!

Yours truly,  
D. O'Drowsky, Acton



**JOYFUL SOUNDS:** Joyful, Acton Knox Presbyterian Church's children's choir performed at "Spring Sing 2002" at Knox Church in Acton on Sunday, June 2.

- Ellen Piehl photo

## Disappointed by decision to cancel Cozy Reading program

Dear Editor;

I am writing to express my disappointment and frustration over the impending cancellation of the Celebrating Literacy - Cozy Reading Program within Halton. I am a volunteer who immensely enjoys the benefits I see each time I read to a child. The personal development, self esteem and quality learning our community children receive when they participate in the Cozy Reading program.

I find it difficult that the education system (our children) suffer again due to provincial funding. I realize that the Board of Education believes in the need and commitment of volunteers to ensure quality education, and the frustration they must feel when yet another successful program has to be cut because of limited foresight and planning due to the provincial funding formula.

The immense impact of Social Capital - volunteerism in our schools is the corner stone to providing quality education, reducing costs and celebrating community in our schools. The Celebrating Literacy Program represents about 300 volunteers, which

equals about \$500,000, of resources going directly back into our classrooms.

Let's stop compromising our children's education yet again, and work together to assure all children learn to read!

Signed,  
Terri Forbes  
A committed  
Cozy Reading volunteer

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You are invited to help **Ruth Morrow** (nee Cripps) celebrate her **65th birthday** at Acton Arena Community Room on **June 15** from 1-5p.m.  
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## Jubilee Day

**Sunday, June 9, Noon - 4 pm**  
You are invited to Wetherby's to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee - 1952-2002

- A remote broadcast from noon to 4 pm by AM740 Prime Time Radio
  - Refreshments served in the garden (under the tent if we have showers)
  - Browse through the selection of Jubilee Souvenirs & Collectables
  - Display of "Royal" photos
  - Sign your name on the Special Card which will be sent to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II
  - Acton Citizens' Band
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## Halton Region

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS MADE BY DUFFERIN AGGREGATES TO EXPAND THE MILTON QUARRY

Applications have been made by Dufferin Aggregates to amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan (Amendment 135) and obtain a Development Permit and to amend Halton's Regional Official Plan (Amendment 18), the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan (Amendment 103), and the Town of Milton Official Plan and zoning by-law to permit aggregate extraction to the north and east of the existing North Quarry in Milton.

The lands involved are located within Lots 13 and 14, Concession 1 (Esquering), in the Town of Halton Hills (47 ha) and Lots 12-14, Concession 7 (Nassagaweya), in the Town of Milton (36 ha). A total of 70 hectares is proposed for extraction out of the 83 hectares proposed to be licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources under the Aggregate Resources Act.

Halton Hills, Milton and Halton Regional staff have completed their review and are providing a report with recommendations for consideration at the meetings noted below. The amendments to the Regional and Municipal Official Plans must conform to the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The Niagara Escarpment Commission has not scheduled a date to consider the applications before it.

Halton Region's Staff Report may be viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., as of Friday, June 7, 2002, or on the Region's website.

Should you have any questions on the applications or the process, please contact any of the following individuals:

Halton Region:  
Basil Gurusinghe, Senior Planner  
905-825-6000 ext. 7203

Town of Halton Hills:  
Gabriel Charles, Planner  
905-873-2601 ext. 2289

Town of Milton:  
Anne Bouck, Manager  
905-878-7211 ext. 2310

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

**Town of Halton Hills**  
General Committee Meeting Halton Hills Council Chambers  
Monday, June 10, 2002 - 6:30 p.m.  
Recommendations by the General Committee will be considered by Full Council on June 17, 2002, at 6:30 p.m.

**Halton Region**  
Planning and Public Works Committee Meeting, Halton Regional Centre  
Wednesday, June 12, 2002 - 9:30 a.m.  
Recommendations by the Planning and Public Works Committee will be considered by Regional Council on June 19, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

**Town of Milton**  
Council Meeting  
Milton Council Chambers on Monday, June 17, 2002 - 7:30 p.m.

#### NEW INFORMATION ABOUT YARD WASTE COLLECTION



This year, Halton Region will be phasing out the collection of plastic yard waste bags as part of the yard waste collection program in favour of more environmentally friendly alternatives. Watch your mailbox for more information or visit our website at [www.region.halton.on.ca/ppw/waste](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/ppw/waste).



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