

# New Gellert Centre will run \$473,827 in the red

Halton and Ward One Councillor Rick Bonnette thinks the Town needs an expanded marketing plan for the new Gellert Community Centre in Georgetown South—a facility that will run \$473,827 in the red when it opens next year.

During a recent briefing on the centre's budget and business plan, Bonnette said targeting users in one-third of Halton Hills is a program of exclusion, not inclusion, that could leave Speyside or Ballinafad residents "really not feel part of this...and it is a Halton Hills facility, built by the citizens of Halton Hills," he said.

Recreation and Parks director Terry Alyman said they would target all potential users, but added 75 per cent of the target population live within a ten-minute walk of the facility.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville, who repeatedly has questioned spending on the project, was not at the briefing, but afterward said as the "costs go up, my comfort level goes down."

Operating costs of \$1.4-million and revenues of \$936,664, give the centre a \$473,827 loss, to which Council had already earmarked \$189,000. The balance will come from a number of areas including a 10

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per cent surcharge on user fees and summer closure of the Georgetown Indoor Pool.

**Rural insurance break**  
Some rural residents may reap big insurance savings thanks to the Halton Hills fire department that passed an insurance organization's test of its ability to get water to rural areas without municipal water, with flying colours.

The department's new tanker and crew were tested last month as they provided an uninterrupted flow of water to a pumper at a simulated serious fire requiring large amounts of water to control and extinguish.

Chief of Operations, Larry Brassard said the accreditation by the Insurers Advisory Organization, is a "milestone for our department."

Local property owners are urged to call their insurance broker/agent to see if they offer reduced rates to customers in a community that has earned the superior tanker shuttle accreditation.

**Rural waste survey**  
Do rural residents want Halton to collect their garbage and are they willing to pay for

the service on their tax bill?

A Regional survey being mailed before September 10 will collect opinions for politicians and staff as they look at waste management.

For an average rural property assessed at \$311,000, weekly garbage pickup would add approximately \$120 to the tax bill.

Halton's decision to close its rural recycling depots, replacing them with bi-weekly roadside Blue Box collection in rural areas of Halton Hills, Milton and Burlington next year, will add \$40 to the tax bill of a rural property with an average assessed value.

# Letters

## How about unregistered guns?

To the editor,

The headline in the Star reads "Police rely on gun registry" (Aug 31 headline). It also quotes Wendy Caulkier—the anti-gun group that says it received no government

money (over \$200,000 as I understand it)—and I quote, "One of the best aspects of the registry is that it lets police know before they go into a situation if there is a gun in the house."

Yeah—right on Wendy—it's good to know that only legally owned guns concern the police. Unregistered ones, apparently, are of no concern.

As far as the Star riding to the defence of the Liberals—would anyone expect anything else? The Liberals have not only created a nutty gun registry that does no good, and it's only cost \$1 billion or so. Sounds good to me—sounds

like its working for law-abiding people, too.

Take the case of Jonathan Logan—if the police used this gun registry then it would be logical to assume that this could not possibly happen. Please go to the web site—it tells the story better than I can—and it's a TOTAL disgrace. The web site is [www.helpjonathan.com](http://www.helpjonathan.com).

What is worse, in my opinion, is that law-abiding citizens may not trust the police anymore as a result of the gun registry. Pity.

John Shadbolt,  
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**Attention All Drivers**  
The school year is getting underway and that means school buses will once again be travelling on our highways and byways.

No matter what route you travel, you are likely to meet-up with a school bus.

The Highway Traffic Act of Ontario sets out the rules of the road, in relation to school buses and duties of motorists.

Section 175(12) H.T.A. basically states: Every driver, when meeting on a highway, a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signal lights flashing, shall stop before reaching the school bus and shall not proceed until the overhead red signal lights have stopped flashing.

Every driver on a highway, when approaching from the rear of a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signals flashing shall stop at least 20 metres before reaching the bus and shall not proceed until the overhead red signal lights have stopped flashing.

The above rules apply 24 hours a day on all roadways. The only exception would be, a highway divided by a median strip (there are no such highways around Acton).

The rules are pretty straightforward and they are for everyone's safety. Please take the time to be a responsible driver, so everyone arrives safely at their destination.

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# Letters

## Per-bag garbage fee encourage road dumping

To the editor,  
In your paper of August 21/03 there was a piece on Halton Region considering a per-bag garbage fee.

In my opinion, if this goes through, Halton Region will be finding

garbage bags in ditches on the back roads of Acton in the future.

Thank you for your time.  
Yours truly,  
Norman Foote,  
Acton

## MOD squad raises \$600 for costumes

Acton's 'The Dance Inn' Competition Dancers, their moms, dads, grandmas, siblings and friends (MOD Squad), grabbed sponges, buckets, hoses and power washers, and headed for the IGA parking lot where they scrubbed and polished 75 vehicles shiny clean on Saturday, August 23. The girls voted the big white '65 Cadillac the 'coolest car' through the wash, Kurtis

from IGA gets top vote for 'cutest driver', with the 'backstreet boy' in the black jeep following a close second. We can't forget the really big stars of the day—John Van Dam and the rest of the staff at IGA. Thanks to their support, we were able to raise over \$600 with the car wash, bake and craft table. All money raised goes toward the Dance Team's competition costumes, entry fees, and team uniforms.

## Scuba diver...

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certified after their stepfather, a diver, encouraged them to try lessons in a resort pool.

Tamara Rostom said she first thought, "there goes my summer," when Dina insisted that she would take the certification test during their trip to Florida, and not wait until next year, but then she

"fell in love" on her first ocean dive.

Diving is one of the new life skills Rostom and husband, Joergen Mouridsen, are teaching their family in preparation for their sail around the world on a catamaran.

They plan to set sail next fall, and let the trade winds blow them on a lifetime trip.