

# Halton gets top credit rating

Moody's Investors Service has given Halton Region an AAA credit rating for 2004. AAA is the highest credit rating available to any issuer of

long term debt in North America.

Retaining an AAA credit has allowed Halton Region, the City of Burlington and

Towns of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville, to borrow funds at the lowest possible interest rates.

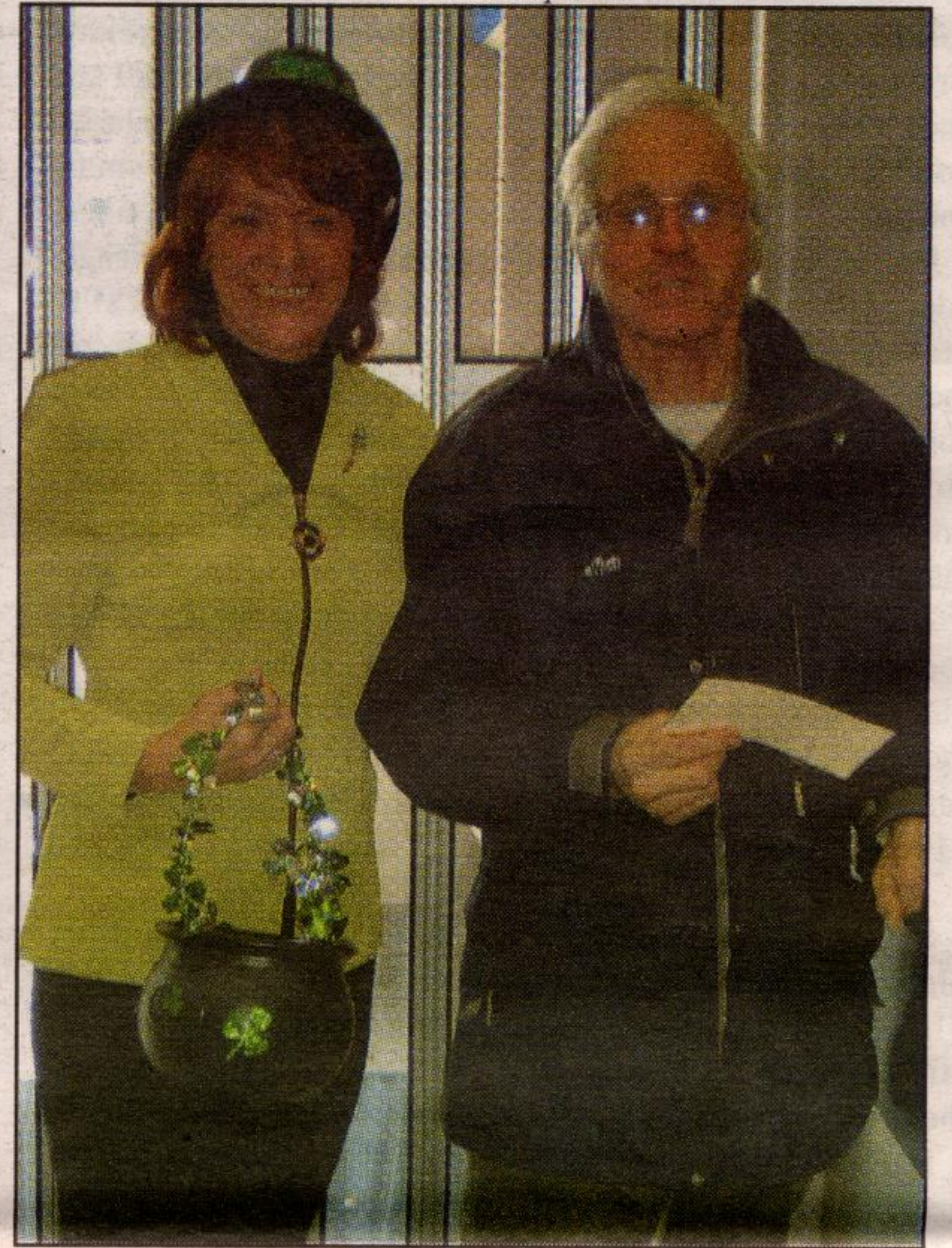
"This credit rating will allow all of the local government partners in Halton financial opportunities to make significant investments toward meeting the needs of our community," said Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer. "At the Regional level, reinvesting in our infrastructure ensures residents have safe and clean drinking water; that we use the latest technologies in treating our sewage; that we efficiently address public health concerns; that our roads are safe and our police are equipped to meet the needs of a growing community."



**WET & WILD:** Acton pals Jesse Mortensen (left), Cole Fricker and Eric Niblock took advantage of free swimming, courtesy of Tim Hortons, at the Acton pool during March Break. — Frances Niblock photo



**WORDS OF WISDOM:** Bethel Christian Reformed Church pastor Ray Vander Kooij conducted the Lenten service on Wednesday, March 17 at St. Joseph's Church. His homily, appropriately, was on St. Patrick. Acton Ministerial Association pastors take turns providing a luncheon and the service each Wednesday during Lent. —Ellen Piehl photo



**SHARING THE GREEN:** It's not a leprechaun but Acton BIA coordinator, Josey Bonnette, presenting Joe Bray with BIA bucks from her pot of gold at the Bank of Montreal. Shoppers spotted wearing green on St. Patrick's Day were the lucky winners. — Submitted photo

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## Open Houses

### Proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 25 An Amendment To Incorporate Official Plan Review Directions and Related Matters



Halton Regional Council, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, is holding a Public Meeting to provide interested individuals an opportunity to comment on the proposed Halton Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 25.

**Purpose:** As part of the five-year review of its Official Plan, Halton Regional Council adopted a set of 76 directions in June 2003 as the basis for making changes to the Plan, including:

- A firm urban boundary to accommodate growth to year 2021.
- Enhanced policies to increase the supply of affordable housing.
- Programs to support the long-term viability of Halton's agricultural industry.
- An updated and expanded greenlands system.
- Commitments to improving air and water quality.
- New thrusts to promote travel by public transit, cycling and walking.

These directions have now been incorporated into the Plan in the form of Proposed Amendment No. 25. The public is invited to the following open houses to obtain more information and to provide comments on the proposed amendment.

| Date              | Location                      | Address                        | Status   |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Tuesday, Mar 23   | St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre | Oakville - 1280 Dundas St W    | COMPLETE |
| Wednesday, Mar 24 | Appleby Ice Centre            | Burlington - 1201 Appleby Line | COMPLETE |
| Thursday, Mar 25  | Brookville Public School      | Brookville - 11325 Guelph Line | COMPLETE |
| Tuesday, Mar 30   | St. Joseph's Catholic School  | Acton - 147 Mill St            |          |
| Wednesday, Mar 31 | Halton Hills Cultural Centre  | Georgetown - 9 Church St       |          |
| Thursday, Apr 1   | Sam Sherratt Public School    | Milton - 649 Laurier Ave       |          |

(All Open Houses: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with an open discussion forum starting at 7:00 p.m.)

**To Participate:** Please note the following key events so that you may continue to provide input to Regional Council in the approval of Proposed Amendment No. 25:

- April 9** - Due date for written comments on Proposed Amendment No. 25
- May 5** - Release of changes to Proposed Amendment No. 25 based on public & agency input
- May 19** - Statutory public meeting under The Planning Act (& May 20 if needed)
- June 16** - Region's Planning & Public Works Committee to consider Amendment No. 25
- June 23** - Regional Council to consider approval of Amendment No. 25

**For further information:** Copies of Proposed Amendment 25 and related Official Plan Review documents can be viewed on the Region's website at [www.region.halton.on.ca/OfficialPlan](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/OfficialPlan), in local libraries, at the Region's Citizen Reference Library (1151 Bronte Road, Oakville), or by contacting Isabel Telford at 1-866-4HALTON(1-866-442-5866), Ext. 7195.

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