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PUBLIC MEETING

Conservation Halton has a plan to improve the Glen Eden Ski Hill. We would like your comments and suggestions on the following improvements for the 1999-2000 season:

- Double the amount of indoor space
- Add parking for 300 cars
- Build a new rental shop
- And add other improvements

To learn more or to make other comments on Glen Eden please join us on Thursday, May 13 at the Administration Office located at 2596 Britannia Road (west of Guelph Line) at 7:00 p.m.

You can also submit your suggestions and comments to Bob Burchett at (905) 336-1158, ext. 224, fax comments to (905) 336-7014 or email us at consareas@hrca.on.ca



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Getting into Stride

The Supported Training and Rehabilitation In Diverse Environments (STRIDE) centre at 8 Commerce Crescent, Acton held an open house demonstrating what they had to offer to local businesses requiring assembly or packaging jobs. Above, Colin Price (in foreground) demonstrates the newly acquired encoding machine to (from left) STRIDE executive director Ellen Balmain, program manager Anita Lloyd, workers Raymond Gils and Judy Leybourne, vocational support worker Wilma Reid and co-op student Cory Greco. STRIDE helps rebuild vocational and social skills for mentally challenged people, allowing them to re-enter the workforce. For more information on assembling jobs, contact STRIDE at 853-4831.

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RRSP's: What you need to know

The introduction of the Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG) gives parents or grandparents an added incentive to open an RESP for a child or a grandchild. However you need to know the rules and requirements.

Grant is not automatic: RESP's allow contributions up to \$4000 per child, per year, to a lifetime of \$42,000 per child. Beginning in 1998, the government will match up to 20% of RESP contribution, to an annual maximum of \$400 per child. The maximum grant over the life of the plan is \$7,200 (18 years @ \$400). But having an RESP does not automatically mean that you will receive grant money. You must ensure that: **Your child has a Social Insurance Number (SIN) and that you fill out a CSG application form.**

Retroactive grant. CESG contribution room began accumulating for all children in 1998 - even if you hadn't yet opened an RESP for your child.

So if your child was born in 1998 or earlier, and you open an RESP for her in 2001, she will already have \$1200 in CESG room. There are two important points to keep in mind:

CESG contribution room can be carried forward. If RESP contributions are less than \$2,000 in a given year, the grant room can be carried forward.

The maximum grant payable in a single year is \$800 (or 20% of the RESP annual contribution limit).

If you procrastinate, your child could lose out on some potential grant money. This is because you will start to lose contribution room if you carry it forward for too long.

Special rules apply to children who are 16 or 17. In order to receive the grant, RESP contributions must be at least \$300 per year in each of the previous four years, or must total at least \$4000.

Use care with transfers and withdrawals. If you transfer and RESP from one financial institution to another, or close the plan altogether, eligibility for future CESG payments could be suspended.

As well, if you withdraw money from the RESP for non-educational purposes, you will be required to make a CESG repayment equal to 20% of the amount of the withdrawal.

To avoid these penalties, be sure to check with us before you make any withdrawals from, or significant changes to, your child's RESP.

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Help Food Bank Stock Up This Spring
Your local food bank, The Georgetown Bread Basket, is appealing for extra food and financial donations this month, in order to help us through the summer months.

What's needed
Cereal, juices, canned pastas, meats, stews, as well as staples: coffee, tea, sugar, salt.

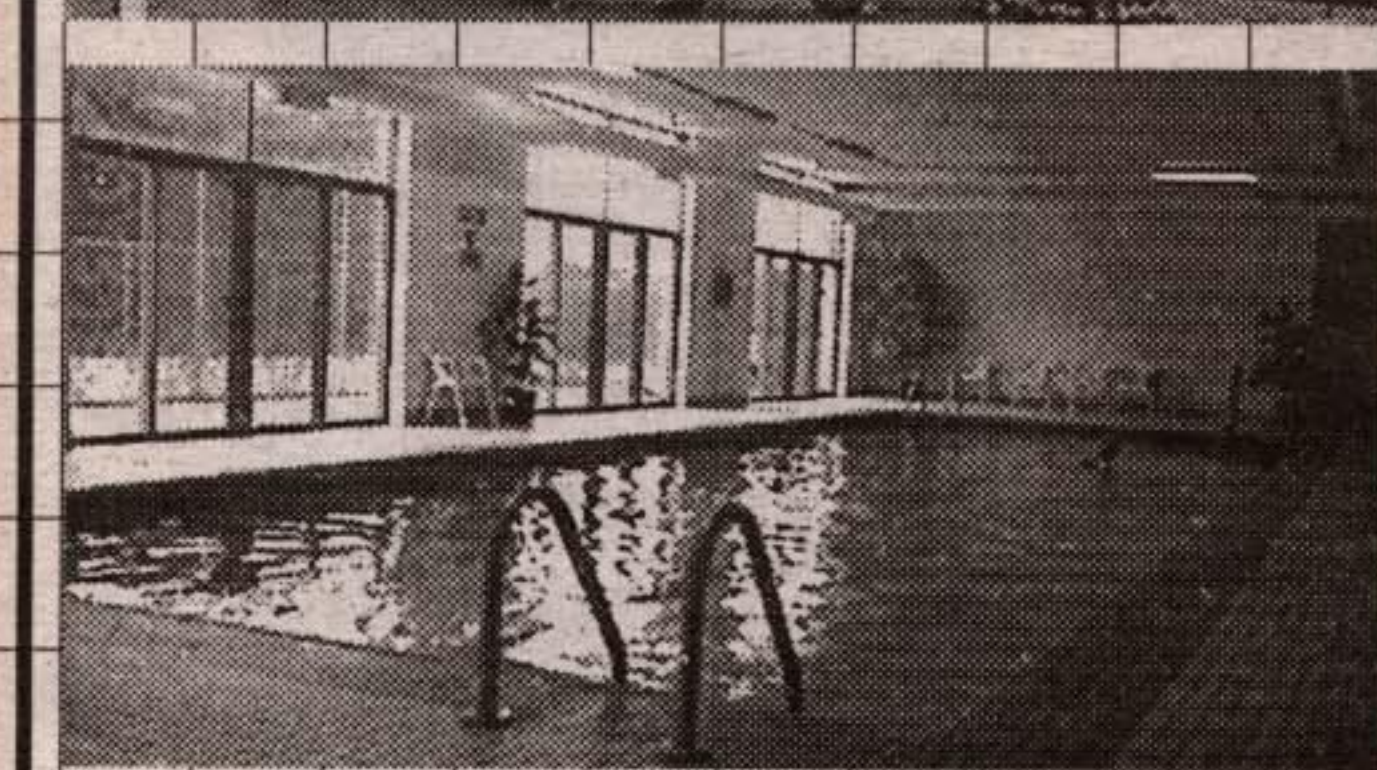
Where to donate
Four convenient, local drop-off centres in Georgetown: Loblaws, A&P and Brian's Food Basics (see specially marked in-store boxes). Food Bank during regular hours:

Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12:00.

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