

Local cancer volunteers quit CCS to form new patient services group

Local residents have decided to turn a failure to stop the closure of the Georgetown Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) office into an opportunity to create their own patient services organization.

More than 100 people attended a public meeting at Holy Cross Church Hall Thursday to hear about the dissolution from the CCS by local volunteers and the creation of a new group—the Cancer Assistance Services (CAS) of Halton Hills.

Dianne Penrice, former Georgetown CCS branch president, said local volunteers will continue their CCS duties until the final closure of the Georgetown office. That's scheduled for Nov. 30, but "given the change in circumstances" it's possible it may be closed sooner, said a CCS spokesperson.

The Acton branch has decided to remain with the CCS, but will align itself with the Guelph office, instead of the Oakville unit, branch president Cathy Gerrow said. Milton CCS volunteers are joining the Burlington unit.

Also announced at the public meeting was the resignation of all the executive members of the Georgetown CCS branch. They are Dianne Penrice, Bob Bairstow, Ted Gorth, Lorrie Kelly-Quinn, Doug Millinder, Barry Timleck and Jenny Tuffin. The CCS was informed of the decision on Friday.

"We are too tired to fight anymore," said Kelly-Quinn, an executive member of the new CAS. "We feel everybody will be serviced so much better in our own community."

"I am saddened at the news that the Georgetown council members have decided to resign to create their own organization," said Ted Wheatley, president of the CCS, Ontario Division in a statement to *The Independent & Free Press* Tuesday.

"I still believe that we could have worked together to achieve a smooth transition and to provide patient services in a different way. It is unfortunate the Canadian Cancer Society was not given the opportunity to provide transition support to the Georgetown volunteers so that we could show that we are fully capable of providing patient services without the use of a local office space," Wheatley wrote.

However, an impetus to creating the new Georgetown group was CCS's decision to withdraw funding for some patient services (not transportation). The CCS decided at its Sept. 29 Ontario directors board meeting, it would withdraw financial assistance for all medical services Jan. 15 and some non-medical services July 31.

"They want the communities to find this funding and make all arrangements for these services," said Dianne Penrice, former Georgetown CCS branch president. "Well, if we are going to do that, why not just do it for ourselves?"

The CAS's purpose will be to provide the

following volunteer services to patients: transportation, emotional support groups, friendly visiting, lending library of books, videos and education materials, referrals to other agencies, preventative education programs, in memoriam cards, chemo hats (which are Georgetown-made), wigs, and Reach To Recovery pillows.

In the future, depending on fund-raising, the group hopes to provide babysitting, respite care, equipment loans, approved financial assistance and boarding out.

Christine Koserski, CCS communications co-ordinator, stressed the CCS will continue to provide its four cornerstones: transportation services, peer support, information, and research.

Koserski pointed out CCS surveys have revealed the majority of cancer patients want and find these four services the most useful.

Locally, CAS's mandate will be strictly patient services for all Halton Hills residents—it will not raise money for cancer research. People who wish to continue to raise or donate money for cancer research should continue to support the CCS, Terry Fox Foundation or other cancer research organizations, said Penrice.

"Research is very important," Penrice told the supportive crowd, "but we're here to support patients in the community." Incorporation of the new group is expected this week, with name registration and a charitable

number to follow in subsequent months.

The new CAS board of directors will be Penrice, president; Bob Stuart, vice-president; Tracey Bastedo, treasurer; Rita Bairstow, secretary; and executive members Jan Cook, Karen Harrison, Kelly-Quinn, Bill Smith, Diana Stuart and Timleck. Operating details are being modeled after a Hamilton group which made a similar break from the CCS about a year ago.

The group is currently looking for office space—"a cubby hole" is satisfactory. Donations are being accepted, and at Thursday's meeting Doug Penrice got the ball rolling by donating his \$200 provincial government rebate cheque. By the end of the evening more than \$1,000 had been raised. Many people also volunteered. Dianne Penrice indicated during the meeting corporate donations will also be forthcoming.

Since there is no charitable number yet, all in memoriams, and donations are being recorded and receipts will be sent out next year as soon as CAS receives its charitable registration number. The group also plans to do a fund-raising campaign throughout the year, except April (that's the cancer society's traditional campaign month).

"We're not trying to steal anything here (from the CCS), we're trying to give it (service) back," said finance chair Barry Timleck.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Who to call?

The Cancer Assistance Services (CAS) of Halton Hills is currently looking for office space. However, until an office and telephone number are established, residents seeking to volunteer or donate or wishing information or support should contact:

- Lorrie Kelly-Quinn, patient services, 873-7080;
- Jenny Tuffin, transportation, 877-8933
- Barry Timleck, finance, 877-6198.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or donate or requires Canadian Cancer Society services should call:

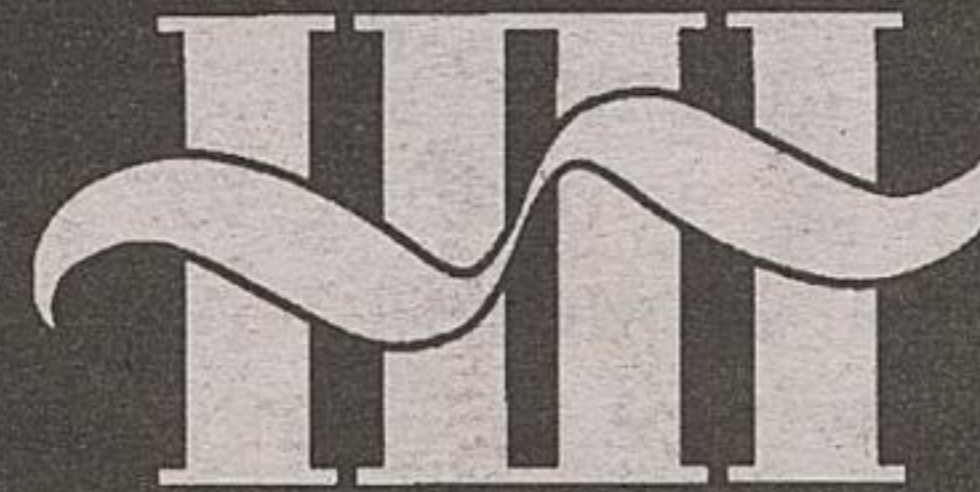
- (905) 845-5231 or 1-888-939-3333 or visit the Web site at www.cancer.ca.
- Volunteers in Acton are now working with their colleagues in the Guelph office, (519) 824-4261.
- Volunteers in Milton are now working with the Burlington office, (905) 332-0060.

New trustees appointed to finish out term

Halton District School Board has appointed Kelly Amos, a marketer, and Dan Drohan, a youth worker, as interim trustees, filling two vacancies caused by resignations.

Oakville resident Amos will represent a ward in her town while Burlington resident Drohan will represent a ward in his. Five residents from Halton Hills were among the more than 30 candidates who applied.

The two new trustees will complete the remainder of the term of office which ends Nov. 30.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS needed at the following locations:

Moore Park Cr. at Guelph St. and
Durham St. at Guelph St.

Remuneration is \$11.58 per hour. Crossing Guard Standbys are also required on an as needed basis. If interested, please contact extension 2340. 179

THREE TEMPORARY/SEASONAL LABOURERS

The Engineering & Public Works Department invites applications from qualified individuals for the position of temporary/seasonal labourer in the Public Works Operations. Two of the unionized positions will report to the Senior Public Works Supervisor and one will report to the Safety and Fleet Co-ordinator. The successful applicants will be responsible for completing all labourer duties as assigned.

General Qualifications

- The successful applicants must have a valid "D" licence with "Z" endorsement, Grade 12 diploma or equivalent experience.
- Demonstrated ability to operate a one man snow plow, both tandem and single axle trucks with reversible plow and wing attachment, front end loader, tractors, one ton snowplow, four wheel drive snow plow, sander with two way box, chain saw, chipper, jackhammer and other Public Works duties as assigned.
- Candidates must be able to perform outdoor activities during inclement weather, be willing to work on off hours including weekends, be familiar with Public Works activities, be able to communicate with co-workers, supervisors and the public, must exhibit an exemplary attitude, be punctual and have a good attendance record.

Salary Range: Hourly Rate \$14.30

Resumes should be submitted to the undersigned no later than 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 26, 2000 to: Mrs. K. Levere, Clerks Department.

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, RSO 1990, Chapter 45 and will be used to select a candidate. Questions regarding the collection should be directed to the Personnel Officer.

All those who apply for the position are thanked for their interest but only those chosen for interviews will be contacted. 180

NOTICE

FILMING NOTIFICATION

"Twice In A Lifetime" is a one hour dramatic TV Series produced by Pebblehut Lifetime Inc. & Paxton Communications featuring an episode called "The Night Before Christmas". Filming will take place within the Town of Halton Hills.

Date & Time: Filming will begin on October 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 2000. Production to be done during daylight hours and after sundown (approx. 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.)

Location: Nashville North, 530 Guelph Street, Norval, ON

Special Effects: On Sunday, October 22, 2000, a tumbling stunt and a special spark effect, involving the use of pyrotechnics which will reproduce the look of electrical sparks will take place inside the club. All safety precautions will be followed including the presence of Halton Regional Police.

May we take the time to thank you for your attention to this notice and for your co-operation and understanding.

Questions: Please contact the Location Manager:
Alex McNaughton
Location Manager
Pebblehut Lifetime Inc.
175 Queens Quay Street, East
Studio 1
Toronto, Ontario M5A 1B6

Telephone: (416) 364-4747
Cell No: (416) 822-3358 181

TENDER

Bids are being received by the Purchasing Agent, Town of Halton Hills for:

STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE T-057-968-00

Bid documents can be picked up at the Town of Halton Hills, Finance Department. Bids will be received until **October 24, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.** local time.

For further information contact Sharon Collie, Buyer at extension 2272.

Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted. 182

ROAD CLOSURES

On Monday, October 23rd, 2000 the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to enact a by-law authorizing the temporary closure of various roads within the municipality for the purpose of the following community events:

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO EVENTS

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

A. Glen Williams

Sunday, November 5, 2000
From 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
From Glen Williams School, West on Main Street to Confederation Street, to the Cenotaph and return: same route

B. Georgetown

Sunday, November 5, 2000
From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
From Market Street to Church Street, to Main Street, to James Street, to Cenotaph - return: Charles St. to Mill St. to Market St.

Georgetown

Saturday, November 11, 2000
From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
From Market to Mill Street to Charles St. to James St. to Cenotaph - return: same route

C. Acton

Saturday, November 11, 2000
From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
From Alice St. to Bower St. to Frederick St. to Mill, to Cenotaph, to John St.

Santa Claus Parades

D. Georgetown

Sunday, November 12, 2000
From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
From Sinclair Ave., along Guelph St. to Mill St., to Charles St. to Park St. to Fairgrounds

E. Acton

Saturday, November 18, 2000
From 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.
From Acton Blvd., to Queen St., to Young St. to Mill St., to Main St., to Knox Blvd., to Prospect Park

The Council Meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m. on October 23, 2000 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive. At this meeting, Council will hear, in person, any person who claims to be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Town Clerk at 873-2601 ext. 2331, before the Council Meeting. 183