Health care commission is welcomed

Image: Minister Jean Chrétien's recent announcement launching the commission on the future of health care in Canada to be headed by the former premier of Saskatchewan, Roy Romanow.

I have received many letters from constituents over the last few years and heard from many different people during the election on the issue of health care in Canada. I hope this commission is the first step to fulfil our election promise and meet the expectations of Canadians. As you all know, health care is about more than just medical treatment, it is about prevention and health maintenance, as well as care and treatment. It is about delivering services appropriately, whether through hospitals, community facilities or home care.

The most exciting aspect of this commission is that it will undertake dialogue directly with those people most intimately involved in delivery of health care in Canada. The medical community, patients, volunteers and ordinary Canadians will all play an important role in creating a vision for the future of health care in this country. I would encourage these groups to ensure they share knowledge and expertise with

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the commission.

On a special note, 2001 marks the International Year of Volunteers. Volunteering is the most fundamental act of citizenship and philanthropy. Volunteers impact almost every aspect of society, including health, education social services, youth, culture, sports and recreation, the arts and the environment, and they are rarely recognized for their deeds. I would like to take the opportunity to recognize them throughout the year.

If you know a volunteer or a group who should be recognized for their hard work, please contact my office in Milton at (905) 875-3393.

—Julian Reed is the MP for Halton

Cancer campaign exceeds goal

The first annual residential campaign of Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHH) was a great success.

The campaign, which ran throughout March, raised \$33,700, for the patient services organization. Before the campaign got underway organizers set a target of \$25,000.

"It's more than we hoped for," said campaign co-chair Bob Bairstow. "We've met our obligation to the budget." He added many of CASHH's canvassers reported they had positive results at area doors.

Bairstow said there were 350 canvassers knocking on doors but there was an actual need for about 460.

He said as a result, some areas of town weren't canvassed and anyone interested in donating to the campaign is encouraged to send their donation to Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills, 72 Mill St., Suite 207, Georgetown, Ont., L7G 2C9.

More than \$500 was raised for CASHH by Stephanie Crammond and her neighbours in Norval through a spaghetti dinner and an additional donation is to come from a head-shaving fund-raiser held by the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association. The total raised at that event was not available at press time.

CASHH was formed by members of the Georgetown branch of the Canadian Cancer Society after the Society's local office was one of several closed. It provides support and hope to cancer patients, families and friends.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

School damaged

Halton Police report approximately \$6,000 worth of damage was caused to McKenzie-Smith Bennett School sometime early Sunday when 35 windows were smashed. A neighbouring resident heard the windows breaking about 3:15 a.m.

Door, windows stolen from homes

A \$500 front door, \$750 window and \$600 window were taken late Thursday or early Friday from three homes under construction on Stonebrook Cr. and Belmont Blvd. in Georgetown.

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Man charged

A Mississauga man was charged with obstruct police in connection with an incident at a Stewart MacLaren Rd. home early Sunday. Police had received an emergency call to the house and a man interfered with their investigation.

Charged is Arnold Moore, 30, of Woking Cr.

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