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**A different view of spring**  
Sometimes the world just looks better from a different viewpoint, as Lyla Dixon, 4 discovered while enjoying the spring weather in Glen Williams Park. Photo by Ted Brown

### New rink could open Oct. 9

## Construction of ice pad on schedule, council told

Construction is well under way on the ice pad addition at the Mold-Masters Sportsplex, and the first skates could hit the ice on October 9.

Paul Stover, the town's manager of facilities updated Halton Hills council Tuesday night.

"We had a co-operative winter this year," Stover told the councillors, explaining items such as grading, foundation, servicing routing and steel structure have already been completed.

Earlier this month, the Gordon Alcott Arena was closed to the public for the spring and summer to allow construction crews to work in the existing arena. The masonry block will be laid over the next three months.

By the middle of May metal siding will be clad onto the new ice pad section, and by the first week of June, work on the refrigeration system and concrete floor will start. Interior work will begin in July and August with finishing touches such as the painting and flooring completed in August.

Stover said the Alcott Arena is tentatively scheduled to reopen the first

or second week of September.

"This is still achievable," he said, "and is critical to accommodate our existing programs."

The target date for the second ice pad—as yet unnamed—is the week following Thanksgiving.

The parking lot in front of the complex will be resurfaced after the construction with the remaining lot done in a future phase.

Discussions are already under way with user groups regarding schedules, contingency plans, storage and specific needs within the updated facility.

Meanwhile, the town is still in the technical design phase for the recreational centre to be located in Georgetown South Community Park.

"It's been a very painstaking and long process, but I think we'll have the best facility around as a result," said Stover.

The centre will feature a 25-metre, six-lane pool (with a ramp for handicapped persons), a leisure play pool with slide, therapeutic pool, sauna, a family changeroom along with the regular changerooms, a community hall to accommodate 280 people and a 25-person meeting room.



**PAUL STOVER**

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## Fenced in: Neighbour's 10-ft. high fence has homeowner calling for bylaw

A Georgetown resident is calling for a tougher town bylaw that regulates fences after her neighbour built a fence she believes is too high.

Oak St. resident Colleen Renzella is upset that her neighbour built a fence abutting her front yard that she said is about 10 feet high because it was built about two feet off the ground. She said the fence

also isn't finished on the side facing her or the street.

Renzella described the fence, as an "eyesore," and said "you can see it waving in the wind."

"It's like living beside Fort Knox," said Renzella. "Everyone in the neighbourhood is very upset."

Fence owner Mike Booth said he built the fence as high as he did to provide privacy in his family room

from the street. He said his house is slightly elevated and due to the grade that height was required.

"I think it's as high as it needs to be to do the job," said Booth who believes the fence is finished on both sides.

He said the gap underneath the fence will be filled in very soon as they plan to level off their back yard.

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