

The ultimate temptation

Acton High School students Mandy Johnson (left) and Melissa Hanselman toasted their victory as they won second place in the North Halton Ultimate Mix High School Challenge, held in Georgetown Marketplace last Wednesday, with their Tasty Temptation. The competition, organized by The Trauma Prevention Council of Hamilton General Hospital, Milton Road Safety Committee and Halton Injury Prevention Committee saw nine teams of students from north Halton vying for bragging rights by concocting the most tasty non-alcoholic drink, as well as delivering a safety message. Top honours went to the Bishop Reding team, and both first and second place teams will compete at the Best of the Best competition against all finalists in Photo by Ted Brown Halton.

Local woman has a Lotto reason to smile

Georgetown woman is \$84,635 richer thanks to 1 the numbers she had on a Lotto 6/49 ticket Saturday.

Audrey Kuipers took second prize in the May 12 draw.

"I checked the numbers in the paper and knew I had five right and was quite pleased with that," said Kuipers. "A few minutes later, I asked my husband, John, to check what the bonus number was."

"He said to me, 'You have already got five numbers, don't tell me you think you could possibly have the bonus number too.' I told him to check it, and sure enough, I had that too," said

Kuipers, who bought the ticket at Norval Convenience. Kuipers, 59, who works as a controller, plans to use the windfall to complete home renovations and share with her children.



AUDREY KUIPERS

Province's extracurricular plan will cause short-term 'disruption'

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Halton Hills Trustee Ethel Gardiner said the announcement has occurred well past board staffing deadlines and will cause timetabling conflicts.

"Down the road I hope this is going to make extracurriculars more accessible for kids," said Gardiner, who chairs the Halton District School Board. "It is certainly going to, in the short-term, cause a great deal of disruption in our schools."

Gardiner said she'll need more details before commenting further. "We don't know what strings are attached to the announcement."

The ministry will require boards to plan for extracurriculars at high schools. It is also encouraging extracurriculars training for both teachers and community volunteers.

Janet Ecker said the government is committed to providing good education and has increased funding \$360 million for the next school year.

"We must continue to work together with all of our education partners to see muchneeded reforms to the system through completion and success," said the education minister.

Another teacher representative was pleased with the funding increase, estimated at more than \$7.5 million for the Halton

Catholic District School Board. Richard Brock said the key is there's freedom about how the funding can be used.

"This can finally be the relief we have needed in the areas of split grades and excessive supervision, while achieving comparable compensation packages with the rest of the GTA as we preserve our preparation time," said Brock, president of the Ontario English ETHEL GARDINER Catholic Teachers Association,

Halton elementary unit. Besides the Catholic board's \$7.5 million increase, Halton's public school board will receive nearly \$5 million more, noted Burlington MPP Cam Jackson.

"The government is keeping its promise to invest in quality education, he said. "Education continues to be a priority and we've increased funding yet again to help Halton schools ensure our children receive the education they need to succeed."

-By Dennis Smith, special



Says Acton councillor

'Leave smoking bylaw alone'

RICK BONNETTE

Talling himself a "voice in the wilderness", Acton/Esquesing Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette suggested the town leave its current smoking bylaw alone.

"I believe in letting sleeping dogs lie. We

have our bylaw and I'm not in any rush to jump in with both feet and try to do something else," he told his colleagues at last week'smeeting during a discussion about revisiting the town's smoking bylaw.

The discussion was prompted by a letter from Peel Region which called on the town to enact more restrictive bylaws so that "level playing fields" for businesses can be created throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

Last year the town approved a new smoking bylaw which calls for:

• 100 per cent smoke-free workplaces except in designated and separately ventilated areas

• no smoking in 75 per cent of the seating area in restaurants until 10 p.m. when it is reduced to 50 per cent

 no smoking in 50 per cent of the seating area in bars until 10 p.m. After 10 p.m. smoking is allowed throughout bars. The legions are exempt from the bylaw.

The bylaw also limits smoking to 25 per

cent of the seating area in bowling alleys except during youth bowling times when ho smoking is allowed.

At that time the bylaw called on the town to organize a Stakeholders Smoking Control Review Committee this year. Chief

Administrative Officer (CAO) Steve Andrews noted he is preparing a report recommending future goals and possible community participants on this committee.

Andrews said it's a good time to start thinking about the bylaw again as both Toronto and Peel have passed restrictive bylaws.

Councillor Jane Fogal said that if Peel has done it on a regional basis then perhaps Halton should consider the same. She suggested

Andrews bring that up at the next Halton CAOs meeting; he agreed.

However, Andrews cautioned that he doesn't think the other municipalities will agree.

"I don't think they're there yet," he said. Bonnette said, "I think the onus should be on province to keep every municipality

on an equal playing field." He added the province gets a share of the cigarette sale tax, and should also take responsibility for additional enforcement.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

