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Mother Goose

While their fowl friends the ducks are better known for enjoying the wet weather, a gaggle of geese didn't seem to mind the rain either. In fact, they were enjoying it so much a mother goose didn't mind holding up traffic to shepherd her young ones (and others) across Todd Road last week.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Halton Region officials join local hospital fight

Halton Region politicians have joined in the fight to keep the obstetrics and pediatric units open at the Georgetown Hospital.

Halton Hills Council has already passed a recommendation asking William Osler Health Centre to reconsider its decision to permanently consolidate the services to the Brampton campus (effective July 5), and on Thursday afternoon Mayor Rick Bonnette plans to make the request in person to the health centre's board of directors.

"I'm prepared to fight the good fight," said Bonnette who will be backed by several area residents who will be taken to the meeting in a bus provided by the Town.

"We've had an excellent response," said Bonnette. "I'm confident we will have a full bus." Anyone interested in catching the bus, which leaves at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, should pre-register by calling Daphne Millar at the Town at 905-873-2600 ext. 2345.

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline is also opposed to the removal of the services from the Georgetown campus, and like Bonnette, has written a letter to George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, asking him to intervene.

"I am not in support of this decision," Savoline said in her letter. "Georgetown, as part of the Town of Halton Hills, has a

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Five vying for federal seat

Halton Hills residents will have five candidates to choose from in their new riding of Wellington-Halton Hills during the upcoming federal election - set for Monday, June 28.

Running in the riding, which encompasses Halton Hills, Fergus, and Erin, is Brent Bouteiller for the Green Party, Conservative Party of Canada candidate Mike Chong, NDP representative Noel Duignan, Liberal Bruce Hood, and Christian Heritage Party candidate Pat Woode.

Bouteiller has been a member of the Green Party since 1999. The 36-year-old Fergus resident who owns a hobby shop in Fergus represented the party unsuccessfully in Waterloo-Wellington in 1999 and 2000. He also ran as a councillor in Fergus last year, but did not win the election.

Chong, 32, who lives outside of Fergus, has been involved with the

Conservative Party federally and provincially for several years, and ran unsuccessfully as the PC candidate in Waterloo-Wellington during the 2000 federal election.

Duignan, 55, of Georgetown, Halton North MPP from 1990 to 1995, has been an NDP activist for almost 30 years. He owns a property management and consulting firm.

Bruce Hood is a former NHL referee and operator of several travel agencies. Hood, 67, of Erin, also served as Canada's first Air Travel Complaints Commissioner from 2000 to 2002. He is semi-retired, and does some mediation work for the travel industry and represents a resort in Cuba.

Woode, 58, formerly of Halton Hills but now a Rockwood resident, has been a CHP member for four years. She is an active volunteer in her community.

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