

## Mayors' Alliance discusses Peel's future

The Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayors' Alliance (CMA), of which I am a member, met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs John Gerretsen on October 7. The Countryside Mayors Alliance is comprised of the smaller municipalities within the GTA that make up 60 per cent of the land mass. This includes Milton and Halton Hills to Scugog. We discussed many issues with the Minister, including Mississauga's request to dissolve Peel regional government. In the long term, this could have a negative impact on Halton Hills. We also discussed the preservation of agricultural lands and discussed the Minister supporting the draft GTA Agriculture Plan. The Minister is still going over the document. All the mayors raised concerns with respect to the "Places to Grow" provincial initiative. We all acknowledge that this is the first time in 30 years that the province has come to the municipal planning table, but we still have concerns. Ours in Halton Hills is the projected growth that will eventually merge Georgetown to Milton. Also discussed was the proposed provincial gas tax that may only be going to municipalities with public transit. The Minister was very gracious and listened to the 13 mayors' concerns.

Halton Hills is a community that cares! There were many volunteers from Halton Hills and Milton who came together to search for nine-year-old Kate Flanagan on Sunday, October 3. Little Kate went missing for over nine hours. She was found safe and sound at about 1:20 a.m. by local residents Keith and Sharon Carmen. Councillor Bryan Lewis and myself were on hand to witness over 200 volunteers offering to help search. Members of Halton Regional Police, area police depart-

### THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Rick Bonnette**

ments, Halton Hills and Milton Fire Departments, Rural Watch, and the Rural Community Consultation Committee all provided assistance. This speaks volumes for our community, and we are very proud of everyone. Thankfully, it was a happy ending.

Have you taken the "Nature Challenge"? The Dr. David Suzuki Foundation has researched the "ten most effective ways" we can help conserve nature and improve our quality of life. You may try the nature challenge by going to [www.davidsuzuki.org](http://www.davidsuzuki.org)

On behalf of council, I welcome the following new businesses: in Acton, Active Ears and in Georgetown, Patrick's Barber Shop. Congratulations to Purity Life Health Products Ltd. on its 20th anniversary. This local company recently received the 2004 Canadian Health Food Association Spotlight Award.

Mayor's Showcase: Wendy West has her oil paintings and bronze sculptures on display.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at [mayor@haltonhills.ca](mailto:mayor@haltonhills.ca)

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Sunday	9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Come on Halton Hills let's show that this community knows how to give - with love!

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