

# Davis suggests walking, cab fare be eligible for expense claims

## Councillor says new policy a 'loss for the community'

Saying his colleagues are missing an opportunity, Councillor Mike Davis suggested the Town's Personnel Policy manual be changed to allow expense charges for non-motorized methods of transportation.

Two weeks ago, Halton Hills council changed the policy to insert the words "motorized vehicle" after it was discovered Davis was submitting expenses for his bicycle use.

"There is a tremendous loss in this community with this policy. It's a message that other forms of transportation

are not important and are trivialized," said Davis.

The Ward 3 councillor re-argued his case at Monday night's meeting stating his bicycle use has had direct costs such as replacement of bike tires.

He suggested the Corporate Affairs committee examine the issue by reviewing other jurisdictions, and asking the Town's Environmental Advisory Committee and the cycling committee for their opinions. He suggested other forms of transportation could include walking

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and taxi use.

But Mayor Rick Bonnette ruled Davis must re-submit this as a notice of motion at a future meeting.

"I was quite shocked or aghast at the thought that anybody would think of putting in for mileage for using a bicy-

cle," said Ward 3 Councillor Moya Johnson, who was absent from the meeting two weeks ago. "And the suggestion (by Davis) that even shoes cost money. It's even beyond my comprehension that I would ever charge for shoes if I walked to my place of employment, which this (Civic Centre) is.... We're well paid for this part-time job and the cost of a bike tire once in a while is not something we should be charging the taxpayers for."

Last year, Johnson submitted one of the lowest expense accounts \$45 for expenses, while her ward mate, Davis submitted the highest among councillors, \$1,500.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

## Savoline elected to AMO board

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline has been elected to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) board of directors.

As a member of the board and the regional and single-tier caucus, Savoline will help set policy for the association and serve as a key municipal leader in the province.

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 445 municipal governments.

## Times incorrect for downtown event

The fall edition of *Sideroads of Halton Hills*, which was distributed in the Sept. 21 *Independent & Free Press*, contained incorrect information.

In the calendar of events, the downtown Georgetown Trick or Treat on Main Street event planned for Oct. 29 will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also, there will not be a Halloween magic show on Oct. 29 at the John Elliott Theatre.

*Sideroads of Halton Hills* regrets the errors.

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