



Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and Wards 3/4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal were out at the Guelph St. Tim Hortons location Tuesday to promote tomorrow's (Thursday's) anti-littering message day. Councillors and volunteers will be at various restaurant drive-thrus handing out free litterbags.

Photo by Ted Brown

Litter bags to be handed out Businesses, volunteers team up to spread anti-littering message

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, town councillors and volunteers will be up early tomorrow (Thursday) to hand out free litterbags to patrons of restaurant drive-thrus in Georgetown and Acton.

The litterbags, emblazoned with the message "Don't Be A Litter Bug" and the Town's logo, are an initiative of Litter-Free Halton Hills, a committee of council dedicated to reducing litter in Halton Hills. The town has 10,000 bags to hand out.

"Although most people blame kids for littering, in fact, many adults are guilty as well," said Councillor Jane Fogal, chair of the Litter Free Committee. "It is clearly evident along rural roads where we see coffee cups, as well as a wide variety of other stuff that has been chucked out of passing vehicles. Most of those vehicles are driven by adults who should know better."

Bonnette said the purpose of handing out litterbags at drive-thrus is "to get the bag directly into the vehicle where it can go into instant action."

"I suspect there are people who have

never kept a litter bag in their car or truck. It is a simple thing to do that would really help us keep our town clean and attractive," said Bonnette.

"We know that a lot of the litter originates at drive-thrus, but it is not the fault of the businesses that people just pitch their garbage onto the ground. However, these businesses are all concerned about seeing their logo on the roadside and have been very co-operative with all of Litter-Free's initiatives," said committee member Councillor Clark Somerville.

Participating Halton Hills restaurants are McDonalds, Tim Hortons and Harveys/Swiss Chalet.

"We invite anyone who wants to promote a clean, litter-free town to help hand out the bags, particularly members of the business community," said committee member Norm Paget, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone wishing to help out for an hour tomorrow is asked to call Jane Fogal at 905-877-5806 or e-mail janefogal@aztec-net.com.

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