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Jason McCallum**



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School plays host as 19 new Canadians are welcomed

Nineteen new citizens officially became Canadian last week in Halton and they were welcomed by the students and staff of Stewarttown Middle School in a special ceremony.

The event was held on National Flag of Canada Day, which has been commemorated since Feb. 15, 1965 when the current red and white flag was first flown over Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Judy Scannell, a teacher at Stewarttown and a member of the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council, thought that instead of holding the ceremony in the usual courtroom-type setting in Hamilton or Mississauga, the school's gymnasium with the entire student body in attendance would make the occasion a little more special for the new citizens.

Arrangements were made with the Mississauga office of Citizenship & Immigration Canada to bring the ceremony to Stewarttown, with the intent of providing a learning experience for the students, who were given the opportunity to reaffirm their citizenship in English or French.

Several local-area dignitaries were on hand for the ceremony, including local MP Michael Chong, whose father emigrated to Canada from China in 1952. His mother came to this country from Europe in 1960.

At a reception in the school's library afterward, the new Canadians, hailing from countries such as Afghanistan, Trinidad & Tobago, Sri Lanka, Ireland, Japan, the U.S., Serbia & Montenegro, Vietnam, the U.K. and Nigeria, spoke of their reasons for wanting to become Canadian.

Georgetown resident Laura Williams, minister at the United Church's Salem-Sandhill Pastoral Charge north of Brampton, moved to the area from the U.S.



Citizenship Judge Roberto Roberti and Sandy Garrard (centre) of Citizenship & Immigration Canada's Mississauga office present Cuban native Yolanda Loyola with a certificate signifying her newly-gained Canadian citizenship at a ceremony at Stewarttown Middle School.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Midwest in 1995 and married husband Grant, minister of the St. Andrew's United Church.

"It did take a while to get adjusted to Canada even though I really didn't come that far, but as I've lived here for a while now, I've felt more and more at home. It finally became time," said Williams, while toting her 22-month-old daughter Katie.

"I wanted to become a citizen so I could sign passports and do other things related to my work, but I also wanted to be a Canadian citizen because I have a little girl and she's Canadian and I thought that it would be nice for the whole family to be Canadian."

Elizabeth Carmichael of the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council, which has helped organize similar citizenship ceremonies in the Halton region over the years, said it's typical for immigrants to take some time before they embrace their new citizenship, as they often have strong ties to their place of origin.

"Please don't become passive Canadians," she said. "Make an effort to become an active member in your community."

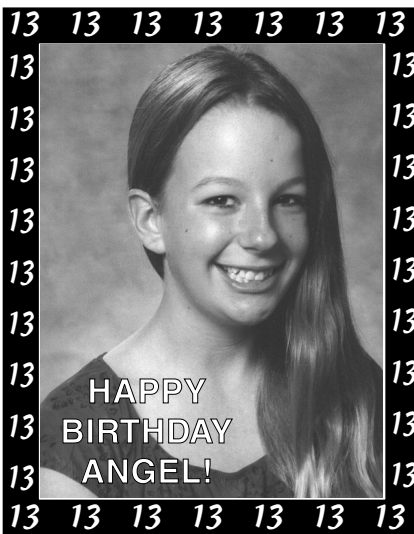
Pledging allegiance to the Canadian flag was a proud moment for Adalberto Sanchez and his wife, Yolanda Loyola, who live and work in Milton and have an 18-month-old son, Anthony.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time, so it's a very good day," said Sanchez, who came to Canada from Cuba five years ago. "The process is very slow, and it finally happened. We are very happy to be here."

Mohammed Nassor came to Canada from the African nation of Tanzania in 2000 to start a new life with wife Tahira and their three children. Canadian winters aside, the machine operator for a Mississauga furniture company said his newly adopted country offers a better future for he and his family.

"You meet so many different friendly people here and there are so many more opportunities here with jobs and schooling," Nassor said. "The winters though, are very hard for me to get used to. But this one has been pretty good."

—By Eamonn Maher, staff writer



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Concerning Application to Amend the Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law(s) To Permit Day Care Uses & Facilities in any and/or all Town of Halton Hills Public and/or Catholic Schools

Town of Halton Hills Files D14/ZBA06.003 (Best Start Day Care)

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to the Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-laws to permit Day Care uses and facilities in any and/or all Halton Hills Public and/or Catholic Schools.

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to enable the possible establishment of Day Care uses and facilities within any existing or future Public and/or Catholic Schools located in the Town of Halton Hills.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of this proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and/or if you wish to be notified of any Hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board on this matter, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills at 1 Halton Hills Drive Georgetown, Ontario L7G 5G2.

If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information is available in the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

DATE/TIME: March 20, 2006, 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
FILE NOS: D14/ZBA06.003 (Best Start Day Care)

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Information session planned Mar. 2 to discuss climate change

Residents and community groups are invited to attend a public information session about EcoAction Teams on Thursday, March 2 at the Halton Hills Library & Cultural Centre.

The goal of the information session, which will run from 7:30-8:30 p.m., is to raise awareness about climate change, including local and regional-based issues. Earth Day Canada is encouraging Ontarians to actively reduce person-

al greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), water use and waste.

"The launch of locally-based EcoAction Teams in Halton Hills will address Ontario's immediate energy and waste challenges with a simple five-step process," says Laura Anderson, Program Co-ordinator of the EcoAction Teams.

Participants will learn about the benefits of incorporating environmental and social lifestyle changes at home.

Furthermore, individuals will learn about the direct cost savings associated with implementing various activities.

During the evening, the public will have the opportunity to engage in insightful discussion about issues that pertain directly to their individual households and their community. For more information about the event please contact the EcoAction Teams Program Co-ordinator at: 1-888-28-EARTH ext. 106 or info@ecoactionteams.ca.

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