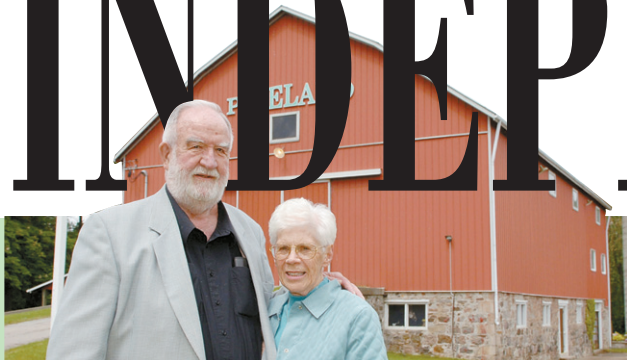


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The Upper Credit Humane Society says Baby needs a new home. Check out Friday's You and Your Pet page for more details on this mastiff up for adoption.



Provincial cash gives boost to local roadwork

CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

A funding announcement Friday by the Ontario government means both Acton and Georgetown residents will finally see long-awaited improvements to two roads.

The Town of Halton Hills is the recipient of \$765,000 from the Ontario government's Connecting Link program, which contributes to improvements to local roads that also serve as provincial highways.

The money will be used to finish the Guelph St. and Mountainview Rd. intersection, said Director of Engineering and Public Works Rick Henry on Monday. The Ontario government will fund 90 per cent of the improvements, and the town, 10 per cent.

"I'm as pleased as punch that that intersection is going to be finished. I've had many comments on it. People are wondering why it's taken so long," said Ward 4 Councillor Bob Inglis, who had brought the issue to council several times in the past year.

In 2004 the Town was able to complete the underground electrical requirements for intersection with funding from the Connecting Link program, but did not receive any money in 2005 to complete the job. The 2006 allocation means that, subject to council approval, the Town can retain a consultant for contract administration and go out to tender for construction to begin in late summer, said Henry.

"I do believe informally that it is one of the busiest intersections in town and I think that it is important that it be brought up to snuff as soon as possible," added Inglis.

Funding for this intersection now means that the Engineering Department can move forward its timeline on improvements to Main St. South in Acton, from the southerly urban limit to Knox Street.

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Hangin' out at Riverfest

Alex McPhail, 8, holds a Black Rat snake that Wye Marsh naturalist Adrian Philpot used in his presentation to parents and children at Riverfest in Norval Sunday afternoon. For more photos see page 10.

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