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The Robert Little Everybody Can Dance Club performed for spectators at the Taste of Acton event held in downtown Acton Saturday afternoon. For more photos see page 3.

Photo by Sabrina Byrnes

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FRIDAY...

Georgetown woman Brianna Gabet has made the cover of *Maclean's* University Student Issue which hit shelves this week. See details in Friday's edition.

Region plan aims to extend life of landfill

MELANIE HENNESSEY
Special to The IFP

A 'made-in-Halton' solution designed to lengthen the life of the Region's landfill by six to eight years has been given the thumbs-up by a regional committee and is now off to council for approval today (Wednesday).

The plan, called the 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy, was presented to the planning and public works committee for endorse-

ment last Wednesday.

It contains 12 key components— ranging from implementing a region-wide GreenCart compost pickup program to enhancing the promotion and education of waste diversion programs— and an ultimate goal of increasing the current diversion rate from 42.6 per cent to about 60 per cent.

"What we're really trying to do is develop a sustainable solution," said Halton Director of Waste Management Rob Rivers. "We really have to act now to be proactive."

Rivers detailed the recent changes that've been made to the document for the committee.

He said the strategy now includes:

- Enhanced electronics recycling
- An expansion of what can be put in Blue Boxes, where viable
- The development of programs to encourage and facilitate the three Rs— reduce, reuse and recycle— in the industrial/commercial/industrial (ICI) sector

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