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Kelly brings over 18 years of municipal and planning law experience having most recently worked as the City Solicitor and Corporation Counsel for the City of Burlington for the past six years. Kelly is currently the Chair of the Municipal Law Section of the Ontario Bar Association.

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DECISION

Chamber attempting to increase turnout

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is trying to increase the number of voters in the 2006 municipal election.

The group has launched its www.LetsVote.ca website which is dedicated to local candidates and local issues. It also provides links to candidates and their websites.

The voter turnout in Halton Hills for 2003 municipal election was 34.4 per cent— only 12,637 of 36,665 of those eligible chose to vote.

If I were mayor... draws one reply

In what may be an ominous foreboding of voter turnout for this year's municipal election, the *Independent & Free Press* received only one response from readers to last week's feature "If I were mayor..."

The following is that response:

"I would guarantee the preservation of the lifestyle which attracts all of us to Halton Hills by ensuring the 'developer's pipeline' never reaches here. I would develop a vibrant tourism and recreational industry based around the theme 'The outdoor playground' to generate revenue. I would introduce an incentive program around recycling at the household level and attract more reliable industry to the 401 Corridor."

Peter Semple, Georgetown



Keep it clean

Signs to remind people to pick up after themselves were erected around town by the Litter Free Council recently and Christ the King High School sponsored 11 signs. On hand to take part in the unveiling were (from left) Litter Free Council volunteer Mano Krueger, Christ the King principal Nijole Vaitonis, and Student Council president Diana Bosnjak.

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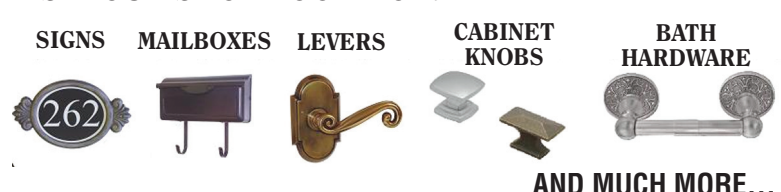
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