



## Rookie trustee named chair

Gillian Tuck Kutarna chats with Halton District School Board Director of Education Wayne Joudrie at the board's inauguration Wednesday in Burlington. Kutarna, who is the Halton Hills Trustee for Wards 3 and 4, was elected chair of the board over long-time trustee Peggy Russell. Tuck Kutarna's win was somewhat of a surprise as she was only elected to the board in last month's municipal election. See story in next Wednesday's edition. *Photo by Liesa Kortmann*

# Mayor pleased with local business growth

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"It will pay significant taxes and development charges," said Bonnette.

Bonnette also said he was very proud of existing business CPI which has expanded its facility by 50 per cent, and highlighted Legendary Motorcar Co. which is home to the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame located in the Corridor.

He stressed the Town is "making economic development a priority and its paying off."

He said, however, despite the recent influx of businesses, the Town's industrial/commercial ratio is still only 12 per cent, but should be in the 20 to 30 per cent range.

"We need more businesses to come to Halton Hills," he said, adding he will be asking the Chamber of Commerce to get involved.

Bonnette also said there is a "small window of opportunity" to have a college locate in the Corridor.

He said council will be making a decision about the college in the near future and if they go ahead, it could require some financial commitment from the Town and perhaps fund-raising.

"I hope if we do go that way, the community will get solidly behind it."

The mayor also listed some of the significant projects for the Town over the coming years including the Georgetown Library expansion in the year 2008.

Other projects include the completion of the Three Musketeers Skateboard Park in Acton, and he said the Town is working with volunteers on the Devereaux House.

"The Town will be launching a new website in early 2007," he said, calling it customer-focused and user-friendly.

"We have issued more than 1,000 building permits," said the mayor. He said tenders are out now for the Main St. S. reconstruction project that will include paving of the new downtown municipal parking lot.



**RICK BONNETTE**

One of the challenges Halton Hills will face in the coming years Bonnette said is the Province's Places to Grow policy that will see Halton double its population in the next 25 years—with some of that growth directed at Halton Hills.

"If we're going to be growing at this astronomical rate we have to ask the Province to review its numbers that Halton must expand by," he said.

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