

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING

Citizenship and  
Immigration Canada

Citoyennete et  
Immigration Canada

## ADULT LINC/ESL CLASSES

### New Teacher

**Monday to Thursday Mornings**

**9 to 12**

**St. John's United Church**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 11 Guelph Street, Georgetown**



Register Now  
**[905] 849-7555 ext 223**

**Start Anytime**

## Are Your Future Hockey Stars on a Puck ?

Until now, you may have paid as much as \$25 to have these wonderful keepsakes.



Lighthouse Research, the company who brought you pictures on golf balls, is now printing on pucks!!!



Bring in your favourite future star's picture and have him or her printed on a puck for under \$10 (including tax)!!!

**And of course, we still do golf balls!!**

Products are available at Acton Home Hardware, Georgetown Photo and The Erin Toy Box.



# OMB okays Brampton development

The Ontario Municipal Board chair presiding over the northwest Brampton land dispute has ruled in favour of the Region of Peel.

John Aker handed down his verdict recently, giving Brampton and Peel the green light to transform 2,400 hectares of farmland into residential space.

The land borders Halton Hills.

"The Greenbelt Act and the Places to Grow Act have forever changed planning in the Province of Ontario," said Aker in a statement sent to OMB participants. "Having considered all the evidence, the board finds that (northwest Brampton) represents good planning and should be approved."

The land in question is in the far northwest corner of Brampton, bounded by Winston Churchill Boulevard to the west, Mayfield Road to the north, Creditview Road to the east and the Credit River to the south.

Initially six parties were opposed to the plan, dubbed Region of Peel Amendment (ROPA) 15, but the majority settled with municipal authorities.

Therese Gain Taylor, head of Citizens for

Ethical Civic Engagement (CECE), a Brampton-area environmentalist group, was the only party to contest the implementation of ROPA 15.

Gain Taylor argued northwest Brampton is home to prime agricultural land that must be maintained.

"This decision is very depressing," Gain Taylor said.

The Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region both had participant status at the hearing. The month before the hearing began Halton Hills councillors reluctantly agreed to accept the City of Brampton's Official Plan amendment on the area after that city's planners made changes to accommodate the Town's concerns.

The Town was concerned about the timing of a Peel North-South Transportation Corridor that could possibly run through Halton Hills. To appease Halton Hills, the City of Brampton switched the timing from 2011 to 2021, allowing time to complete a previously-agreed upon inter-municipal transportation and Environmental Assessment study, scheduled to begin next year.

Development is not expected to begin until at least 2011.

# Social service workers, Region reach deal

A union representing Halton social service workers has reached a tentative agreement with the Region on a new contract for its 70 affected members.

The tentative deal was struck at 3 a.m. last Tuesday (Jan. 9) after a long day of negotiations, said CUPE national representative Daniela Scarpelli.

At this point, both the Region and CUPE said they couldn't disclose details surrounding the agreement because it hasn't been ratified.

A ratification meeting for the members of CUPE Local 3732—representing Halton social service workers who provide employment referral and income support to social assistance

recipients — is slated for today (Wednesday).

Halton acting Director of Human Resource Services John Phelan said regional council will also have to ratify the contract. Council is next scheduled to meet January 24.

In November, the Local 3732 members voted 96 per cent in favour of strike action, but never hit the picket line. At that time, the union alleged the workers were stressed and overworked, while the Region declined to comment.

Scarpelli said she thinks the social service workers got a "decent" contract, while Phelan called the tentative agreement a "good news story."

www.independentfreepress.com

## GEORGETOWN DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND HARMONY PRESCHOOL

Registering now for  
September 2007  
preschool to Grade 8



Come and Check us out!

### Open House

Wed. Jan. 24, 2007

9:30 am - 3:00 pm 7:00—8:30 p.m.



11643 Trafalgar Road  
Georgetown, ON L7G 4S4  
office@gdcs.org

Ph: 905-877-4221  
www.gdcs.org



Quality Christian Education since 1965

## Does your community-based project need funding assistance?

### The Halton Healthy Community Fund is now accepting proposals for 2007

**The Halton Healthy Community Fund - What is it?\***  
The Halton Healthy Community Fund is made up of a group of partners that come together to fund worthwhile, community-based projects that make Halton a healthier community.

**The 2007 Halton Healthy Community Fund Guidelines & Submission Forms** are now available at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

**Where can I get more information?**  
Attend the upcoming **Public Information Session:**

**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Halton Hills Civic Centre, Council Chambers  
1 Halton Hills Drive (Maple Ave. & Trafalgar Rd.)  
HALTON HILLS, (Georgetown), ON

- Come and find out about:
- Criteria to qualify for funding
  - How to complete the proposal
  - Success stories

To obtain a copy of the 2007 Guidelines, call: 905-825-6000, ext. 7152. If long distance charges apply, call toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).  
Copies can be obtained on-line at: [www.halton.ca/scs/financial/assistance/funding/](http://www.halton.ca/scs/financial/assistance/funding/)

Please join us for the Public Information Session (approx. 1 hour presentation, followed by a Question and Answer Period)

The Halton Hills information session will also provide details on:

- The Municipal Assistance Program
- The Trillium Foundation
- Communities in Action Fund, through the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture, Tourism and Recreation



To Register, please call: 905-873-2601, ext. 2261

\* Funding partners: City of Burlington; Burlington Community Foundation; Community Foundation of Oakville; Ministry of Community & Social Services; Ontario Trillium Foundation; Regional Municipality of Halton; Town of Halton Hills; Town of Milton; Town of Oakville; United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton; United Way of Milton; United Way of Oakville; United Way of Halton Hills



Healthy Community Funders of Halton