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### WEDNESDAY...

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### Star-gazing

Design Rivals stars Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman visited a packed Georgetown Market Place Centre Court Saturday afternoon where they brought their latest series— *So Chic with Steven and Chris*— to life as they discussed fashion do's and don'ts with the huge audience. (Left) Hyndman had a question from Kayla Rosien, 4, who asked, 'Why do girls wear make-up?' Also on hand was make-up artist Rob Closs (below) who gave some make-up tips and also made up volunteer Diane Culbert.

Photos by Sabrina Byrnes



## Fairness fight taken to Queen's Park

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Staff Writer

"Show us the money, or as Howie Mandel has been saying lately, no deal," is the message Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette says Halton Region has for the Province on its Places to Grow plan.

Bonnette made that statement during the Region council meeting Wednesday where a motion was passed unanimously to tell the Ontario government that Halton can't accommodate the thousands of residents called for in its growth plan without some substantial money coming Halton's way.

The Region estimates \$8.6 billion is needed to help build more schools, hospitals, fire halls, police stations, roads and transit systems that will be required as Halton grows by 312,000

people by 2031 based on the growth targets in the provincial plan.

Bonnette, with other Halton mayors from Oakville-Brian Burton, Burlington-Cam Jackson, Milton-Gord Krantz and Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr, took the message of the region-wide effort dubbed Fairness for Halton to the Queen's Park press gallery Thursday.

With Halton Hills in line to accept a large share of Halton's growth, perhaps even quadrupling its current population in 25 years, Bonnette stressed the need for provincial funding.

"Add another 20,000, 40,000 or 60,000 people to the population growth that has occurred (in Halton Hills) so far, without that needed fully funded financial plan, we will have, without exaggeration, a crisis of very serious proportions," said Bonnette at Queen's Park. "We

would have a bankrupt region and town."

He said the Halton mayors and chair are calling on the provincial government to adopt both an "adequate provincial infrastructure plan to meet its responsibilities and provide an adequate municipal infrastructure support program to enable the region and local municipalities to meet their responsibilities."

He also said they would like to see the province amend the Development Charges Act to overcome its current deficiencies, "many of which have helped to create the municipal infrastructure deficit as it exists today."

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh, who fully supports Halton's position, was on hand for the presentation, as was Waterloo-Wellington MPP Ted Arnott.

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