

Centre bash a 'success' despite poor ticket sales

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Despite only 57 per cent in tickets sales, Halton Hills Recreation & Parks Department is declaring the Cultural Centre's 25th anniversary celebrations a success.

The event achieved an average 63 per cent in sold tickets for both free and paid events. Events held at no charge were 100 per cent successful while the paid events averaged 57 per cent in ticket sales.

Held over two weeks in October, the Town spent \$27,000 as well as \$15,750 from in-kind contributions from local media, artists and restaurants. There was also private sponsorship of \$2,000 plus a \$1,200 contribution from Arts Alive.

But the benefits outweigh the costs, concluded Recreation Supervisor Mandy Duncan in a report to council recently. Those benefits included increased ticket sales at subsequent performances at the Cultural Centre.

Since the celebration, stated Duncan, "there has been a demonstrated increase in interest, activities and performances at the Cultural Centre. There have been sold-out performances and increased ticket sales for local theatre groups such as Georgetown Little Theatre and Georgetown Globe Musical Productions.

New marketing opportunities outside Halton Hills boundaries were also established, added Duncan.

There has been some interest in forming an arts-and-cultural organization and many of the participating groups took the opportunity to recruit volunteers during the two-week event.

Chair's breakfast needs sponsors

The Bell/Chairman's Breakfast on the Environment is looking for corporate sponsors for students.

The event— slated for April 20 at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club— allows a corporation to allocate half of its table to a school, meaning the table would be shared with four students and one chaperone. Tables of 10 are available for \$400.

Halton schools are contacted and invited to register their interest in having four students and one chaperone attend the event. The number of complimentary student/chaperone seats are dependent on corporate sponsorship.

Registration forms for the breakfast can be obtained at www.halton.ca or by calling the Region at 905-825-6000.

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