



## Crop for Cancer

Peggy Tyrrell participated in the Crop for Cancer (scrap booking fundraiser) that took place at Knox Presbyterian Church recently. Jen Snow was crowned 'Queen of the Crop' for having personally collected more than \$1,100 in pledges. Linda Plastino was second with \$550 and Wanda Doyle came in third with \$500. Scrapbookers worked on their albums, played games, enjoyed free make and takes, and posted photos and layouts on the "Wall of Celebration" to honour loved ones touched by cancer. Many people stopped by the church to bid on 60 different silent auction items, both scrapbooking and non-scrapbook related. A special raffle was held in memory of last year's top Crop for Cancer participant, who succumbed to cancer in October. Thanks to all the participants, and the generosity of many local businesses, more than \$11,000 was raised for Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills. *Photo by Sabrina Byrnes*

## Well water info session planned for today

Halton Region Health Department will host the second of two local well water information sessions, today (Wednesday) from 3:30-9 p.m. at the Nassagaweya Community Centre in Brookville.

The Region Health Department urges all private well users to check their well every spring and fall and at least three times a year to monitor the levels of bacteria and nitrate.

Recreation survey indicates...

# Residents want more facilities (but don't want to pay for them)

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And the survey shows ... residents want more arenas, more trails, youth centres, and the retention of aging facilities such as Memorial Arena.

That's the upshot of a Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department survey, done in preparation for its new Strategic Action Plan. The plan will be the blueprint for department decisions for next 10 years.

The draft plan, which contains the survey results, will be presented to the public at two meetings this week— tonight (Wednesday) at Acton High School and tomorrow (Thursday) at the Civic Centre. Both will have a staff presentation at 7 p.m.

"The Town is thrilled with the amount of information that has been received from the community," said Terry Alyman, Director of Recreation and Parks. "The draft plan attempts to make sense of how it all comes together to guide our future."

The study team, led by Monteith-Brown Planning Consultants, collected input from focus group workshops, individual interviews, community group surveys and a household telephone survey of 385 randomly selected residents.

The survey shows:

- 70 per cent of respondents are satisfied with the Town's outdoor recreations. Those

who weren't wanted: more baseball diamonds and soccer fields (with better maintenance), more trails and more outdoor ice rinks.

- 61 per cent are satisfied with indoor recreation. The most common request was for more arenas, recreational facilities in general, pools and more affordability.

- 51 per cent saw arenas as high priority for municipal spending on indoor facilities with 25 per cent listing it as the greatest need, and 71 per cent saw youth centres as the highest priority with another 22 per cent listing it as the greatest need. Seniors' centres followed behind with 11 per cent and 49 per cent respectively.

- Similarly, more soccer fields ranked highest in demand for municipal spending, followed by outdoor ice rinks and waterplay facilities (i.e. splash pads).

- About 75 per cent of all respondents wanted retention of aging facilities: Memorial Arena, Dick Licata Pool and the Georgetown and Acton Indoor Pools.

- Respondents were split, with only 58 per cent agreeing that Halton Hills recreational opportunities compare favourable with neighbouring municipalities, but when asked if they were willing to spend more tax dollars to improve services, 66 per cent replied in the negative.

The draft plan is available to download from the Town's website, [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca), or by contacting project lead Warren Harris, 905-873-2601, ext. 2274.



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