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FRIDAY...

The Town has given the go-ahead for its Green Plan and has outlined 58 recommendations. For details see Friday's *Independent & Free Press*.

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Gie her a haggis!

...is the last line of Scottish poet Robbie Burns' *Address to a Haggis* (translated it means give her (Scotland) a haggis). But, it could also refer to Bett Leverette who addressed the haggis at St. John's United Church's Robbie Burns dinner Saturday in Georgetown. Steve Jenkins (rear) was the piper. Burns penned the famous poem about the unique Scottish dish at a time of war and political struggle to highlight Scottish nationalism. A similar dinner was also held Saturday at the Acton Legion.

Photo by Ted Brown

Hornby well tab soars by \$2-million

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The problem Halton Region ran into while building a pumping station on Sixth Line in Hornby that impacted more than 55 wells in the area has ended up being a costly one.

And it's not solved yet.

A Region staff report, recently approved by Halton council, includes a recommendation to increase the budget for the pumping station by about \$2.025 million to a total of \$5,755,000.

The extra money is to cover the cost of all the work the Region had to do in order to finish the pumping station after a plug in a borehole, drilled below the station into an aquifer, failed, filling the excavation with water.

To solve the problem, Halton Region had to build dewatering wells and pump out the water in the excavation that soon afterward began impacting area private wells.

Some Hornby residents' wells completely ran out of water while others experienced dramatic lowering of water levels.

The price tag to complete the additional work required on the pump station is approximately \$1.3 million, according to the Region report.

The Region said, in total, 56 area wells were impacted. Many of the affected residents were hooked up to portable water tanks and the Region has been footing the bill to deliver water to them.

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