

THE INDEPENDENT



Raiders ready for showdown against Blades
Page 11

Hockey Heritage special section

8-Pages



50 cents (+GST) Vol. 130 No. 51 Wednesday, March 5, 2008 36 Pages Circulation 21,220 Halton Hills' award-winning newspaper

INSIDE



Board chair supports altered busing policy

Page 4



Local rink qualifies for Winter Games

Page 11

Editorial	6
Dave Ford	7
Calendar	10
Sports	11, 12
Classifieds	13-15

FRIDAY...

The Region estimates it will need \$2.5 billion to cover growth-related infrastructure costs between now and 2021— but half the cash will be needed in four years. See details Friday.

For breaking news go to:
www.independentfreepress.com



Some of the members of the Georgetown Homecoming 2007 Committee assembled to celebrate after being named Georgetown Citizen of the Year by the selection committee of Georgetown Lions Club. Georgetown Homecoming 2007 Committee members included (from left) Bonnie Brunton, Erika Breese, co-chairs Dave Smallwood and Neil Cotton, Lois Fraser and Alison Green. The group will be honored by the Lions at an awards dinner March 25 at the Georgetown Lions Hall. Photo by Ted Brown

Homecoming group named Citizens of the Year

TED BROWN
Staff Writer

The Georgetown Lions Club has announced the Homecoming 2007 Committee as the winner of the Georgetown Citizen of the Year award, annually presented to a Georgetown resident (or group) since 1973.

"In the summer of 2007 something amazing happened in Georgetown," said Lion Doug Penrice. "A hard-working committee co-chaired by Dave Smallwood and Neil Cotton brought together a series of events that was the Homecoming 2007. While this could be a one-time event, the impact on the community was so strong that the selection committee felt it worthy to select the committee as Citizen of the Year."

Comprised of a committee of 26 people, the group organized the July 27-29 weekend-long event, which, with an additional volunteer base of 50 people, brought thousands of people back to Georgetown, from every province in Canada many U.S. states, and as far away as Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

In addition to a great event, the committee also raised \$79,271, which was donated to Halton Hills Public Library to be used for their expansion project.

The committee members were delighted when they received the news.

"It was great," said co-chair Neil Cotton. "We achieved our goal and plus, and had a really great party, had some fun, and were able to raise a little money for the library to boot."

"I think we exceeded it and then some," said

committee member Erika Breese. "Just seeing the look on (Halton Hills Library chair) Jay Jackson's face when we presented that cheque made it all worthwhile."

The event was first conceived by longtime Georgetown resident Don Fendley, who operates the Georgetown Online website, uniting current and former residents.

"Don was looking for someone to carry the ball," said committee treasurer Alison Green. "He was fishing for someone to run it, and he reeled in Dave (Smallwood)."

"About a dozen people met in February of 2005, and we talked about doing it," said Smallwood, "We met again in May (of 2005) and more than half of those 12 people remained on the committee."

See HOMECOMING, pg. 3

APPLE Auto Glass®

We handle all insurance work.

•Truck Accessories •Upholstery
•Heavy Equipment Glass •Window Tinting

354 Guelph Street, Georgetown
(905) 873-1655

KIA

KIA MOTORS

The Power to Surprise™

Georgetown Kia

1-866-364-0697

Dare to Compare

0% FINANCING

2008 RIO

\$9,995

CASH PURCHASE

2 Locations

314 Guelph St. (Hwy. 7)

Superstore Open Sundays

199 Guelph St. 1-866-367-4081

MARIA BRITTO

Local: 905-873-9255

★ Top Producer since 1985

www.mariabritto.com

RE/MAX Realty Specialists Inc. Brokerage