



Murr tourney raises \$60,000

Organizers of the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament estimate that the 24th-annual event held last week at the Blue Springs Golf Club raised about \$60,000 for the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. Two hundred and fifty six golfers took part in this year's tourney, which had morning and afternoon tee-off times. Pictured above (from left) are: Ken Bellamy,

Frank Barbosa, Randy Martin and Rajee Muthu. Committee member Allan Hall said that plans are already in the works for the 25th anniversary of the event. The total amount of money raised in the history of the tournament is now just under \$720,000.

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Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee DRAFT PROPOSED Terms of Reference – Notice

The Province responded to the contaminated Walkerton incident by establishing the Clean Water Act, 2006 and created the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee. The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee is required to develop the Terms of Reference, which guides the work to be done for the Assessment Reports and Source Protection Plans and includes a work plan and budget. The Terms of Reference must be completed by August 20, 2008 as required by regulation under the Clean Water Act, 2006.

As of Tuesday, May 27, you may view a copy of the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference at the Conservation Halton Administration Office at 2596 Britannia Road West, Milton or the Hamilton Conservation Authority Main Office at 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster. Copies of the document will also be available at municipal offices within Halton-Hamilton.

The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region is inviting the public to comment on the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference. Written comments must be submitted by Thursday, July 3, 2008 at midnight and may be sent by mail, fax, e-mail or dropped off in person. Please send comments to:

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The Draft Proposed Terms of Reference is also available online at www.protectingwater.ca. Please click on the Source Protection Committee tab to download.

If you would like more information about the Terms of Reference and the drinking water source protection planning process, please attend one of our public information meetings in June.

Formal Public Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m. (Presentations start at 7:00 p.m.)
Location: Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre
10 Market Street South, Dundas, Ontario L9H 5G4

Formal Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m. (Presentations start at 7:00 p.m.)
Location: Conservation Halton Administration Office
2596 Britannia Road West, Milton, Ontario L9T 2X6

For more information please contact Mark Thompson at
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ECEs celebrate success of Quality First

MELANIE HENNESSEY
Special to The IFF

Since its launch just a few short years ago, hundreds of local youngsters have benefited from a program that ensures a high level of quality care and education for Halton's children.

The success of the Quality First initiative was celebrated by early childhood educators (ECE) from across the region recently at a conference at the Halton Regional Centre in Oakville.

Halton Director of Children's Services Mary Beth Jonz told the ECEs in attendance that almost 2,000 children's lives have been touched by the program, which was launched in 2005.

"You have all accomplished so much in such a short time," she said. "The momentum is growing—the Halton child care providers are committed to this community-driven approach to quality child care."

Quality First offers a continuum of quality improvement processes

and tools for children's programs in Halton. Those who participate in the program learn new skills on things like curriculum, adult-child interactions and administration/supervision.

"One of the goals of Quality First is to enhance children's experience in quality childcare to ensure success both now and in the future, which in turn will help in their school years and into adulthood," Jonz said. "Quality First is doing this through a clear program and early learning standards that are play-based, holistic and developmentally appropriate."

She added that Quality First is helping ECEs build their knowledge base and expand on their positive interactions with children.

There are more than 200 childcare professionals and 63 childcare centres across the region taking part in the program, such as Future Scholars Daycare in Georgetown.

Sally DaSilva, a team leader at Future Scholars, attested to the benefits of Quality First.

"It taught me to come up with

new challenges for the kids," she said, noting after being in the early childhood education field for seven years, it's easy to get into a rut. "It (Quality First) gets you thinking."

For Tola Gbenga-Alade, the director of Oakleaf Christian Junior School in Oakville, the program has helped "re-energize" her staff, particularly those who've been ECEs for a long time.

"It's really helped my staff a lot, and the parents like that we're doing something," she said.

Jonz said she hopes once parents learn about Quality First they'll start to ask for it by name, making more childcare centres across the region want to take part.

Quality First is managed by the Halton Resource Connection, with support from the ECE community.

It evolved in response to the Halton early childhood education community's recognition of the need to develop and support a high level of quality care and education for young children and their families.

For more information call 905-875-4600, ext. 4.



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