

Changes likely coming to pool enclosure bylaw

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The Town of Halton Hills is considering changes to its Pool Enclosure bylaw.

The changes will enhance safety standards and meet amendment changes in the provincial Municipal Act.

- The bylaw has been renamed from Swimming Pool Enclosure to Pool Enclosure so that pool now refers to any body of water, including a hot tub or landscape pond that is at least two feet in depth and exposed water surface of 1 sq. metre.

It doesn't include a pond or reser-

voir used for farming, firefighting or golf course purposes or a stormwater management pond.

- The Lifesaving Society is recommending a change to the minimum height requirement from four feet to five feet. Existing fences will be grandfathered until they are replaced or altered.

- Most pools are enclosed by a fence on three sides and by the house on the fourth. But there is no protection on the door of the house to prevent a child access to the pool. Staff intends to solve this either by adding special protections at the door or by requiring a four-sided fence if there is access from a door.

- The owner must ensure there is temporary fencing in place during all phases of construction

- Temporary pools, for which a pool permit has been obtained, may re-install and refill the pool without additions permits or inspections, provided there has been no alterations to the pool enclosure.

- A number of new offences for failing to comply with the bylaw has been added.

Staff will contact local pool companies to advise them of the impending changes.

Anyone who wishes to comment on the proposed changes, can write the Town of Halton Hills or make a presentation at a future Community Affairs committee meeting.

Four residents named to GO steering committee

Four residents have been appointed to the Georgetown GO Station Area Land Use Study Steering Committee: David Wallace, Jacob Weber, Steve Graham and Grant Lee.

Four others: Eleanor Young, Tonny Johnsen, Mark McIntyre and Jason Pvelich, have been appointed to the Intensification Opportunities Study Steering Committee. The first study will focus on an overall land use vision for the GO station area, while the latter will focus on intensification within the town and will result in a Halton Hills Intensification Strategy.



JumpStart team honoured

Local children in financial need are benefiting from a big boost in their access to organized sports and recreation, thanks to help from the Halton Hills Chapter of Canadian Tire JumpStart. Members of the Chapter were recently honoured at the Canadian Tire Foundation for Families' annual recognition meeting in Toronto. The Chapter was presented with the Canadian Tire JumpStart Community Partner Award for its exceptional dedication to providing access to physical activity for children in financial need in Halton Hills. Canadian Tire JumpStart is a charitable program to help kids in financial need participate in organized sports and recreation such as hockey, dance, soccer and swimming. The program covers costs such as registration fees, transportation and equipment. (From left) Martha Billes, chairman of the board and controlling shareholder for Canadian Tire and Dan Thompson, president, Canadian Tire Foundation for Families, present Terry Alyman, director, Recreation & Parks, Town of Halton Hills, with the Canadian Tire JumpStart Community Partner Award. Also present were Chapter members Tracey Craig, Manager of the Georgetown Canadian Tire Store and Dr. Susan Tupling, treasurer, Georgetown Bread Basket.

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