

# Having a ball

A ball hockey tournament was held at the Georgetown Christian Fellowship Church recently to raise funds for Georgetown teenager Brad Geerlinks, who is leaving next week on a bike trek across North America with the Christian Reformed Church World Relief Committee. Pictured (from left) are Shawn Meyering of the Dutch Phenoms, Flying Monkeys' shooter Mark vanOfwegen and Phenoms' goalie Caleb Brobel. The Phenoms prevailed 11-10 in a shootout. A student at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Geerlinks is one of 221 people set to make the 6,000-kilometre trip from Seattle through southern Ontario to New Jersey from June 30-Aug. 30 in the Sea to Sea Bike Tour. Another Georgetown resident, Brian Flikkema, will also ride. Proceeds from the event will support programs by the Christian Reformed Church to "break the cycle of poverty around the world." For a story on the two local residents heading off on the tour, see next Wednesday's *Independent & Free Press*. Photo by Wayne Money



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## Open House and Information Session

### Halton Region Greenlands Securement Strategy (GSS)

#### What is the Halton Region GSS?

The Halton Region Greenlands Securement Strategy (GSS) is a proposal outlining the Region's plan for protecting valuable greenspace in Halton. The GSS aims to help protect the Region's significant natural areas such as forests, streams and valleys now and for future generations through the long-term securement of ecologically significant land. Halton Region intends to reach this goal through partnerships with conservation groups working to protect land identified in the Regional Greenlands System.



#### How can I find out more about the GSS?

Come to the Open House to obtain a copy of the GSS, participate in discussions and share your comments. This Open House will give you the opportunity to provide input to Halton Region on the key recommendations for the GSS. You can also visit [www.halton.ca/greenlands](http://www.halton.ca/greenlands) to download a copy of the GSS.

#### Why is Halton Region hosting an Open House on the GSS?

To encourage public participation, discussion and to collect comments from residents and interested stakeholders. The Open House will provide you with the opportunity to talk to staff about the GSS. The formal presentation at 7:30 pm will provide an overview of the recommendations for the update. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

#### What are the recommendations of the GSS?

- Implement and adopt a Greenlands Securement Program in Halton Region;
- Continue to strengthen and foster partnerships with Regional Partners who share complementary greenlands securement goals and objectives;
- Assist securement Partners through leveraged funding opportunities for land securement projects;
- Ensure resources are available to implement the strategy; and,
- Report annually on the successes of this Greenlands Securement Program.



**Date:** Thursday, June 26, 2008  
**Program:** 9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Open House (drop in at any time)  
 7:30 – 9 p.m. Presentation and Q&A  
**Location:** Halton Region Museum  
 (Hearth Room – 1st Floor)  
 Kelso Conservation Area  
 5181 Kelso Road 28, Milton  
 905-875-2200 or 1-866-422-5866 ext. 7935  
[www.halton.ca/museum](http://www.halton.ca/museum)

Refreshments will be served.

Parking: Entry and Parking is free to Kelso Conservation Area for visitors attending events at the Halton Region Museum. Stop at the gatehouse if an attendant is present and advise them of your destination.

#### Questions about the Open House?

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## Halton achieves AAA credit rating

Standard & Poor's Rating Service (S&P) has reaffirmed Halton Region's AAA credit rating, the highest credit rating available to any issuer of long-term debt in North America. This is the 19th year Halton has received this rating.

Halton's high credit rating is good news for residents because it ensures that the Region and the Local Municipalities can borrow money at the lowest possible interest rates. This means that our lower costs can be passed on to our taxpayers. S&P's analysis recognizes Halton's commitment to prudent fiscal policy and multi-year planning and confirms Halton's strong financial management. Our AAA rating allows Halton to continue to deliver programs and services to Halton residents and businesses in a most cost-effective manner.



#### Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

**July 8** Health & Social Services 9:30 a.m. **July 9** Admin. & Finance Committee 1:30 p.m.  
**July 9** Planning & Public Works Committee 9:30 a.m. **July 16** Regional Council 9:30 a.m.