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## FRIDAY...

The Town of Halton Hills has changed its dog tags to avoid public confusion. Read all about it in Friday's edition.

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The Town of Halton Hills Battery Collection Program was launched at Acton Arena Friday, as containers have been set up at numerous Town buildings for residents to drop off their old batteries— both alkaline and rechargeable— as well as old cell phone batteries. There are collection containers at Acton Arena, Mold-Masters SportsPlex,

Halton Hills Civic Centre, and the Gellert Community Centre. On hand to kick off the program were (from left) Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, Ward 1&2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville and Acton Arena Manager Aaron Matthews. For more details see story on Page 4.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Green strategy to cost over \$200K in 2008-09

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The Town will spend \$60,000 this year to get a start on its Green Plan, and will spend up to \$150,000 on green initiatives next year.

"This is phase two of the Green Plan— this is the implementation stage," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "I think this is very important. We know the public followed the Green Plan; we

had lots of comment. Now it's time for the implementation, which is very critical to setting a carbon footprint for the future of this community."

A year ago the Town began work on developing a green strategy for the town with the establishment of the Mayor's Green Plan Task Force, comprised of councillors, staff and citizens of all ages and walks of life. Its mission was to have a plan within six months. And six

months later, the Green Plan was approved with 58 recommendations, based on the PAREE approach: Practical, Affordable, Realistic, Enforceable, and Educational.

The implementation strategy will start addressing some of these recommendations by:

- creating an Office of Sustainability within the newly renamed Planning, Development and Sustainability Department

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