

## Honour Terry

This month people across Canada and in countries around the world will walk, run, RollerBlade or bicycle in memory of one of our nation's most celebrated heroes.

We are just two days from the annual event that remembers the courage and perseverance of Terrance Stanley Fox. Each September, the Terry Fox Run continues the legacy of the young man who single-handedly made it his mission to raise awareness and money to beat cancer.

Few Canadians under the age of 35 likely remember that inspiring summer of 1980 when Terry, his best friend and a van set out to change the world.

Initially receiving little publicity for the cause, Terry's incredible effort slowly began to attract media attention that extended beyond Canada's borders.

After completing 5,373 kilometres over 143 days through six provinces, Terry's run was stopped just outside of Thunder Bay. His cancer had returned, spreading to his lungs.

In the months that followed the end of the young man's extraordinary effort, he averaged 42 kilometres (26 miles) each day of the Marathon of Hope, plans began to hold an annual fundraising run in his name.

In February of 1981, Terry's dream of raising \$1 from every Canadian was realized when the Marathon of Hope fund reached \$24.17 million.

Terry died in June of 1981 at the age of 22.

On Sept. 13, 1981 the first Terry Fox Run attracted more than 300,000 participants and raised \$3.5 million. To date, more than \$400 million has been donated in Terry's name.

This year, on Sunday, Sept. 14, Halton Hills residents will be able to have their pick of Terry Fox Runs in Georgetown at the Gellert Community Park or in Acton at the Acton High School.

Area schools will hold their runs on Friday, Sept. 26.

We encourage those who are unable to participate in this celebration of Terry Fox's heroic endeavour to donate to someone who is.

For more about Terry Fox or the annual fundraiser named for him, visit [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org).

## What do you think?

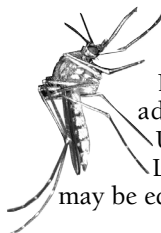
Below are the results of our most recent online poll. For the current poll go to [www.independentfreepress.com](http://www.independentfreepress.com)

Party policies aside, which candidate do you think would make the best prime minister?

- Stephen Harper (49%)
- Stephane Dion (13%)
  - Jack Layton (4%)
- Gilles Duceppe (4%)
- Elizabeth May (4%)
- None of the above (26%)

## Something bugging you?

Send us a letter!



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mom dismayed at theft of son's bike

Dear editor,  
I am writing to you about my son's BMX bike that was stolen recently. My 13-year-old son was bugging us for a BMX bike for three months. We

#### Use cash for transit

Dear editor,  
I noticed from your August 27 article that the Town is to receive \$2.4 million to spend from the Province. Hopefully some of it could be spent on expanding transit. Some of our seniors, those with no cars and the disabled, have no way of getting to Milton and Brampton for medical appointments.

Why not expand Activan Transit (which is at capacity now) with another van that helps our citizens get to their appointments and around Halton Hills?

Sheila Ward, Georgetown

#### Coaches thanked

Dear editor,  
Congratulations to the Halton Hills #2 Peewee Bulldogs team on winning gold at the provincial finals in Whitby August 3.

As grandparents of one of the players we are so proud of all of you. We would like to thank coaches Mitch LeBlanc, Dave Childs and Dave Laidlaw for all their time, dedication and approach to coaching this young team.

They made this season a pleasant experience.

Irwin and Harriet Trimble, Georgetown

stalled him for some time telling him that's a lot of money. When he realized it was too much, he asked if he could put \$200 of his own savings from birthdays (that he saved for several years) towards it and I said I would put in the rest of the funds. Well, the last day in June he was so excited to buy the bike.

On Monday, August 18 I watched the bikes (no locks) while the boys went swimming at the Gellert Community Centre. I looked outside to check on the bikes and there was a young child, probably no older than 11, stealing my son's bike. He was with another young boy who had a helmet

and a bike and was helping him steal my son's bike. I was shocked. I ran out of the centre, got on my bike and went after him but I was too late, he went through the park somewhere.

If you are the boy or a parent reading this please return this bike to the rightful owner. No charges will be laid. I am just disappointed that we teach our children right and wrong and others steal.

My son knows the value of a buck and really liked his bike. He hasn't been on another bike since this incident which is not right either.

Angela Holjevac, Georgetown

### Taxpayer not interested in paying for a 'disaster'

Dear editor,  
The debate rages on. Here's my take on the proposed private school on Eighth Line.

I don't care who approves of it, or disapproves of it, or who's right or wrong on the issue, and I have no vested interest except for the following. The condition of the road alone should put the kibosh on the proposed school.

I've driven on it. It's a bad piece of road at the best of times. Light traffic alone has probably prevented a lot of disasters. Put more traffic on it, in the winter, under bad winter driving conditions, and it's only a matter of time before one happens. Hopefully, not to a bus or carload of children.

There is also a selfish reason behind this. When the disaster happens, the road will have to be fixed at

a cost of millions of dollars. I, as a Halton taxpayer, will have to help pay for this with increases to my taxes. Sorry, but I'm not interested. Keep it as it is. With light traffic and no school, things are fine, and I won't have to pay any of my hard-earned money so a very few over-privileged young children can ride horsies as part of their academic life.

For those of you ragging on the Town council over this very minor issue, may I remind you that we elected them to make decisions. They have made their decision whether you like it or not. They have also made decisions that I don't particularly like, which I think are significantly more important than this one. I'm living with them.

Darrel MacCrae, Georgetown