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## Globe scores hat-trick at Open House

Acton's Monty Greig (left) from Globe Musical Productions crowns Diane Harley, also from Acton, with a prop hat during Saturday's Community Open House held at Georgetown Market Place. More than 60 community groups showcased their services during the day-long event hosted by the Cooperative Program Planning Committee of Halton Hills.

Photo by Calvin Dyke

Project cost climbs to \$14.8 million

## GDHS renovation is board's top priority

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A significant addition and renovations to Georgetown District High School has been given top priority by the Halton District School Board.

At last week's school board meeting trustees unanimously approved the proposed budget for the massive work at the school. Based on current site and floor design plans, trustees okayed a budget of \$14.8 million, up from the previous estimate of \$13.1 million.

"I'm really excited the building will be receiving the upgrades it needs to become a better space for kids," said Halton Hills trustee and HDSB chair Gillian Tuck Kutarna.

"I'm thrilled that when we're finished the school will be in a position to offer enhanced programming options so that at completion we

will have a full range of curriculum choices and that everybody who lives in Georgetown can attend school in Georgetown and find the choices they need."

Included in the renovation will be a one-storey addition, a secondary outdoor playing field (on land formerly owned by Gary Allan High School), a food school, food court, music room, an area for a life skills program and program for students with challenges, and renovations to the school's main office, foyer and guidance area.

There will also be a new staff dining room,



GILLIAN TUCK KUTARNA

dance, studio theatre and communication technology areas and an enlarged stage and auditorium that can seat up to 450 people.

The 121-year-old school's exterior will undergo a facelift and the infrastructure will also be updated.

Tuck Kutarana said the traffic flow at the school will also be improved as there will be another access/exit to the school from either Maple or Guelph St. There will also be additional parking.

She said there will be a new student entrance into the school adjacent to the addition where the food court will be located, and the main entrance will remain near the office.

Input for the renovation at the school came from a Community Advisory Committee and there was a community public meeting at the school last month, said Tuck Kutarna.

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