

# Time to beat the blahs and have fun

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The New Tanner

St. Jack, the Patron Saint of Humour, would laugh out loud to see Acton's Jack Carpenter sporting a red foam nose on Monday, February 6.

In an effort to promote inexpensive fun, frivolity, harmless humour and fight the February blahs, Carpenter again is urging everyone to slap on a red nose and have a belly laugh on Monday to mark Lighten Up Canada Day.

Red Nose Day began in Britain and Carpenter Canadianized the silly celebration 14 years ago when he mentioned the custom on his Kitchener radio show and lines lit up with people looking for a little comic relief.

"I mentioned on the air that we should celebrate Red Nose Day here, but we should call it Lighten Up Canada Day because during the first weeks of February in Canada, you

need to lighten up," Carpenter said on Friday.

Faster than a common cold, the idea spread and the first year, with the help of a paper factory that stocked red noses at its stores, approximately 12,000 people took part.

"In the second year, it got to be about 100,000, and the third year over 300,000 red noses were sold - although no one made any profit. It was not a fundraiser - people paid a Loonie for the nose and had a laugh," he said.

Ever the ringleader, Carpenter helped organize numerous Lighten Up Canada Day events in Acton over the years, including the longest line of people wearing red noses - 1,583 in 1996 - earning Acton the Canadian record for the most people in an outdoor line wearing red noses.

Acton school children wrote jokes for Lighten Up Canada Day one year, local stores stocked red noses and held promotions and the Mayor

proclaimed the day.

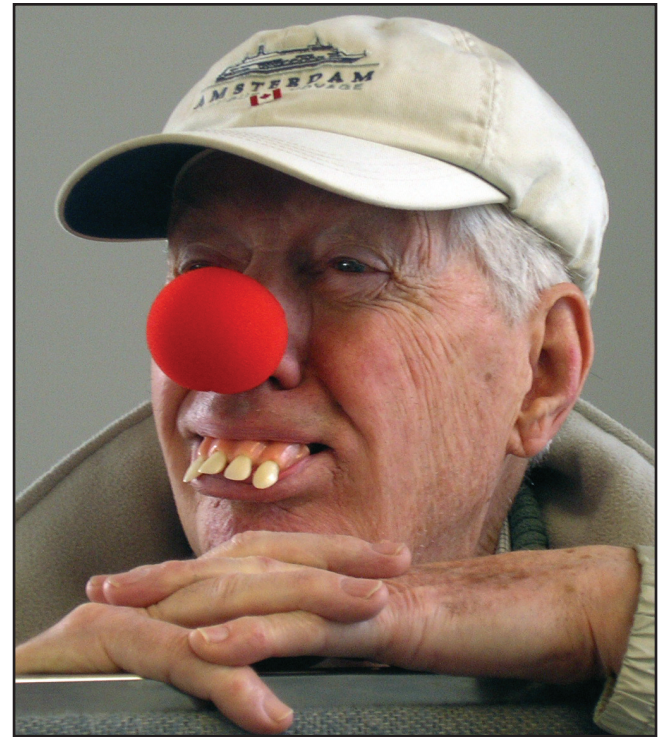
In past years in Acton, there have only been a few events to celebrate Lighten Up Canada Day, including the annual Red Nose Day at M&M Meats which will be celebrated Friday (tomorrow) part of a chain-wide party to lighten up.

Carpenter, who is no longer on air and able to give the day wide publicity, says the day may resurrect itself.

"We are talking to AM740, in fact, they asked me for some material this year, and it may come back with them next year. I still get calls from all over Canada from people looking for red noses," Carpenter said, adding it would take thousands of dollars to kick-start a campaign.

There is one group that Carpenter would like to see wear a red nose.

"I'd laugh like hell. The government is going to be sworn in on Lighten Up Canada Day - they should all wear red noses."



*Lighten up Acton*



## The Regional Municipality of Halton

### Halton Waste Management Site

#### User Fees are Changing at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS).

Halton Region will be changing the current user fees at the HWMS to keep up with increasing operating costs and to continue providing quality customer service as the Region grows.

**Effective Monday, February 6, 2006, the new fee schedule will be:**

#### New Fee Schedule

LOAD	RATE
<b>0-50 kg</b> Same (approximately 8 bags of household garbage)	\$5.00/load
<b>51-150 kg</b> New	\$10.00/load
<b>Greater than 150 kg</b> New	9.8 cents/kg from 0 kg (Tipping fee of \$98.00/tonne does not change)

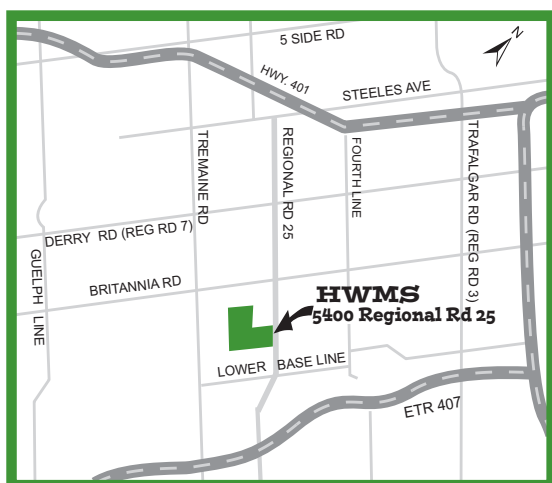
#### Did you know?

50 kg is about eight garbage bags of household garbage or a small car trunk load of material. The new fees should not impact small loads coming to the HWMS.

Thanks to the efforts of Halton residents, Halton Region has one of the highest diversion rates in the GTA, with almost 42 per cent of all residential waste being diverted away from our landfill. The updated user fee at the HWMS continues to support the diversion of garbage from the landfill, increasing the lifespan of the landfill for the use of Halton residents.

#### HWMS

5400 Regional Rd. 25, Milton  
 Open: Monday - Saturday  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 905-825-6000



### What do you think we should do with Halton waste?

#### Halton Region's Proposed 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy

Halton Region, in co-operation with the citizen advisory Joint Municipal/Regional Waste Management Committee has developed a revised Solid Waste Management Strategy for 2006-2010. It updates the 1999 Strategy to help extend the life of our landfill and provides choices for meeting or exceeding the Government of Ontario's waste diversion goal of 60 per cent. The Strategy identifies the proposed waste diversion initiatives for the next five years, as well as choices for managing our waste beyond 2010.

A series of drop-in open houses will be held across Halton from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Burlington City Hall (426 Brant Street)	Monday, February 13
Oakville Town Hall (1225 Trafalgar Road)	Thursday, February 16
Milton Town Hall (Beside Milton Town Hall)	Tuesday, February 21
Halton Hills Civic Centre (1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown)	Thursday, February 23

For more information on the draft 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy visit the website at [www.halton.ca/ppw/waste](http://www.halton.ca/ppw/waste) or call Halton Region.

#### NOTICE

### BULK WATER FEE INCREASES

As part of Halton Region's customer service commitment with our bulk water customers, Regional Council has approved an increase to the Bulk Water Fees. These new fees are effective February 4, 2006 as follows:

Service Offered	Fee
Bulk Water - Permanent Sites - Coin	\$0.50/0.25 m3
Bulk Water - Permanent Sites - Automated	\$1.55/m3
Bulk Water - Mobile stations	\$1.55/m3
Hydrant Meter Rental	\$344.00/mth + \$1.01/m3 for consumption

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