



**CHILDCARE BENEFIT:** Acton's Shannon King (left), holding five-month-old Deacon and son Curtis, 3, and Heather Feldhause with Carter, 11 months of Rockwood, are pleased with the universal childcare – \$1,200 annually for each child under six – announced in the recent federal budget. – Frances Niblock photo

## Glen residents want to preserve rural character

Some 30 residents, champions of the unique character of Glen Williams, appealed to the Town and Sheridan Nurseries to rethink details of its proposed 91-lot estate subdivision at a public meeting last Monday at the Civic Centre.

Although Sheridan has had a plan, initially 60-lots, to develop land south of Prince Street and west of the Tenth Line, on the table for three years, most residents had not seen the version before Council, and were upset with the absence of urban design guidelines – written within a Secondary Plan to preserve the unique character of the hamlet and prevent urban sprawl when the hamlet boundaries were expanded to allow growth.

Speaking on behalf of the Glen Williams Community Association, outgoing president Drew Leverette said the proposal now calls for "cookie-cutter lots" and not a development that will maintain the unique character of the Glen.

Sheridan planner Victor Lind admitted there had been a "monumental breakdown" in communication concerning the latest version of the plan, and welcomed a meeting with the Town and residents to work out the issues that included increased traffic and

noise and concerns about water allocations.

Lind said the subdivision is larger than first proposed because Halton forced them to hook into the municipal water and sewer system and not use well water and septic systems, an additional cost of \$2.3-million.

Lind, who said he sensed a lot of "angst" in the room, stressed that Sheridan had an "earnest desire to do what the urban design calls for."

Glen resident Jim Farmilo urged everyone to meet and re-examine Sheridan's whole "cookie cutter" proposal to re-affirm the hard-fought vision of the Secondary Plan agreed to by the community.

"If Sheridan's plan goes through as it stands, we might as well put our Glen buildings, our Glen culture

of inter-dependence, our Glen values of compromise and co-operation in a museum, because that's the only place our grandchildren are going to be able to see them," he said.

Sheridan's land is included in a new secondary plan that is currently under appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Town will accept written comments on Sheridan's proposal until May 26 when staff will prepare a report with a recommendation for Council to debate.

Lind said once they have approval Sheridan will find the right developer who will follow the Glen Williams Secondary Plan urban design guidelines and construction could be underway within two years.

## Most moms asked liked Tory government's budget

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

With its income tax savings, a one per cent drop in the goods and services tax and a host of tax credits, the federal finance minister says the new budget released last week will save households about \$250 a year, but the savings depend on income level, timing of major purchases and qualification for any of the new income tax credits.

The budget includes tax credits for people who have jobs, for seniors buying textbooks, for parents enrolling their kids in sports activities, for seniors who get private pension income, for tradespeople who buy tools for work and a new \$100 a month childcare allowance that starts July 1 for parents with kids under six.

Acton's Teri Villard, a stay-at-home mom of two young kids is not impressed with the Conservative's childcare credit.

"I would have preferred that the money be spent on making a more uniform access childcare system – we'll probably put the credit into an education plan for our children," Villard said on Monday.

Shannon King, now on maternity leave from her shift work job, said she paid \$1,200 last year for part-time daycare for her older son.

"The \$1,200 is good for us because that's all we need for our part-time care. When I go back to work the payment for both our boys should cover the cost so we're happy," King said.

Rockwood area resident Heather Feldhause, mother of 11-month-old Carter, said the childcare payment will help.

"It's better than nothing – it helps out, but it's not near the full amount. We paid near \$6,000 for childcare for one child," Feldhause said.

Sharing gas tax  
The Town's director of finance said from a municipal point of view, the federal budget was good news in that it confirmed the commitment to sharing gas tax revenues. In the Town's case that's \$3.9-million over five years.

"They are also adding some farm income support programs and additional funding for farmers and we are waiting for some infrastructure funding details," DeSousa said on

Monday, adding he is personally pleased with the budget because he has two children under the age of six.

Wellington Halton Hills MP Michael Chong said the budget focuses on the issues he's been hearing about from his constituents – lowering the GST, helping parents with childcare costs, tax breaks for small businesses and income farm support.

### Chamber thrilled

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce said the federal budget has addressed some of the major priorities of the Ontario business community, including tax cuts, fiscal imbalance, border issues and the shortage of skilled trades.

Chamber president Wendy Hue said they are "thrilled" to see this government address the concerns of Chamber members, adding the budget will "help improve the competitiveness of this province and our members."

### Budget highlights:

- the pension tax credits doubles to \$2,000
- \$5-million over two years for arts and culture
- \$3-billion to pay down the debt
- \$500 deduction for tradespeople who buy tools
- \$520 year textbook tax credit for students
- \$1.5-billion in new funding for farmers

## Town Digest

### Eastern tender approved

Before the end of the month, the pothole filled, soft shouldered, badly rutted Eastern Avenue will be under reconstruction.

Town Council okayed a \$821,257 low bid from Royal Ready Construction of Oakville for its tender for the job that includes digging up and replacing the asphalt, replacing aging water and sewer pipes, new concrete curbing, sidewalks and landscaping. As well, York Street will be resurfaced.

Completion of the project on Eastern, from Mill Street to just east of Hillcrest Street, is expected by mid-September.

## OSH KOSH

GAP TOMMY HILFIGER NIKE  
OLD NAVY ADIDAS DISNEY

...PLUS MANY MORE DESIGNER NAMES  
GENTLY USED CLOTHING  
INFANT TO YOUTH SIZES

Huge

SPRING & SUMMER SALE

ONE DAY ONLY

CASH ONLY SATURDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2006  
12-3:00 pm ACTON ARENA

415 QUEEN ST. E. ACTON

sunshinekidswear@sympatico.ca (519) 836-8522

## BIBLICAL TRUTH

(one of a series)

True knowledge and belief essential,  
NOT just good intentions.

John 4:24 John 8:32 Eph. 4:18  
II Thess. 2:10.13 II Tim 2:15

A Brethren in Messiah Publication  
P.O. Box 24065, Guelph Ont. N1E 6V8

 **cherish**  
PRIVATE HOME CHILD CARE

## INFORMATION EVENING

Monday, May 15th  
7:00pm-8:00pm

Becoming a Private Home Child Care Provider  
Cherish Licensed 'Child Care' Settings.

Ontario Early Years--Guelph Street-- Georgetown  
Register with: Sue Tolley: 905 876 1244 #21  
Website: www.mcrc.on.ca

Registration deadline: Saturday May 13, 2006.