



GREAT JOB EVERYBODY!

20-Minute Halton Hills Makeover

The second annual Halton Hills 20 Minute Makeover was held on Friday, April 21st, and it was a great success. The Town of Halton Hills would like to thank all of the businesses that participated and especially thank all of the employees who took 20 minutes out of their day to clean up the industrial and commercial areas of our community.

Acton BIA	Neilson Dairy
Argyll Dental Office	Partners In Planning
Best Western Inn on the Hill	Purity Life
Cooper Standard Automotive	Scotiabank, Acton
Downtown Spa & Relaxation Centre	Sheridan Nurseries Limited
Flamingo Dance Studio	Strictly Dance
Georgetown BIA	The Power Zone
Kentners Catering	Town of Halton Hills Staff
Life Chiropractic Centre	Tiburon Business Services
Magmar Agencies	Yorkshire Enterprises Inc.
Moore Place Daycare	Young's Pharmacy & Home Services

The Town would also like to recognize the seventeen schools that participated in clean up activities. Each school will be presented with a certificate of appreciation for their contribution to keeping our environment clean and safe.

Acton High School	Mackenzie-Smith-Bennett Public School
Centennial Public School	Park Public School
Christ the King Catholic School	Pineview Public School
Gary Allan Public High School	Robert Little Public School
Georgetown District High School	Silver Creek Public School
Georgetown District Christian School	St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic School
George Kennedy Public School	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Harrison Public School	St. Joseph's Catholic School
Holy Cross Catholic School	

Thank you to Harvey's, Swiss Chalet and Superior Gloves for sponsoring this event, and to the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, Acton BIA and Georgetown BIA for promoting this worthwhile cause.

CLEAN UP HALTON HILLS DAY

On Saturday, April 22nd, residents took to the streets, sidewalks, rural areas, parks, open spaces, ditches, schools, ravines, pathways, playgrounds, arenas, nooks and crannies to pick up litter. You helped clean up our Town with every bag you filled. Your hard work reflects the commitment of our community to keeping the Town of Halton Hills beautiful and clean!

Thank you to all the individuals, families, community groups, special groups, schools, teams and businesses that contributed to making Clean Up Halton Hills day a success!

Thank you to the following community groups that registered in this event.

Acton BIA	Friends of the Old Seed House Garden
Acton Seniors Hiking Club	1 st Georgetown Beavers of Scouts Canada
1 st Ashgrove Beavers	Glen Williams Town Hall & Residents
Christian Reformed Church	Hornby Area Rate Payers (H.A.R.P.)
Cindebarke Terrace Home Owners Assoc	Nassagaweya/Esquesing Town Line Rural Watch
Davis Crew Cleanup	Norval Community Association
Fourth Line Esquesing Rural Road Watch	Parents of Robert Little School
Friends of Fairy Lake	Willow Park Ecology Centre

The Town of Halton Hills would like to thank Tim Hortons for sponsoring this very worthwhile community event. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future as we strive to make Halton Hills a proud and litter-free community.

A special thanks to Town Councillors for promoting this event, especially in the rural areas, and to Councillor J. Fogal and the Litter Free Task Force for their invaluable assistance in coordinating this event. Their pride in the community of Halton Hills is greatly appreciated.



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Marsh Marigolds turn lowland into a riot of colour



This blue swamp flower weaves a pattern in swampy ground



Ontario's emblem - the trillium carpets forest glades everywhere

Better service being noticed

Halton Hills' earnest efforts to cut red tape and ease the way for developers through the planning and building process is being noticed by the development industry.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said he was glad to see a recent update on the Town's Process Review of Development Systems – also known as PRODS – because it's critical to provide better service.

Bonnette said the new attitude has also filtered through the whole administration.

"At one time, years back, Halton Hills wasn't the most desirable place to try to do business," Bonnette said, adding recently he'd heard good comments about the process.

Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary echoed Mayor Bonnette's comments, but has a "little concern" with the negative connotation of a section of the PRODS update that says there is limited industrial/commercial/institutional development potential in the Acton area.

"Awaiting the Region's report on (Acton) water, we have no shortage of

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buyers for the industrial/commercial/institutional land that is up there...and I'd like to see that changed to "exciting potential" for development..." O'Leary said, adding he'd settle for staff to say potential instead of limited potential.

Staff said when compared to the potential for development in other parts of Halton Hills, residential, commercial, industrial and institutional growth is limited.

O'Leary said "it may be small stuff to you, but its big stuff to us," and Acton could experience a rebirth in the industrial core, missing since the Beardmore tannery closed in 1986.

Rabies shots

An Acton pet owner is happy the Town is finally changing its dog licensing bylaw so annual proof of vaccination against rabies is no longer needed to get a dog licence, but says it seems like a "scam" that pet owners are paying about \$30 a year for unnecessary

rabies vaccinations.

"It's like a bit of a scam to me. It seems the veterinary services have created a bit of a scam to me," said John Shadbolt, adding a rabies vaccine that works for up to three years has been available for quite some time, but it is up to vets to tell pet owners about it.

Since Shadbolt informed the Town of the discrepancy in the bylaw six months ago, staff has been using its discretion and issuing dog licences without the required annual proof of rabies shot.

The suggestion of a "scam" had Acton veterinarian Dr Stephen Hess almost barking with indignation and concern.

He noted that rabies is a "pretty scary" disease and that Ontario has the highest incidents of animal rabies in North America.

He said he may be old-fashioned and cautious but continues to recommend annual rabies vaccinations to his clients, although a small percentage, mainly breeders, want the three-year vaccines.

The cost of a rabies vaccination is approximately \$30 and local vets offer low cost clinics each year.