



Fernbrook gets support from Council

A Halton Hills spring water bottling company producer got support and sympathy from Town Council recently in a bid against "hinted" provincial plans to ban non-refillable 15-litre PET water bottles used in water coolers.

Council will write the Minister of Environment in support of the continued use of the bottles and ask the province for a deposit/return system for PET bottles.

Fernbrook Natural Spring Water president

Robert Elliott enlisted Council's help after a terse letter from the Minister said it was "a strong preference of the government" that Fernbrook returned to re-using bottles, something it has never done.

Town staff said the 15-litre bottles could be flattened to eliminate the problem of taking up so much space in a recycling Blue Box, a complaint from some recycling companies.

In her letter to Fernbrook, the Minister said she

is concerned with the move by some companies towards large non-refillable, non-returnable water bottles that strain the municipal recycling system.

She said her Ministry would monitor Fernbrook's progress towards using refillable bottles, an approach that Regional Ward 3/4 Councillor Jane Fogal said shows "arrogance and insensitivity beyond belief" to a company that invested millions of dollars in Halton Hills.

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A memorial of flowers on Eramosa's Fourth Line marks the area where five-year-old Ashlyne Rayner died. Page 12.



Acton businesses were feted at the annual Chamber of Commerce awards that were presented. Pages 10 and 11.



The House League Day of Champions on the weekend ended the season. See Page 17. More next week.

Acton BIA celebrates good year



SPRING HAS SPRUNG: And what better way to celebrate the glorious spring weather we experienced on Monday and Tuesday of this week than a trip to an ice cream store. Bobbie Keck and Jennifer Lafee got the strollers out and took the kids to Ice Dream Art in the Becker's Plaza Tuesday afternoon to enjoy delicious ice cream cones. In the left stroller are Grace Mercer and Kendra McMillan. Standing in the middle is Hayden Mercer while Jeremy Mercer and Mathew McMillan try out their first cone in the stroller to the right.

AGM hears crack cocaine dealers in area

By Frances Niblock

News that Halton police had identified 10 crack cocaine dealers in and around the Acton area caused quite a stir at the annual general meeting of the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) last Wednesday night at the Legion.

In a briefing to the members of the BIA – whose job is to beautify and promote the downtown – Halton Police Services Village Constable Rob Felske – who last year reported to the BIA that the Acton crime rate was the lowest ever – said he was "surprised" when investigations found so many people who were dependent on crack cocaine.

"Believe it or not, 10 individuals were identified as being crack cocaine dealers in and around this area – one being a major source..." Felske said, adding they made approximately 15 arrests.

"That may not seem like a lot, but in a small town, I felt it was more than necessary," Felske said, adding the word on the street is that "the heat has been

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