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# VOX POP



Edward McMillan, Acton

"I don't think I'm going to be better off – they give you something at one end and take it away at the other – so, it works out even, and you are where you were."



Ashleigh Clarke, Acton
"I know that when I'm
older it will affect me more
– I read about the budgets
in the paper, and lots of
people are talking about
them, but I'm not too worried about it."

# Do you think you are better off financially following the recent Provincial and Federal budgets?



Edward Ross, Acton
"We have too many bureaucrats making more
than the politicians make,
so I don't think either
budget will help me. Until
they remove the GST and
remove the metric system,
we're always going to be in
trouble."



Gloria McIsaac, Acton
"I think that they are
doing the best that they
can. We're not going to
see much difference, but
won't be any worse off.
I think the governments
are helping people who
have less."

# Tenants in rent arrears get assistance

Tenants with short-term rent arrears are getting an assist from the Ontario government which has allocated \$158,828 to the rent bank program in Halton. The money is part of over \$4.8 million in funding distributed among Ontario rent banks.

The Provincial Rent Bank Program promotes housing stability by assisting tenants to avoid eviction for non-payment of rent, as short-term arrears is the most common reason tenants lose their homes and end up in shelters.

Tenants with lower incomes may apply to the Halton rent bank to receive short-term financial assistance to address rent arrears. If a tenant's application to a rent bank is approved, the outstanding rent is paid directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant.

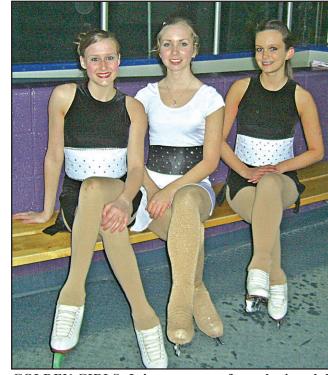
Tenants can apply for financial

assistance from a rent bank no more than once in two years, and receive maximum assistance for two months rental arrears.

In 2004, the program began with an initial allocation of \$10 million distributed among municipalities in Ontario. Since an additional investment of \$4 million in March 2006, over 8,000 households have received assistance and avoided eviction.



GREAT GOALIE: Acton High School goalie Spencer Veness was sharp in net, helping his team defeat the Halton Police Service squad 10-4 at the third annual challenge last Thursday in Acton. Enthusiastic fans donated non-perishable food to Acton's FoodShare and used equipment to minor hockey. – Submitted photo



GOLDEN GIRLS: It is uncommon for a skating club to have three members pass their StarSkate Gold level te4sts in a season, but the Acton Figure Skating Club boasts three, including, from left: Ashley Macpherson, Katelyn Kurpieweit and Emily Vickery who skated in the club's season-ending carnival on Saturday. – Frances Niblock photo



Sat., April 14, 2007 ~ 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Acton Legion
Tickets \$10 at the door

