

Funds from gas tax, polling good news for Halton Hills

I'd like to share a bit of good news for the Town of Halton Hills. Federal and provincial

budgets do have significant impacts on municipalities. You've heard many municipal mayors and councillors complain about the lack of funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments. There is a good reason why we complain.

Do you know that only 8% of all taxes collected are municipal taxes. Yet, municipalities are responsible for 50% of infrastructure. That is unbelievable! That is why municipalities have a difficult time repairing roads, replacing bridges, etc.

Now for the good news. The federal government is going to continue giving towns and cities a portion of the Gas Tax. This much needed money is going to continue to 2014. In the same week, the provincial government has finally come up with an exit strategy to end GTA Pooling. Pooling is where approxi-

Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



thoughts?

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The Homecoming 2007 event will take place in Georgetown this

July 27, 28, and 29. I am humbled by the sense of "community" I see from local businesses and residents daily. Georgetown is rich in history and culture. With "deep roots" in Halton Hills, and your support, we can ensure the spirit of this event becomes a time that is remembered by our community for generations to come. For more information, please check out the website at www.georgetown2007.ca.

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A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Twenty Minute Make-over on April 20th, and the big community clean-up day on April 21st. I saw many of you hard at work. Our town is a better place because of your efforts.

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Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca.

mately 182 bucks of your property taxes goes directly into the Toronto coffers. This has been ongoing for years thanks to former Premier Mike Harris.

The McGuinty government has listened, and I believe our recent press conference at Queen's Park (Fairness for Halton) with Regional Chair Carr, myself and the other three regional Mayors didn't hurt a bit to get the message out.

On average, Halton Region has been sending approximately \$42 million dollars, and every year it will be a further reduction until it is eliminated. The only reason why I am not totally jumping for joy is that Pooling won't be completely phased out until 2013. To me, it would have made more sense to have it eliminated in the next four year term of the Provincial Government.

Mr. Tory and Mr. Hampton, what are your



'KILLER' CAST: The audience will decide at intermission who they want the killer to be in the Acton High School production of *Murder's in the Heir* which opens tonight (Thursday) at the school. Tickets are available for 7:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. - Submitted photo

Back Facts



From the April 27, 2006 pages of *The New Tanner*.

One year ago, Because of the supreme kindness of strangers and a friend, three Acton residents - a doting grandfather, a soon-to-be-correctional worker and a fitness buff - are alive, and

urging others to sign their organ donor cards.

In other news:

•Seventy-five per cent of the recyclable materials produced in Acton homes is "captured" in Halton's Blue Box recycling program, "proof" that local residents are committed to waste

diversion.

•Getting paid to react to Captain Kirk making gingerbread

men out of All Bran is the easiest money Pat Yeatman has ever made. The Balinafad actress is cast with William Shatner - of Star Trek fame - in cereal commercials featured on local TV stations.

From the April 25, 2002 pages of *The New Tanner*.

Five years ago: OPP credit the quick actions of Keith Gamble for saving lives when he attempted to avoid an out-of-control vehicle that crossed into his lane of Highway 7, east of Acton.

In other news:

•Possible permanent solutions to water problems in the Lakeview subdivision are discussed at a public meeting. Low chlorine levels resulted in a bad taste that swabbing and disinfecting has not fixed in the old cast iron pipes.

•Acton's Heather Vanderweide joined Acton Councillor Clark Somerville and Acton Motors owner Norm Paulsen in a challenge to raise the most in pledges for the Canadian Cancer Society. The "loser" must shave his/her head.

Organic gardening...

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Three subsequent events take place Sunday, June 10 "Watching It Grow," Sunday, August 19 "Early Harvest" and Sunday, October 21 "Putting It To Bed." All events are 1-3p.m.

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