

Halton helps with business growth through seminar

This spring, Halton Region's Business Development Centre will partner with the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and RBC Royal Bank to present the "Tool Box to Grow your Business" seminar, a program that aims to help businesses understand the financing process.

"Companies need practical and useful information

on how to prepare for growing their businesses," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "Halton is proud to partner with the Business Development Bank and RBC to give business owners the tools they need to plan for and finance growth."

The seminar will be presented on Thursday, May 24, from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m.

at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Burlington. The fee for the seminar is \$25, which includes breakfast.

BDC and RBC experts and local professionals will take seminar participants through the process of preparing a clear plan to grow. They will focus first on identifying the information most relevant to demonstrating a company's real potential, and then on understanding the financial requirements to complete the project. Finally, they will tell participants how to present the information

to the bank to qualify for financing. The experts will be available after the seminar to talk one-on-one with participants.

"The main objective of this partnership is to help companies prepare to show banks what they want to see to secure financing," said John Davidson, Director of Business Development at Halton Region. "The Tool Box seminar is valuable not only for small and medium-sized businesses who want to grow, but also for executives and anybody else who wants to learn more about

the financing process."

For more information on the "Tool Box to Grow your Business" seminar, contact Halton Region's Business

Development Centre at 905-825-6000, ext. 7826, or busdev@halton.ca. To register, visit www.halton.ca/business.

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The Town is studying the parks and recreations needs for the next decade. What does Halton Hills need?



Dave Johnson, Acton

"We need more facilities if we are going to continue to grow in the way we are. When they took down the old arena, that hurt, and although the new arena is bigger and better, we need more arenas and park space."



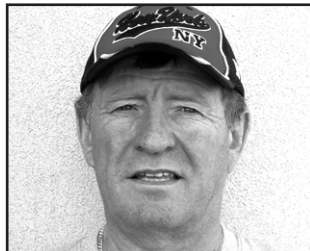
Jim Warrington, Acton

"I think the Parks and Rec department is doing a great job and their plans over the next 10 or 15 years are very good and quite adequate. I hope they can fulfil them - the public is asking for a lot of things."



Doreen Poloz, Georgetown

"I think the Town should be doing more. I'd like to see more arenas for children, more ball fields at a decent price and small splash places for children."



Clint Peacock, Acton

"We need more arenas and we need more room for the seniors here in Acton. We need more facilities to encourage all people, not just kids, to be active as they get older."

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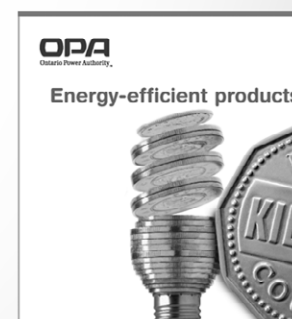
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