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Census shows 17% Halton growth



Up for adoption. These kittens can be seen on Page 7



Rockwood Tree Lighting ceremony had unique visitors. See Page 12



Acton Cancer Society got a record big cheque last Wednesday. See Page 8



O CHRISTMAS TREE: Rockwood Centennial Public School Choir, directed by Barbara Eley, sang festive carols for the crowd at Rockwood's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 8. The crowd also enjoyed hot chocolate, a visit from Santa and the Snow Queen, and donated lots of food to EWAG's food bank. - Submitted Photo

Milton led Region with 71% increase

New census data from Statistics Canada underscores how Halton's current resources will continue to be stretched as the population grows.

Released on December 4, the census statistics show that Halton's population has grown by 17% between 2001 and 2006 for a total count of 439,000. While the influx may confirm that Halton is seen as a desirable place to live, it also helps to illustrate the increased services and infrastructure required to meet provincial growth targets in the Places to Grow Plan, Halton Region asserts.

The new census release provides statistics on language, immigration, citizenship, mobility and migration collected from residents of Canada in May, 2006.

While Halton grew by 17% over the five year span, the fastest growth in the Region was recorded by the Town of Milton where population increased by 71% to 53,939. Milton continues to be the fastest growing community in Canada.

"It is not surprising that Halton is regarded as a choice place to live in Ontario," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "But we need to work together now to protect what

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