

Taxpayers should benefit from uploading

Halton Hills and Halton region taxpayers should begin to see reductions in property tax pressures as welfare and court security costs are being moved off the property tax base and will now be covered by the Province of Ontario, over a period of 10 years. Currently, municipalities pay for certain social

assistance program costs, including a portion of Ontario Works benefits and court security costs, from property taxes. This will no longer be the case as a result of an agreement reached by the McGuinty government, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto.

For Halton Region, this will mean \$22,530,000 in increased annual benefit by the time the uploading is complete. Starting in 2010, the Province will upload the municipal costs of On-

tario Works benefits over nine years. This will reduce municipal costs by more than \$400 million annually upon completion.

The uploads will mean that municipalities can build and repair more infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, libraries, recreation centres, sewer systems and water plants.

Once fully implemented, the uploads agreed to in the report will result in a net annual benefit to municipalities of more than \$1.5 billion compared to 2007.

ATTENTION SENIORS



To alleviate the high cost of heating for 2009
Branch 197 of the
Royal Canadian Legion



Will provide a *one time* grant to Seniors
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- Proof of Residence in the Town of Acton
- Copy of recent existing heating charges for the residence
- Be a recipient and have proof of **GIS** from the Federal Government
- You may be renting, but are paying heating costs and
- You may be married or single
- You must be over 65 years of age

To apply send your name, address and phone number to:

Royal Candian Legion Branch 197

15 Wright Ave.

Box 69

Acton, ON

L7J 2M2

Attn. David Crook

Chariman Veterans & Seniors

Branch 853-0910, Home phone 905-985-0366

All replies will be held in the strictest of confidence.

No applications accepted after Feb. 15/09

Fire Report

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call to the Tenth Side Road-Highway 25 area was a false alarm.

Fuel spill

Acton firefighters responded to fuel spill at the Beaver gas bar on Queen Street at 11:25 p.m. last Tuesday when gasoline, not diesel fuel, was mistakenly pumped into the tank of a cube van.

The leak occurred when they tried to siphon the

gasoline from the vehicle. Acton firefighters turned the scene over to Halton police.

No injuries

No one was trapped or injured in a motor vehicle accident at Highway 7 and Coles Court at 3:47 last Wednesday afternoon. Acton firefighters report a vehicle made a U-turn and was hit. Halton police and an ambulance also responded to the accident.

Frugal Five

You don't have to spend big bucks to have fun in the Acton area – many groups offer events for free, or at a price that's easy on the wallet.

The New Tanner will offer five of these "cheap" events to our readers in a weekly posting called Frugal Five.

1: Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, Free

Once the snow melts you'll want to get digging in the garden and now is the time to start planning. The Horticultural Society meetings resume next week with Belinda Gallagher listed as the first guest speaker to talk about the daisy family. Call Ruth at 519-853-0009 for information.

2: Friday, Jan. 30 2 to 3 p.m. Acton Indoor Pool, \$2
Spend part of the PD day swimming in Acton. For details call 519-853-3140.

3: Friday, Jan. 30 2 to 3:20 p.m. Acton arena, \$2
A PA Day skate is slated for the arena. For details call 519-853-0020.

4: While there is snow, Sir Donald Mann Park, off Mowbray, Free
Check out the hills – great for snow boarding and toboggoning.

5: Outdoor skating, Valentino and Lloyd Dyer Park in Rockwood, Free
Both outdoor rinks are now open and being maintained by Eramosa Township

If you have a fun and free – or at least under \$5 – event, send your suggestion to Frugal Five at angela.tyler@bellnet.ca or niblock@eastlink.ca

Register NOW for

JUNIOR or SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

with the Halton District School Board

We look forward to welcoming your child to school!

Junior Kindergarten 2009-2010:

Children must be **4 years old by December 31, 2009.**

Senior Kindergarten 2009-2010:

Children must be **5 years old by December 31, 2009.**

NOTE: If your child is currently attending one of our schools for Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten.

To determine your designated home school, access our website www.hdsb.ca and click on "School Information" (school locator). You can call your designated school to find out which dates have been established for Kindergarten registration.

Please bring the following **original** documents with you to register:

- proof of residency via lease, purchase agreement or property tax bill.
- birth certificate, passport or baptismal certificate for your child.
- proof of immunization, or philosophical or religious exemption forms (and completed medical authorization where necessary).

If you are not the child's parent, or if you have sole custody, please bring proof of custody (court order).

Please ensure your child is registered by **February 9, 2009.**

For further information, please contact:

Burlington: 905-335-3663, ext. 3389/3294
Oakville: 905 335-3663, ext. 3271
Halton Hills: 905-878-8451, ext. 3435
Milton: 905-878-8451, ext. 3307



Halton District School Board

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Mayor wants to freeze salaries...

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Joan Robson said she was pleased to endorse the No-

tice of Motion, because no matter how symbolic it is, it "recognizes tight

economic times."

"If we are asking other people to tighten their belt, I think that we need to do likewise," she said.

Foregoing a salary increase in 2009 will save the Town approximately \$8,500. The Mayor currently earns \$52,473 and Town councillors earn \$22,329, amounts set following a three per cent wage increase approved in January, 2008.

The two Town councillors and the mayor, who also sit on Halton Regional Council, receive an additional \$42,804.

Halton councillors recently gave themselves a 5.4 per cent wage increase, a move denounced by Ward Two Regional and Town Councillor Jane Fogal and Mayor Bonnette.

Notice of

ANNUAL MEETING of the ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting to be held on
Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 am
at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton.

Purpose of the meeting is to receive the Financial Statements for 2008, for the Election of Officers and Directors and to review and vote on changes to the Constitution.

New Members Welcome.

Jill Medland
Secretary/Treasurer
Acton Agricultural Society
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