



ROTARY WORDS: The Acton Rotary Club for the second year in a row has distributed dictionaries to the grade three students in local schools in Acton, Rockwood and Limehouse. Here is Ed Lawson President of the Acton Rotary Club and Rotarian Mike Dawkins handing out the dictionaries to the grade three students at Rockwood Centennial School. - Submitted photo

Local residents are on mission trip to Jamaica

By Frances Niblock

Armed with clothing, personal hygiene items, construction materials and the desire to help the poor, a group of 15 Halton Hills residents leave Sunday for a 10-day mission trip to Jamaica.

Near Montego Bay, the group – eight from Acton’s Christian Reformed Church and seven from the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church – will work on an orphanage, a boy’s reform school and an old age home as well as minister to the poor.

“We decided to go to Jamaica, which many think of as a tourist destination, to see if we’d be more effective going to an English-speaking country,” said Acton’s Harry Reinders, one of the 11 men and four women, aged 18 to 70, who are making the trip, under the guidance of Mission Ventures of Guelph.

Local church members, including Reinders, have made mission trips in the past to various countries including Africa, Peru, Guatemala and Mexico.

“We’re taking clothes, things like shampoo and soap, school supplies and toys for the kids. We’ll take some construction stuff with us and also buy some of it there,” he said.

Reinders said the trips are

really enlightening with the realization that people not living in poverty take so much for granted.

“It’s a reality check. In these economic circumstances that we think are so bad, we’re still living way better than a lot of others who are living in more difficult situations. It makes you

Fire Report

Unknown odour

Acton firefighters were unable to find the source of a reported unknown odour at a Greenore Crescent residence at 9:47 a.m. on Saturday. They checked the house using gas detection equipment but found nothing out of the ordinary.

wonder about the billions that have been lost in the stock market – if two years ago those dollars had been given to help the poor, imagine where the poor would be,” Reinders said, adding that the thought of not eating everyday isn’t an issue with most Acton residents, unlike many that they meet on the mission trips.

Reinders said on past missions, he and other workers have been welcomed with open arms and deep thanks.

Most of those going on mission trips pay their own way, but the churches have mission funds to help those who want to help, but can’t afford the entire cost.

The group heads to Jamaica on February 15 and returns on the 25.

Stag & Doe

for
Adam Field
&
Andria Dowdell

Feb 21st, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Rockmosa Community Centre

Tickets \$10

Council questions golf water use...

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-dle Branch Sixteen Mile Creek. The water will be pumped into an irrigation pond and then pumped through the irrigation system, with a maximum daily volume of 1,310,400 litres for a maximum of 214 days.

The water can only be taken if the stream flows are higher than a minimum base flow set by the Ministry of Environment (MOE), times directly related to excess flows during a spring thaw period or after a rain storm event.

The renewal permit for the Black Creek Golf Course proposes to take water from the East Branch of Black Creek by means of a proposed intake structure and an irrigation reservoir. The developer wants to be able to take 6,544,800-litres per day, 365 days per year and there could be some ground water taking as well.

Lewis questioned why the proposed Black Creek course wants to be able to pump water all year, saying it doesn’t seem fair or reasonable that they would pump “in the dead of winter.”

Town engineer Chris Mills said while it obviously would not pump year round, the permit would give the course the

ability to do so based on monitoring results of the tributary.

“Typically, the conservation authority or the MOE would make comment on the amount of days that are permitted, based on both historical monitoring information, but also weather patterns,” Mills said.

As Council did with a proposed water taking for the Eagle Ridge Golf Course, it will recommend to the MOE that the permit to take water include a five-year limit.

Noting that the Black Creek course has had its water taking permit for years, but not used it as construction hasn’t started, Regional and Town Councillor Clark Somerville asked staff why the applicant was not required to go back and check its studies and findings to determine if they are still valid.

Mills assured him that the technical documentation related to the permit to take water would have been updated as part of the process, including additional studies as required by the MOE.

Originally planned as a 27-hole golf course, the Black Creek facility, on land between the Fourth and Fifth Lines, north of Highway 7, was sold several years ago and last year a new application was filed for an 18-hole course.

Because the Black Creek Golf Course project could involve some ground water taking, Council will recommend that the MOE not issue the permit to take water until the impacts to the ground water are defined, and if necessary, mitigation measures are approved.



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Halton Hills Family Day Waste Collection Notice

Please Note Collection Day Changes

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Family Day					
Feb 16	17	18	19	20	21
			Collection Moves		Collection Moves

Due to the Family Day holiday, waste collection services the week of February 16 will take place the day after your regular collection day.

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

Please check your 2009 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar for your collection area details, or visit www.halton.ca/waste to use our “Search by Address” tool.

Halton Waste Management Site will be closed Monday, February 16, 2009

Regular Operating Hours
Open Monday to Saturday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

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