



CANCER CAMPAIGN KICKOFF: The Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society kicked off its annual fundraising campaign with a dinner at Knox Church hall on Tuesday of this week. Getting set to serve to campaign workers are left to right, Margaret MacKinnon, Cathy Gerrow, and Barb Robinson

Vote \$90,000 for consultant's assessment of old bridge

In a close vote, Town councillors agreed to spend \$90,000 to hire a consultant to do an environmental assessment of a stone culvert bridge on 27 Side Road, west of Fallbrook Trail.

The bridge was built in 1877, and because of its age it may have historical and cultural aspects. The consultant will re-

\$22,000...

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ity, through which seniors will provide information, presentations, workshops, forums and training about elder abuse to seniors and others, to heighten local awareness and promote safety.

The investment highlighted today falls under the Community Participation and Leadership component of the New Horizons for Seniors Program, which encourages seniors to continue to play an important role in their communities by helping those in need, providing leadership, sharing their knowledge and skills with others.

Since its beginning, the New Horizons for Seniors Program has funded over 4,200 projects in hundreds of communities across Canada. For more information about the Program, please visit www.hrsdc.gc.ca/seniors.

view the structure to determine if it falls with the requirements of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Transportation's heritage bridge guidelines for designation.

The consultant, R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited, will also do an in-depth condition assessment of the structure and develop an alternative repair/replacement strategies for public review.

Regional and Town Councillor Jane Fogal questioned why they would spend so much to determine if the bridge has historical significance, which they

already believe it has, and to assess its condition.

"Is that all we get for \$90,000? We don't get the design of a bridge, exactly what do we get?" Fogal asked engineer Chris Mills who said they wouldn't come out of the study with actual construction drawings, but would get functional designs and a very clear understanding of what is to be constructed.

A 2008 structure condition report for the culvert shows stone loss and mortar deterioration and the railing/guide rail system on the bridge does not meet current standards

Town says new medical centre in doctor's hands

The Town is prepared to move ahead with the planning process to develop a medical centre on vacant land in Acton, but the next move is up to the applicant, Dr. Nather Alshakarji.

Town planner Adam Farr said Dr. Alshakarji is "pretty much in a position to move forward if he wants," and there are no outstanding planning issues that must be resolved before the application can move ahead. "To proceed, all he (Dr. Alshakarji) has to do is sign the final documents and that's it," Farr said on Friday adding that the Town is in a state of readiness with the file.

Under the name Acton Medical & Urgent Care Clinic, Dr. Alshakarji plans to build a one storey, 10,204-square foot facility on vacant property bounded by Church Street, Mill Street, Eastern Avenue and Fellows Street.

Dr. Alshakarji has signed a site plan approval agreement with the Town, entered

into agreement with the Town to use Town-owned parking space across Eastern Avenue adjacent to the Hide House and received confirmation of a water allocation from Halton Region. Initially, the plans called for a two-storey building with a café and doctor's residence. As proposed, the front of the building faces Eastern Avenue where the main entrance is located and there is

an entrance/exit onto Church Street.

Dr. Alshakarji's planner, Glenn Wellings, said on Friday that he did not know why the project was delayed other than he'd heard that "some of the costings were higher than expected."

Prior to press time, several attempts to reach Dr. Alshakarji for comment were unsuccessful.

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EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Halton Region

FIRST MEETING – POLICY REVIEW PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009 @ 7 p.m.

Halton District School Board, JW Singleton Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington

TAKE NOTICE that on **April 22, 2009**, the Halton District School Board will hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 257.60 of the Education Act. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the current education development charge policies of the Board and to solicit public input. Any person who attends the meeting may make a representation to the Board in respect of the policies. The Board will also consider any written submissions. A Policy Review Document setting out the Board's policies for the current education development charge by-law will be available on or before April 7, 2009, at the Board's administration offices, during regular office hours.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY: SECOND MEETING – SUCCESSOR BY-LAW PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.

Halton District School Board, JW Singleton Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington

TAKE NOTICE that on April 22, 2009, the Halton District School Board will hold a second public meeting pursuant to Section 257.63 of the Education Act. The purpose of the second public meeting is to consider the continued imposition of education development charges and a successor by-law and to inform the public generally about the Board's education development charge proposal. Any person who attends the meeting may make a representation to the Board in respect of the proposal. The Board will also consider any written submissions. All submissions received in writing and those expressed at the public meeting will be considered prior to the enactment of an education development charge by-law. On Wednesday, May 20, 2009, the Board will consider the adoption of a by-law imposing education development charges in Halton Region. The education development charge background study required under Section 257.61 of the Education Act (including the proposed EDC by-law) which sets out the Board's education development charge proposal will be available on or before April 7, 2009, at the Board's administrative offices, during regular office hours.

THIRD PUBLIC MEETING – IN CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAW ADOPTION WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009 @ 6 p.m.

Halton District School Board, JW Singleton Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington

TAKE NOTICE that on May 20, 2009, the Halton District School Board will hold a third public meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the enactment of a successor EDC by-law that will apply in Halton Region. Any person who attends the meeting may make representations to the Board in respect of this matter. Written submissions, filed in advance of the meeting, will also be considered. All interested parties are invited to attend the public meetings. The Board would appreciate receiving written submissions one week prior to the Public Meetings, so that they may be distributed to Trustees prior to the meetings. Submissions and requests to address the Board as a delegation should be submitted to:

Steven Parfeniuk, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer, Halton District School Board
2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, ON L7R 3Z2

Phone: (905) 335-3663 * (905) 842-3014 * (905) 878-8451 Fax: (905) 335-9801

Any comments or requests for further information regarding this matter may be directed to Steven Parfeniuk, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer, Halton District School Board.

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