

# Town Digest

## Trans Canada screen

Town Council has deferred making a decision on Trans Canada Energy's proposal to save money by changing an approved screen feature with the "green living wall" at its generating station in Halton Hills until a staff report is available.

Trans Canada recently asked councilors to allow it to build a green living wall instead of a metal screen in the Town's prestige industrial area in the 401-407 corridor. The approved screen would cost Trans Canada \$1.6-million and the living green wall would cost \$300,000. Trans Canada has offered to share \$250,000 of the \$700,000 savings with the Town. The Town's logo would be included in either version of the screen feature adjacent to the 401.

The original plan called for a 160-metre long tube and cable design that would create a dynamic sculptural feature for the plant.

Trans Canada proposed to install a living green wall – a wall of birch trees – that would mix organic plants and materials with architectural features with less lighting.

Several councillors questioned if the wall of densely planted birch trees would grow as high and as fast as Trans Canada predicts they will.

Staff will investigate what options are available and report back to Council. Trans Canada Energy did pledge to proceed with the approved architectural screen if Council wishes.

## Quarry concerns

Concerns about the impact of increased heavy truck traffic and impact on water from the Rockfort Quarry, a proposed pit mine in Peel on the Halton Hills boundary across Winston Churchill Road, will be investigated by Halton Hills planning staff in a report to Council.

At a recent Council meeting, Bob Stanley, a member of the Concerned Citizens of Caledon – a group that is fighting the proposal by James Dick Construction to mine 100-feet below ground level – appealed to Halton Hills councilors to oppose the quarry proposal at an up-coming Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

Stanley argued the proposal is a significant threat to water quality and quantity and noted that Credit Valley Conservation and Caledon Council are both opposed to the proposal.

## Harmonized tax will hit families - Savoline

The proposed Harmonized Sales Tax in the recently announced Liberal Budget will have a devastating impact on families who are already struggling to make ends meet in a global economic recession, says former Halton Region Chair, now Burlington MPP Joyce Savoline.

"Giving \$1,000 back to families who make below a certain income level is an admission that the HST is a tremendous hardship on families. However, this "refund" will only be available for one year – what will the families do after that," asked Savoline?

"The timing for this new tax is poor at best, and at worst will push those families already on the brink of insolvency over the edge," said Savoline. "My phone lines have been burning up from seniors on fixed incomes and working families who are already hard pressed to make ends meet. They are demanding to know how Mr. McGuinty can justify implementing the HST right now and so do I."

While many items such as children's clothing may be exempt from the direct application of the HST, the prices of these items will certainly rise as fuel prices will rise as a direct result of the HST. In fact, because of the increase in fuel costs, everything that we purchase will become more expensive at a time when Ontarians can least afford an increase in their day to day products and services.



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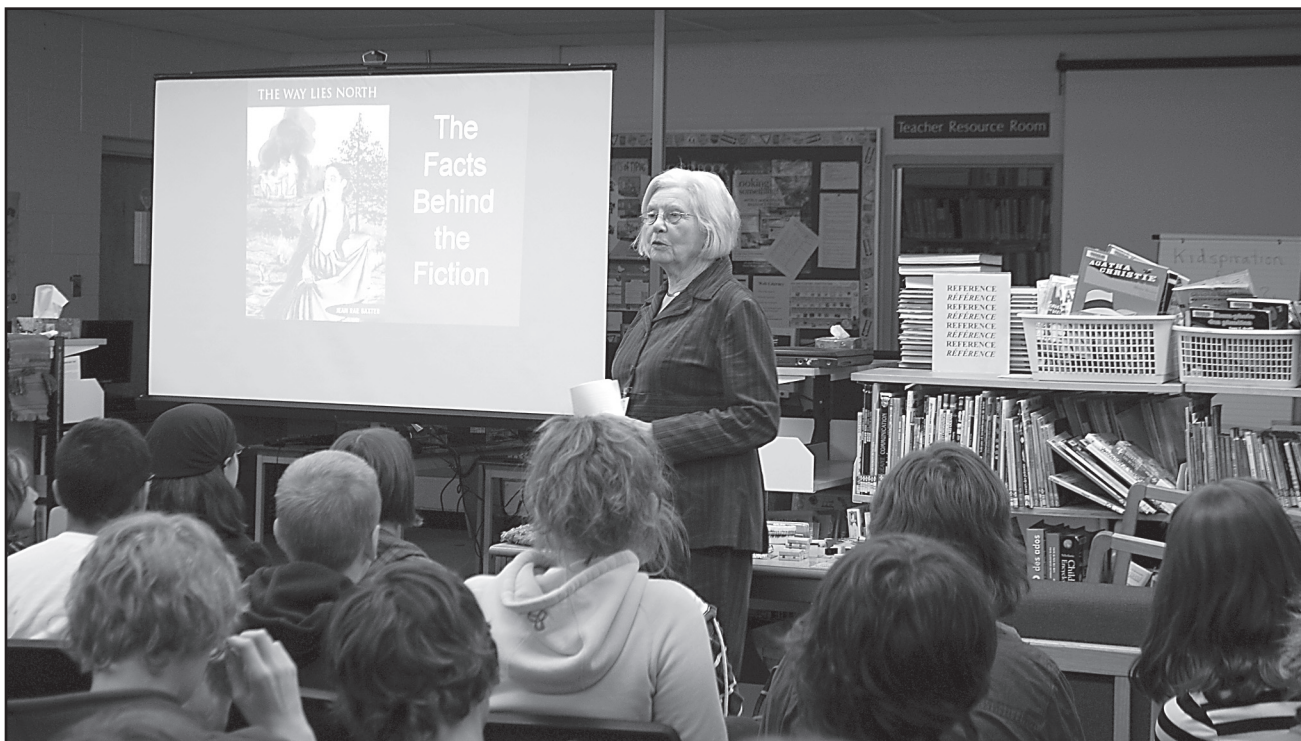
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**REVOLUTIONARY READING:** Award winning author Jean Rae Baxter visited Grade 7 students at MSB on Monday to discuss her new book "The Way Lies North: A young adult historical novel that focuses a family of loyalists forced to flee their home in the Mohawk Valley as a result of the violence the stemmed from the American Revolution. The Way Lies North has been nominated for an award from the 2009 Ontario Library Association "Forest of Reading" Red Maple Award. – Traci Gardner photo

## Region launches Food Advisory pgm

With the graduation of 21 certified Community Food Advisors, Halton Region officially launched its Community Food Advisor (CFA) program. The CFA program provides, through trained volunteers, reliable information and education aimed at promoting safe and nutritious food selection, preparation and storage practices.

"Today we are not only celebrating the graduation of our new Community Food Advisors, we are also launching a brand new program in Halton,"

said Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair. "What is a little different about the Community Food Advisor program is that it relies almost exclusively on the efforts of volunteers."

The CFA volunteers were recruited last summer. Since that time, 21 completed the comprehensive training program, made up of approximately 60 hours of classroom training, as well as a food handler certification course. The volunteers were also required to complete two supervised community placements.

According to Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health, the CFA program enhances current public health programming by increasing the number of nutrition presentations in the community and by complementing programs currently being offered.

"The CFA program supports our healthy eating and healthy weights initiatives as well as and our efforts related to food security," added Nosal. CFA presentation topics include everything from Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide, Cooking for One and Food Safety at Home, to Healthy Eating on a Budget, Quick and Easy Meals, Menu Planning and Cooking with Vegetables and Fruit.

Some of the groups

likely to use the services of Community Food Advisors include recreation centres, seniors' centres, libraries, prenatal programs, food banks, places of worship, children's groups, community kitchens and community gardens. The services of Community Food Advisors are available to groups at no cost. However, groups may be asked to pay for food or supplies needed for specific requests.

The Community Food Advisor program is supported by the Halton Region Health Department, the Nutrition Resource Centre (NRC), the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Ministry of Health Promotion.

Everyone is invited to join us for two inspirational ecumenical events

### Procession of the Cross



### Good Friday

The procession begins at Churchill Community Church at 5:30pm winds through the downtown area and ends with a service at Bethel following light refreshments. At each stop along the way, There will be a short scripture reading, a prayer and a verse of a hymn.

### Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

7:00am Churchill Community Church



After the outdoor service, breakfast will be available (Free-will offering)

These ecumenical events are sponsored by **Acton Ministerial Association.**

## SHOP LOCAL

SHOP SMART... SHOP HALTON HILLS

### COHEN ANDREWES

Evann and Jenna would like to introduce their new brother Cohen Donn Andrewes, born March 17, 2009, weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces. Proud parents Duane Andrewes and Christine Chillman. Proud grandparents Donny and Georgina Franklin (Acton) and Barry and Lourdes Andrewes (Toronto) and also by many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

A special thanks to Martha and Sara the midwives and Michelle and Anne.

