

# 2009 - A year in review

From swine flu clinics to millions from the federal and provincial governments for a new Acton library to an Olympic Torch relay, 2009 was a good news year in Acton. Here are some of the highlights:

## January

- The Acton Soccer Club made another donation to the proposed Acton Sports Park project, bringing their contribution to \$150,000.

- In a symbolic gesture in tough economic times, Town councillors voted to forego any salary increase for the coming year.

- While the local job numbers were "fairly positive" there were recent layoffs in Georgetown and Acton, including the Louisiana Pacific vinyl plant.

## February

- The Halton District School Board's decision to sell surplus property at the McKenzie-Smith Bennett School site ignites a grassroots opposition movement in Acton.

- The Ontario Minor Hockey Association honours Acton resident Ron McKnight by naming the OMHA Atom championship trophy after him.

- Fifteen Halton Hills residents, including eight from Acton's Christian Reformed Church - prepare for a mission trip to help the poor in Jamaica.

## March

- Acton residents will have Smart Metres installed in their homes by Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation in an

energy conservation program.

- The 30 Acton homeowners who will be affected by Hydro One's plans to twin its power corridor east of town received voluntary settlement offers for their land.

- The construction company hired by the Town to reconstruct Mill Street, Peel Street, Acton Boulevard and Perth Street goes bankrupt, stalling the work.

## April

- Family, friends and former patients of Dr. David Vanderbent honour his 40 years of service to Acton at a meet and greet. Proceeds from the event will fund a bursary in his name for an Acton High School student entering medical training.

- The Acton Figure Skating Club staged its 44th annual Carnival featuring beginners with wobbly ankle to skaters with double jumps in their routines.

- A suspicious fire destroys a vacant \$1-million log home in Silvercreek. Officials don't expect to find the cause as the blaze consumed everything in its path.

## May

- A student at Christ the King High School in Georgetown is Halton's first confirmed case of swine flu. The student had a mild case and did not require hospitalization.

- An application for a 10-unit housing development on Bower Avenue at the end of Frederick Street is withdrawn after 14 years on the books.

- Bruce Shoemaker,

who for more than 40 years helped people say final goodbyes to their loved ones at his Shoemaker Funeral Home, died unexpectedly at Georgetown Hospital.

## June

- Halton Hills Council passes a procurement policy in response to the "Buy American" stimulus program in the United States that left Canadian companies out of the bidding for projects.

- Local farmers hope for warmer weather to help their crops, stunted because of the cool nights and strong winds that have put their crops a week behind schedule.

- Rockwood resident Isabel Warren, 14, was killed when a cement block wall at a Guelph baseball field collapsed on her.

## July

- While plans for a new \$3.5-million Acton library have been approved, exactly where on the River Street property to locate the new facility remains undecided.

- Town council approved plans for a 23-unit condominium development at the corner of Wallace Street and Dr. Moore Court.

- Grants from Halton's Community Investment Fund meant the doors of Acton's Off The Wall youth drop-in centre will remain open.

## August

- Construction of a new milling unit at Dover Flour secured the jobs of 27 non-union employees at the mill, now owned by Parrish and Heimbrecker Ltd.

- Six kittens left for

dead in a garbage bag behind the Sobeys plaza will be placed in homes by the Upper Credit Humane Society.

- An Acton GO train station is one of the preferred options in an Environmental Assessment of GO's proposal to expand service from Georgetown to Kitchener.

## September

- All of the "853" central office codes are exhausted and new phone numbers in Acton now begin with "929". Steady growth meant the "519" area code is also exhausted and new residents could have a "209" area code.

- Jennifer Boysen, an employee at the Acton McDonald's was selected to be part of the company's Olympic Champion Crew and will work at one of three Vancouver McDonald's during the Winter Games in February, 2010.

- Larissa Schausbreitner is selected Miss Acton

at the fall fair which was deemed a success due to great weather, new exhibits and good fun at a reasonable price.

## October

- Town Council agreed to defer \$61,510 in development charges, the final financial step necessary for the developer to apply for a building permit for the Acton Acute Care Centre.

- Seven Acton High School students earned Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top scholarships.

- Thousands of people jam the Acton arena/community centre to get immunized against swine flu. Officials are overwhelmed by the turnout which had some people waiting more than five hours in the cold.

## November

- Acton remembered its war dead at a solemn but colourful service at the Cenotaph.

- Acton High School grad Michael Kovacevic

received the Governor-General's Academic Medal at commencement exercises.

- Habitat for Humanity's newest house - a prefabricated structure arrived in Acton and was lowered into place at a Peel Street lot.

- Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in style for the annual Santa Claus parade - the 25th anniversary of sponsorship of the event by the Acton Firefighters Association.

## December

- Halton Hills Hydro celebrated 500,000 accident-free hours - an important milestone in a dangerous industry.

- A \$500,000 splash pad is approved for Prospect Park to replace the existing wading pool. The new water attraction is slated to open in July, 2010.

- Crowds lined the streets of Acton to watch the Olympic Torch Relay on its way through town.

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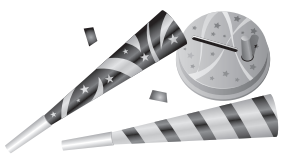
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