

Board celebrates employee Appreciation Day

The Halton District School Board is proud to officially recognize Wednesday, February 24, as Employee Appreciation Day. More than 8,000 talented staff members are employed by the board on a full or part-time basis, in causal and permanent positions.

Staff contribute daily to the success of the approximately 50,000 elementary and secondary students enrolled in

the public board and it is fitting their hard work be recognized.

"I'm delighted to know we are recognizing all our employees as each one contributes to our mission -- a commitment to success for every student," says Wayne Joudrie, Director of Education for the Halton District School Board. "Thanks to our employees' service, we provide outstanding education in clean, safe and

supportive learning environments."

Employee Appreciation Day will be an annual event held by the Halton District School Board.

To commemorate future employee appreciation events, an exciting art contest for Halton District School Board students and staff entitled, "Learn, Grow, Succeed... Together," is being launched. The winning piece will be chosen in the spring.



TUNE TEAM: These Grade eight students at St. Joseph's Catholic School set the scene for a dance-a-thon, the school's major fundraiser, last Friday.

— Frances Niblock photo

Habitat looking for Intesification plans debated housing partners

Is the dream of home ownership beyond your grasp? Maybe not - Habitat for Humanity Halton has a three bedroom home in Acton available for a low-income family, and you may qualify. Do any of these apply to you?

- live in substandard housing or paying too much of your income on rent
- have a stable work history - through not a high income
- manage debt well

- have a larger family (three or four children)
- don't want a hand-out, but would appreciate a hand-up

Find out if you might qualify for Habitat's Homeownership program at an information session taking place Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 114 Mill Street. For more information or to register, call 1-866-314-4344 or 905-637-4446. Registration is appreciated, but not mandatory.

By Frances Niblock

Seniors, not students, may end up using a currently vacant property in Acton East that the Halton District Catholic School Board apparently no longer wants for a school site.

During a public meeting on implementation of the Town's intensification strategy, planning consultant Glenn Wellings, acting on behalf of Acton East Housing Corporation (Fred Dawkins and Frank Heller) asked council to consider allowing a higher density - housing for more people - on the site at Tanners Drive and Rennie Street.

In a recent briefing to council, senior policy planner Steve Burke said Provincial planning rules dictate that by 2015, 40 per cent of new residential growth must be within existing built up areas, defined as the limits of the developed urban area, to avoid more urban sprawl. Halton's population will double to 780,000 by 2031, and Halton Hills must accept 20,000 of

those new people to grow to 90,000. Twenty-two hundred of the new housing units would be built in Georgetown and 1,800 in Acton, most in a special study area including the former tannery lands.

Intensification areas in Halton Hills include the Georgetown GO station area, the Civic Centre area, the former tannery lands in Acton and the downtowns of Acton and Georgetown. Planning staff also suggest that medium, not low residential density zoning be approved for 82 to 96 Wallace Street and that intensification could also take place near the Hide House if plans for a GO Train station are approved.

With regards to the Acton plans, planner Wellings said the proposed townhouse concept for already zoned land at 125 McDonald Boulevard would help with the Town's intensification plan. He said if the Catholic board of education declines to build an elementary school on the Acton East land when it's

10-year option expires in 2012, his client wants to proceed to develop the land with medium, not low-density seniors' housing.

Georgetown resident Laurent Thibault said the whole concept of intensification has very important social, cultural and economic implications and cautioned councillors that they must "behave differently" to plan "very different communities," so Halton Hills is a green oasis on the edge of the GTA and development is not just 25-storey apartment buildings.

P.O.W.E.R. president Lesley Adams said the intensification strategy is a good beginning, but they should go further.

"Halton Hills really is the jewel in our crown in the GTA," and that they should be very respectful of the fact that the Town is a ground water based community.

Staff will incorporate the questions and comments raised at the public meeting in a final report to council.

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Employee Appreciation Day February 24, 2010

The Halton District School Board celebrates Employee Appreciation Day, February 24, 2010. Recognizing the over 8,000 employees, who contribute to and make a difference to the educational experience for students in Halton. The Halton District School Board would like to express our thanks, as we continue to Learn, Grow and Succeed Together.

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