

Beat the heat

In the event at Halton Region issues a "Heat Alert" or if you are suffering from the heat, the Town has designated cooling centres for your relief.

In Acton the cooling centres include:

- Acton arena/community centre – 415 Queen Street, 519-853-0020
- Acton branch of the Halton Hills library – 17 River Street, Acton 519-853-0301

Those most at risk include older adults (65+), infants and young children, and the chronically ill, including people with asthma. The public is encouraged to call or visit family and neighbours who may be at risk.

"We want our residents to know that they have cool, safe places to go to escape from the heat," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "We have been in touch with community service providers to inform them of the Towns' Cooling Centres as they deal first-hand with the

people who may be most vulnerable."

The public is advised to "Beat the Heat" by taking these precautions:

- Drink lots of water and natural fruit juices
- Stay out of the blazing sun or heat (UV rays are strongest between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.)
- Avoid strenuous outdoor physical activity
- Go to places that are air conditioned, including shopping malls, libraries, community centres
- Never leave children and pets unattended in a car.

If you experience symptoms of heat-induced illness, such as rapid breathing, weakness or fainting, headache and/or confusion, seek medical attention right away.

Another great way to cool off is to visit the Acton Indoor Pool for daily recreational swimming. For the pool schedules call the Acton Pool at 519-853-3140.



SAFETY BLITZ: Halton police and the Ministry of Transportation carried out a safety blitz last Wednesday on Highway 25, just south of an Erin property where a steady stream of dump trucks continue to dump clean fill. – Frances Niblock photo

Dump trucks stopped in second safety blitz

A dump truck without a working speed governor and an expired annual inspection sticker were the main infractions found during a truck safety blitz on Highway 25 near the

Halton Hills-Erin boundary.

The blitz, the second this month, was sparked by more angry calls to local politicians and police about the non-stop pa-

rade of noisy, dusty dump trucks making their way to dump fill at a property about two kilometres north of the Halton Hills-Erin boundary on Highway 25.

"It's up to the municipalities to control the truck routes, but we can make sure that the trucks on the road are safe," said MTO transportation officer Jason Leeman, noting that the inspections are not much of a deterrent.

"We set up here for a couple of hours and the word goes out among the drivers who try to avoid us, so we set up again in another area," Leeman said, adding the owner of the truck with the infractions faces fines of approximately \$700.

Leeman said the increased truck traffic is a product of an improving economy and with more construction, there is more to haul and that means more trucks on the road.

He said while neighbours of the land where the fill is being dumped are unhappy – he said there is some NIMBY – not in my back yard – attitude in play, but at least the neighbours are assured that the trucks being stopped are safe, or they are taken off the road.

The Kentners, owners

of the property where the fill is being dumped, have the necessary permits from the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), which must approve all applications to dump fill within 120-metres of a recognized wetland. There are two ponds and a wetland on the property and the fill is being dumped within 45-metres of them.

Dave Shultz, the GRCA's manager of communications was unsure how much fill will be added to the site, except to say a final contour plan has been approved and will be inspected at the end of the job. The clean fill – commonly dirt with no concrete or asphalt – will be added to a sloping depth of four metres in one area, and three-metres in another.

Shultz said this particular permit was issued in January and is good for two years.

Shultz said the GRCA does not have the authority to direct the trucks carrying the fill to any particular route.

"We've been hearing from some of the neighbours in the area and from municipal officials so we're trying to organize a get-together with municipal officials to see if there is something we can work out," Shultz said.

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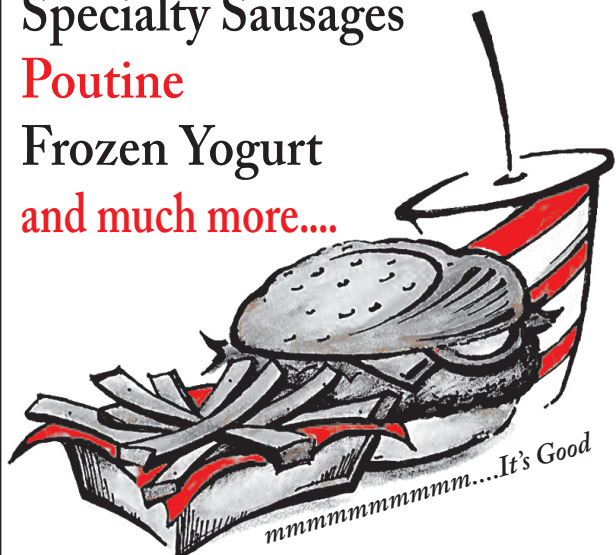
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