



LIKE THE GLULAM? Beams made with glulam – glued laminated timber – have been installed at the River Street site of the new library. They will be visible both inside and outside the facility. – Frances Niblock photo

Like glulam?

On budget and on time – that’s the good news at the Acton library construction site as work is “moving quickly.”

“It’s getting exciting – now that the glulam has gone up, people are really talking about the project,” said project manager Geoff Cannon. Glulam is glued laminated timber, a type of structural timber product composed of several layers of lumber glued together.

The glulam beams will be visible on the roof. Once they are in place, crews will pour the floor.

“We’re still fine tuning the interior design – getting down to the final

decisions on what piece of furniture will go where, and what that furniture is going to look like so our interior designer can cost it all to make sure it fits within the budget,” Cannon said.

He said despite a large banner indicating the library remains open during construction, they have seen a dip in use.

“We’re trying to draw people in to let them know that we are open, and to invite them to visit us and get a close up look at what is happening. From the upstairs windows you get a bird’s eye view of the site and all that is happening,” Cannon said.

Town and Region Power Pledge winners

Halton Hills residents and businesses cut their energy use by 1.9 per cent last Wednesday as part of the Power Pledge Community Challenge. That power reduction ranked the Town 17th of approximately 90 participating municipalities.

The Town ranked fourth in the number of participants who pledged to reduce their energy consumption and third in its population category.

Nearly 1,400 Halton

Hills participants took the Power Pledge, and if all of the pledges are fulfilled it will result in an annual savings of over 2.7-million kilowatt hours of energy, translating into \$605,000 in energy cost savings.

Mayor Rick Bonnette congratulated everyone who rose to the challenge.

“To place fourth [in pledges] out of 90 communities is wonderful and definitely shows our Town’s commitment to

the environment,” Bonnette said in a press release issued on Tuesday. Bonnette said more important to the municipality’s placement is the reduction in the Town’s carbon footprint and an increase in energy awareness.

Halton Region won the Power Pledge Community Challenge award presented by the Ontario Power Authority for having the most pledges from any Region with-

in the competition. The presentation took place at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s Annual Conference in Windsor.

“This is a great achievement by the resi-

dents of Halton Region,” said Regional Chair Gary Carr. “The participation of residents from Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville shows how much we care about protecting the

environment while looking after our health and the health of future generations. This is truly an example of why Halton is a great place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.”



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