



MS RIDERS: Acton's Drake Slater (front, second from right) helped his team, including father Stan (back right) raise money by riding in the MS Ride in the Niagara area on the weekend. Drake raised \$733, \$530 from his Birchway Place neighbours. — Submitted photo

Acton boy pedals for MS

Thanks to the pedal power of 12-year-old Drake Slater and the generosity of his neighbours, the MS Society is \$733 richer. Slater, and his dad Stan, rode 75-kilometres on the weekend in the MS Ride in the Niagara area, raising money to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis, and to help pay for programs and services for people living with the neuromuscular disease.

"The generosity of people on our street (Birchway Place) amazed me," said Stan Slater on Monday. "Drake went to a lot of houses and almost everyone made a donation. I'm just in awe of the people who gave

(money)." Donations from Birchway Place alone topped \$530.

The Slaters rode as part of a team from Stan's medical imaging company. All were first time charity riders and they won the award for best new team.

"We rode the 75-kilometres in the pouring rain and Drake fell and hurt his elbow, but he continued to ride and finished," Stan Slater said, adding Drake was the top fundraiser on their team.

He said they trained by riding every chance they got, even while on holiday. The Slaters' first charity 50-kilometre ride was for autism last fall.

Town objects to census changes

If Halton Hills Council has any sway, the federal government will reconsider and reverse its decision to eliminate the mandatory "long-form" of the census.

Council has added its voice to the growing number of politicians and citizens across Canada who oppose Ottawa's plan to use a voluntary form instead of the mandatory long-form for the 2011 census.

The Statistics Canada census information is widely used by businesses, non-profit organizations and governments. The long-form questionnaire was mandatory for approximately one-fifth of Canadians and asked questions on issues including work, education, housing, income, child-care, migration, ethnicity and family life.

A Notice of Motion from Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville said the voluntary responses will compromise the data collected, resulting in a significant negative impact on municipalities' capability to conduct reliable accurate analysis of municipal issues.

Somerville said many groups, including the Canadian Medical Association, believe a voluntary census will put information collected at risk.

"The information gathered by the census is used by planners and research-

ers and it forms the basis of some of the federal (funding) transfers that municipalities and provinces get," Somerville said. He noted there's a "disconnect" about the mandatory nature of the census as the federal government said it received thousands of emails complaining about the

long-form during the last census, yet the Privacy Commission said in the past 10 years there were only three complaints.

Regional Ward two Councillor Jane Fogal said she'd only filled out the long-form once, and it was not onerous.

"In fact, I was amazed at how quickly it could

be filled in and it really wasn't a big imposition... it seems to be very valuable (information) for its users, and it strikes me that it is a huge benefit for very little effort by Canadians."

Refusing to fill out the long form census could result in three months in jail or a \$500 fine.

BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS**
By Wayne Young P.R.O.

Comrades

On Monday, August 23 our comrade Melvin Rolfe was suddenly lost to this world as a result of an accident. Melvin was always quick to lend a hand and his laughter will be missed by all who knew him. Our sincerest sympathies go out to Melvin's family in this time of sorrow.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them

In spite of the threatening weather last Sunday, all the participants of the adult picnic held at the Branch had a wonderful time and are eagerly awaiting next year's edition.

This coming Sunday, August 29, the annual Gary Munday Memorial Fishing Tournament for the children of Acton casts off at 11. This is strictly a fish from shore tournament and please bring your own

fishing rods. Immediately following the fishing at 1 p.m., the annual Branch 197 family picnic gets underway with games and activities for children of all ages.

Please mark on your calendar one of the most important dates at the Branch, September 12 is not only my birthday but also that is when the Vet-

erans from Sunnybrook Hospital pay their much anticipated annual visit to our Branch. Please be sure to come out and pay your respects to these fine men and women whom gave up so much for our freedom.

Remember, it is never too late to thank a Veteran.

Wayne Young
Branch 197 PRO

Gabrella is happy to say
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