

Housing heros

Designs for a modular, affordable housing development earned the Grade 12 Design Technology class at Acton High School the \$1,000 grand prize in the annual Halton Be a Hero – Be a Voice for Affordable Housing contest. The awards were handed out at a ceremony in Georgetown last Thursday.

The contest was created to help raise awareness about the need for affordable housing in Halton, and students from Grade nine through 12 were invited to develop an entry, using their choice of format, to capture why Halton needs affordable housing to build and sustain a health community.

The winning designs were a series of environmentally friendly, energy-efficient modular units that could be configured in different ways.

“We did modular homes that are made out of shipping containers that are the same size and fit together and are interchangeable,” said class member Loren German.

“Everyone made their own model and everyone has their own housing features, so everyone contributed to the project,” she said.

Class member Dylan Jubinville said the winning designs are “open, inviting and don’t look like a down-in-the-dumps place, but would still be affordable.”

One of the judges, John Smith with Support and Housing Halton, said the Acton design was creative, original and buildable.

“I could envision this design actually being built in Halton to provide more affordable housing,” Smith said, adding the Acton students showed that they understand homelessness.

Georgetown High School student Caitlyn Moses earned the Silver award – \$500 – for her three-dimensional art piece titled “Welcome to My Reality and four Bronze awards of \$100 each were also awarded to students from Burlington and Oakville.



HOUSING HEROES: Members of the senior technical design class at Acton High School won the \$1,000 first prize in Halton Region’s Be a Hero – Be a Voice for Affordable Housing contest. Class members, from left: Trent Regular, Angelo Meogrossi, Jubinville, Kevin Lawrence, Bailey Rolfe, Jesse Voelkner and Loren German learned they’d won at an awards ceremony last Thursday in Georgetown. – Frances Niblock photo

Halton’s first Citizens’ Reference Panel needs 36 local members

Halton residents should watch their mail this week for a brown and green envelope containing a very

special invitation. Halton Region is holding a Civic Lottery to find 36 local residents to form the first Halton Region Citizens’ Reference Panel. Any eligible resident who receives an invitation can enter their name for a chance to sit on the Panel.

Panel members will help determine which issues, services and programs matter most to the people who live and work in Halton. Their insights, along with input from the broader community, will help the recently elected Regional Council develop a new strategic work plan and set out priorities for the next four-year term.

“At Halton, we have been innovative leaders in implementing new initiatives and tools, such as the webcasting of our Committee and Council meetings, and with the new strategic work plan we are taking it one step further,” said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. “Our first Citizens’ Reference Panel is an exciting opportunity for residents to tell Regional Council what’s important to them as we move forward to ensure that Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.”

A Civic Lottery uses random selection to bring

together groups of citizens, balanced for age, gender and geographical location, to represent their community. This week, 10,000 letters will be delivered to randomly selected households in the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville. Eligible candidates who receive the invitation can put their name forward for the Civic Lottery. The invitation can also be transferred to other members of the household. The 36 panellists will be drawn from among the respondents on December 16.

The Panel will meet for four Saturdays on January 8, 15, 29 and February 5, 2011. To learn about the trends and pressures facing Halton, as well as the services and programs the Regional government provides. They will also take part in a public roundtable meeting on January 29, open to all members of the public. Working with expert facilitators, the panellists will develop a series of informed recommendations to present to Regional Council.

The deadline for eligible candidates to enter the civic lottery is December 6. To learn more about the Halton Region Citizens’ Reference Panel, visit www.halton.ca/citizenspanel.



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