

Hornby clean-up is re-scheduled

The rain won out over this past weekend's planned Clean Up Hornby Day, with a new date scheduled for this Saturday.

The amount of water in the ditches and the danger of slipping played factors in the organizers' decision to reschedule.

All details of the clean-up will remain the same. Participants are asked to meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of Hornby Park and can either choose their area or be assigned to one. Gloves and bags will be provided.

A free barbecue will be held at noon.

For more information, call Peter Vaughan at (905) 878-2620 or Erik Kowal at (905) 876-1582.

Town gets government funding to replace Lower Base Line bridge

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Barnstable Bridge on Lower Base Line will soon be replaced thanks to a funding announcement made by the provincial and federal governments Friday.

The Town's slated to receive up to \$726,400 from both levels of government to take out the single-lane structure and put in a two-lane bridge.

Local politicians gathered on Lower

Base Line Friday morning to discuss the funding and how it will benefit local citizens.

"Replacing Barnstable Bridge will improve the quality of life for residents in Milton and encourage the economic development of the community and surrounding areas," said Halton MP Garth Turner.

"The government of Canada is pleased to work with our provincial and municipal counterparts on this important project."

Turner added he feels governments should work in partnerships such as this.

"We all need to chip in," he said. "There's only one taxpayer."

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh said he's happy to see the funding come through for his constituents.

"Bridges are a part of infrastructure that people don't think of, but they're terribly expensive," he pointed out.

The money comes from the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF). The federal government's contribution is contingent on the successful completion of an environmental assessment for the work.

Mayor Gord Krantz also applauded the announcement.

"COMRIF funding for this project is great news for our town as it will allow us to improve road safety for the traveling public, school buses and emergency vehicles that rely on this route," he said.

Krantz noted partnerships between the various levels of government are starting to become more of a reality.

"I think the public demands it," he said.

The Town will kick in the rest of the funds for the project — an amount that could be up to \$2.1 million.

Town Director of Engineering Services Paul Cripps said there's a chance work on the bridge could start this year, but construction will most likely commence in 2007.

The bridge replacement is part of an overall reconstruction project on Lower Base Line between Trafalgar Road and Regional Road 25.

It'll include replacing another single-lane bridge, in addition to the Barnstable Bridge, and realigning part of the road. The reconstruction won't involve widening the road beyond its current two lanes.

COMRIF is a five-year, \$900-million initiative that responds to local needs through infrastructure upgrades to provide clean, safe drinking water, better sewage systems, improved waste management processes, safer local roads and bridges and more.

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Correction Notice

On **page 3** of the Zellers circular dated Saturday, April 22nd - Friday, April 28th, 2006, The **"Heritage" 5-piece Dinette Set** was **incorrectly advertised at \$299.97.**

The correct price is **\$399.97**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

