

# Buy a pear to help end cancer

Buy a pear to save a pair. It's a fun, catchy title for a fundraiser that's taking on a deadly serious disease.

On May 27 the Milton Moms team, which will participate in September's Weekend to End Breast Cancer, will sell pears at Milton Mall at 9 a.m.

Tiny pink ribbon stickers on the fruit will remind pear-buyers of the importance of their purchases. The

team will also sell carnations at their stall near the middle of the mall.

All proceeds will go toward the team's fundraising for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, a September 8 to 10 that involves walking 60 km over two days to raise money for the Princess Margaret Hospital. Many local teams are participating, coming up with creative ways to fundraise.

# Milton's library system needs to grow: consultant

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The Milton Public Library is falling behind other GTA libraries when it comes to its hours of operation.

That's one of the findings in the library's human resources review presented to the Town's community services committee Monday night.

The report summarizes the library's current operations and identifies areas where changes need to be made as it moves toward becoming a multi-branch system.

Susan Wright of the consulting firm Randolph Group, which prepared the review, told the committee that the local library's hours — 51 per week — are lagging behind compared to libraries in places like Brantford, Burlington, Oakville

and Whitby.

She recommended that staffing be enhanced at the library in 2007 and 2008 to implement longer hours of service.

"The changes occurring in the Milton community, including new young families doing a significant amount of commuting, warrant increased hours of service," the report reads.

On a more positive note, the document shows that usage of the library has increased over the past five years. For example, in 2000 there were 231,472 books borrowed — a number that jumped to 275,930 last year.

The review also presents a long list of recommendations regarding staffing needs over the coming years, particularly since it's anticipated that a branch library will open its doors in Milton at the end of 2007 and

another in 2011/2012.

"If it's (the library) to add branches, it needs to be well equipped to do that," said Wright. "I think this library system has potential to grow."

After the presentation, Mayor Gord Krantz asked Wright if she thinks there'll be a day when people don't go to the library but instead just use their computers.

"I think we're very far off from those trends," she responded, noting that research shows many young people feel libraries will have a place in their future.

The review cost \$5,000. In order for the recommendations contained in it to be implemented, council would have to approve them in future budgets.

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# Meeting on economic development study


Residents will have another chance to comment on Halton's Comprehensive Economic Development Study Thursday at a public meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation at 7 p.m. Region staff will be on hand to answer questions and

gather feedback from citizens.

The study is examining Halton's current economic development and exploring ways to ensure a prosperous economic future.

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