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Golfing 4 Cancer

The 20th annual Golfing 4 Cancer charity golf tournament teed off Monday afternoon at Hornby Glen Golf Course with another full slate of golfers taking to the links. Over its history the tourney has raised more than \$900,000 to cover the transportation costs of cancer treatment appointments. Here, joining longtime former tournament organizer Mike Boughton (second from right) in a round of golf are (from left) Pete Pomeroy, Mike Vernooy and Frank Bon. *Graham Paine / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)*

Regional tax hike recommended at 1.5% or less

By Julia Le
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Halton staff are recommending a tax hike of 1.5 per cent or less next year to maintain Regional service levels. Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer Mark Scinocca told regional council's budget committee Monday

the 2014 budget direction report has been prepared bearing in mind council's direction to have a budget that has tax rate increases at or below the rate of inflation. He said the inflation rate, which is currently at one per cent and is predicted to rise to two per cent by the end of 2014, has been affected by a weak-

Pirate Festival returns

Ahoy, matey! The sixth Pirate Festival will be held over the Civic Holiday weekend at Country Heritage Park.

Running from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 to Monday, Aug. 5, the festival will include five entertainment stages.

A pirate-themed marketplace, games of skill and chance, food and drinks and interaction with pirates and villagers will also be part of the event. And once again, the Captains' Keg event for adults will be held on the Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m.

Tickets cost \$14 for adults and \$9.50 for seniors and children. Kids five years old and under get in for free.

Country Heritage Park is located at 8560 Tremaine Rd.



Juno winner visits

Juno award winner Clayton Bellamy will perform at the Overland Adventure Rally Saturday at the Mohawk Inn. See story in Arts on page 29.

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