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Dear Santa

Eleven-month-old Elliott Petryk-Orr visits with Jolly Old St. Nick during the Breakfast with Santa event, hosted by the Milton District Hospital Foundation and RBC at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club Sunday. The event included a musical performance by Markus and appearances from Minions and Elsa from the movie *Frozen*. For more photos, see page 18 or visit www.insidehalton.com. *Justin Greaves / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)*

Open discussion first step to addressing housing needs: MTH

By **Melanie Hennessey**
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Imagine you lost your job and can no longer afford to pay the mortgage. You can't even afford to move into a rental unit, so you're forced to stay with friends or face the alternative — being on the streets. You're homeless and your stress level is through the roof; you can't sleep; you can't afford healthy food, and your relationship with your spouse is severely strained. Even in affluent places like Milton, this scenario is more real than some may think, learned those who attended Milton Transitional Housing's forum Saturday. The inaugural Housing...Our Future event, held at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, featured a keynote speech by Blue Sea Philanthropy CEO Brian Carney on why housing matters and a panel discussion with representatives from local agencies that help those who are facing a housing crisis. **10**

Regional taxes expected to rise in 2016

By **Julia Le**
METROLAND WEST MEDIA GROUP

Halton residents could see a tax hike of 1.9 per cent on the regional portion of their property tax bill to maintain and improve regional service levels for 2016. The proposed increase, to be discussed at standing committee meetings Dec. 1-3, translates into a \$16 increase for a home

worth \$400,000. Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer Mark Scinocca told Regional council recently that one of the 2016 Budget and Business Plan's key priorities was keeping the Region's tax rate increases at, or below, the rate of inflation. The proposed increase does not include a 1.9 per cent tax hike in the Halton police budget or municipal and education taxes. **16**

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