

Milton nabs nine more doctors in two years

In the past two years, nine more physicians have chosen to locate their practice in Milton – a trend that Halton hopes will continue across the region. An estimated 40 physicians are required in Halton to meet the Provincial standard of one family doctor for every 1,380 people.

“Our goal is to bring health professionals to Halton,” said Angela Sugden Praysner, the Region’s Physician Recruitment Co-ordinator. “Milton’s experience and success over the last two years can be applied across the region, to ensure that all Halton residents have access to the

quality health care they deserve.”

The addition of nine physicians could technically remove Milton from the list of under serviced communities (both Milton and Halton Hills were declared under serviced by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care). “But that designation is based on a population of 32,000,” said Cindy McDonell, Chief Operating Officer of Milton

District Hospital, Halton Healthcare Services. “We will be reapplying to the Ministry based on our actual population today, which is closer to 38,000.”

According to McDonell, Milton’s under serviced designation has certainly helped its efforts. “The ability to recruit students at provincial medical schools, additional funding for site visits, and tuition reimbursement programs

have gone a long way.” Said McDonell. “But we also work closely as a team, providing rapid responses to inquiries, ongoing follow-ups, site visits, community tours...our success relies heavily on a team effort, involving everyone from hospital administration, the chief of staff and physicians, to community contacts and volunteers.”

“Halton has a great deal to offer a physician,” said Sugden Praysner. “Not only its proximity to major centres like Toronto and Hamilton, but also as a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

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Cabelleros clobbered in Wiener Cup

By Tony Saxon

Acton’s Rob “China Wall” Warrington showed just why he is considered the greatest goaltender in Wiener Cup history on Thursday, garnering MVP honours as the Acton Sabres ended a seven-year drought with a two-games-to-one victory over the aging Caballeros in the 20th annual Boxing Day tourney, played in the Acton High School parking lot. Warrington was simply brilliant, making numerous big saves to hold the Sabres in Game One, then throwing up a wall as the



BOXING DAY CLASSIC: The Acton Caballeros were all smiles before they were downed 5-2 by the Acton Sabres in the final of the 20th annual Wiener Cup road hockey tournament on Boxing Day at the Acton High School parking lot. The team includes, front, from left: Paul Nolan, Davis Quinn and Peter Wright. Back: Ceremonial puck dropper John Mowat, George Gidman, David Entwistle, Scott Allonby, Ken Kavanagh and Steve Matheson. – Submitted photo

Caballeros dominated clearly outplayed Cabal-Game Three. Warrington lero netminder Dave “Five

Hole” Quinn, who made the easy saves but failed to come up with any key saves late in the game. Warrington had some competition in garnering his ninth MVP trophy. Bob Little played his best Wiener Cup in years, turning in a stellar defensive effort. Scott McDonough regained his shooting touch and led all scorers in the match, and newcomer Danny Tremblay earned Rookie of the Year honours with an inspired offensive effort. While the Sabres played with renewed vim and vigour, the same couldn’t be said of the Caballeros. Apparently Father Time has caught up with the former champs. Scott Allonby appeared glued to the parking lot, Ken Kavanagh had trouble releasing his usually potent shot and Mike Yalowica slept in. The Sabres are now anxiously awaiting their beer and wings prize, at which time Warrington will be given his MVP trophy.

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