

MAYOR'S CORNER



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The holiday season is fast approaching. December is a period of short days, cold nights, and cloudy skies. For most, Christmas is a time of joy with friends and loved ones. For some though, it is a reminder of what they don't have, of how hard life can be. This is a time of year that I ask that you remember to donate to organizations that serve our community, such as Food Banks, Salvation Army kettles, and Sharing Trees, to name a few. What's often lost in the statistics is the number of children who are in need as their families struggle to make ends meet. Many of those needing assistance are working people like you. As the holidays approach, be in good cheer and help others to be in equally happy spirits.

Over the past two years Halton Hills Council has expressed serious concerns about the proposed Hidden Quarry near Acton at the corner of Highway 7 and Sixth Line in Guelph/Eramosa Township. The applicant plans to have 95 per cent of their trucks travel along Highway 7 through Halton Hills; raising concerns about public safety and negative impacts on businesses in downtown Acton, Georgetown and Norval. As a result of the many concerns with the proposal not having been adequately addressed, it has end-

ed up at the Ontario Municipal Board.

On November 9, the Board held its first Pre-hearing meeting. The Town of Halton Hills, Guelph Eramosa Township, Halton Region, the Concerned Residents Coalition and the applicant, James Dick Construction Limited, were recognized as parties to the Hearing. Additional Pre-hearing dates were set in March and May 2016 and the Board set a Hearing date commencing in September 2016. Halton Hills Council remains committed to addressing the concerns of this proposal and keeping residents informed.

Despite the chilly weather on Saturday, large crowds came out for the Santa Claus parades in both Acton and Georgetown. Kudos to the Georgetown Lions Club, Acton's Al Scott and his team along with the Acton Firefighters Association.

Congratulations to: Lemon Drop Interior Design on their grand opening in Georgetown and Glen Tavern on their grand opening in Glen Williams

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