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MEDIA RELEASES 2016

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<http://www.haltonhills.ca/media/index.php>

Release Date	Headline
February 23, 2016	Connect with more than 50 organizations currently serving our community!
February 23, 2016	Town lowers flags to half-mast in honour of employee
February 23, 2016	Premier Wynne and Mayor Bonnette applaud responsible local quarry operator
March 1, 2016	Today's special council meeting to be rescheduled
March 2, 2016	New Exhibitions at the Cultural Centre
March 3, 2016	Celebrating Earth Hour in Halton Hills
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March 8, 2016	Town Holding Canada 150 Focus Groups

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February 12, 2016

His Worship Rick Bonnette
Mayor
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
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Dear Mayor Bonnette:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Halton Hills Public Library Board regarding the funding of e-resources at Ontario's public libraries. Your MPP, Ted Arnott, has also forwarded a copy of your letter to me. I am pleased to respond.

Our government recognizes the valuable contributions of public libraries in serving the needs of their communities. Since 2003, we have provided more than \$500 million in support to libraries through operating grants, capital funding and a series of targeted investments.

Although the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport will no longer fund e-resources through a dedicated program, we have expanded the eligibility criteria for expenses in the Ontario Libraries Capacity Fund (OLCF) grant to include e-resources to help all Ontarians to continue to access e-resources through our public libraries.

We will continue to work with our library branches, and with our municipal and First Nations partners to strengthen the public library system. Thank you for sharing your concerns on this matter, and for your support of Ontario's libraries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Coteau', with a small dot at the end.

Michael Coteau
Minister

c: Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills



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January 26, 2016

The Honourable Michael Coteau
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
9th Floor, Hearst Block, 900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Town of Halton Hills
Office of the Mayor
Rick Bonnette

Dear Minister Coteau:

RE: e-Resources Funding for Libraries

The Halton Hills Public Library Board has brought to my attention the fact that the province has withdrawn funding support for e-resources for public libraries across Ontario. The Halton Hills Public Library Board has publically expressed their disappointment with this change, and on behalf of the Town of Halton Hills Council, I am writing to advise you of the Town's concern about the loss of this funding and the effect that it has on our public library service.

Through provincially funded e-resources, the residents of Halton Hills have had access to 35 databases for over four years. These databases have provided current and reliable information on a broad range of topics of interest to students, parents, business operators, and life-long learners of all ages. Due to cost, the Library can only replace 15 of these databases, which has significantly reduced the level of service. This seems counterintuitive to the province's priorities to invest in people so that they are able to achieve their full potential, and have the skills to build a strong economy.

Further to the point above, these 15 databases needed to be purchased through the reallocation of monies in the Library's existing collections budget. This is a budget already constrained as staff try to address demand for popular titles in a multiplicity of formats, including the much more expensive e-book format. In the end, it means that there are fewer titles available than there were in 2015, and yet demand has not slowed and the Halton Hills population continues to increase.

Over the next ten years, Halton Hills will experience significant growth as a result of the *Places to Grow* legislation, and this will likely bring a more diverse population which will mean the addition of items in other languages. This will place further pressure on the Library's collections budget.



While the province has established the *Ontario Library Capacity Fund*, the amount received for Halton Hills in 2015 (\$6,170.00) does not in any way equate to the value of the lost databases, or the databases that the Library has needed to purchase.

In my opinion, access to reputable information is an essential investment in the future of our community, and underpins academic and employment success and social equality.

I thank you for your continued support of Ontario's public libraries, and hope that you will reconsider your decision and reinstitute public library funding for e-resources.

Sincerely,



Mayor Rick Bonnette
Town of Halton Hills

- c. Brent Marshall, CAO, Town of Halton Hills
- Halton Hills Public Library Board
- Ted Arnott, MPP
- The Hon. Kevin Flynn, MPP
- Eleanor McMahon, MPP
- Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP
- Shelagh Paterson, Executive Director, Ontario Public Library Association
- Stephen Abram, Executive Director, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries



*The apple is our wish
for good health and hope*

March 3, 2016

The Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, Ontario
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Re: Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills – Lawn Signs

Dear Mayor Bonnette,

On behalf of Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills and all of our clients, we would like to thank you and all council members for waiving the fee for our campaign signs. We will be able to spread the word of our "GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE" campaign through our signs and in turn help many in Halton Hills who are living with a cancer diagnosis. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Marilyn Inglis
Campaign Coordinator

HILLSVIEW
Active Living Centre
Halton Hills • Georgetown

February 16, 2015

Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council,

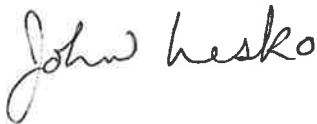
As President of the Hillsview Active Living Centre Georgetown, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Mayor and Members of Council for recognizing and supporting the renovations and expansion of the Centre. This is definitely a new beginning for us as we appreciate some of the many large and small differences which make the Centre more encouraging and inviting.

It is important to recognize this new vibrancy is the result of the support and efforts of a great number of individuals. First, as already mentioned, is the Town, secondly our thanks should go out to those who were responsible for allowing the Centre to function during the challenging situations during the renovation. The juggling act of Terri Forbes, Sherry Mitchell and Kim Hammond were as always, a superlative effort. A special thanks to John Archibald, the project leader for the Town, for coordinating what needed to be done. Only a few know the challenges that needed to be overcome.

Someone who should also receive special thanks is Samantha Kleinschmidt who acted as the "bridge" to facilitate this possibility.

Bottom line is that more space will improve delivery of services. This is definitely a new beginning for the Centre as we strive to engage residents in the development of activities that encourage participation and engagement; equipping local residents with the skills and motivation to improve their life chances.

Sincerely,



John Lesko,
President
905-877-6444

cc—Samantha Kleinschmidt

Halton Regional Police Service

February 22, 2016



Vision

To be the leader in community safety and policing excellence.

Mission

To provide effective and efficient community-based policing.

Values

Trust and Respect,
Integrity, Accountability,
Excellence, Teamwork,
Justice

Mayor Rick Bonnette
Town of Halton Hills
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Dear Mayor Bonnette:

Subject: Halton Regional Police Service Traffic Enforcement and Related Activity

As each of us has discussed, from time to time you often receive complaints and/or inquiries from the public regarding traffic issues or concerns. As well, members of Regional or Municipal Councils may receive comments or questions in this regard.

Often citizens are unaware of the investment and time spent by the Police Service in relation to traffic enforcement throughout the Region. What often transpires next is a reply from a variety of sources back to the individual in response to their questions.

The purpose of this correspondence and attached chart is to give each of you ready access to some statistical information in relation to traffic initiatives and enforcement which you will then be able to provide directly to the individual who contacts you.

Please feel free to share this letter and statistical information with all of your local councillors as well as any concerned citizens.

Traffic Related Statistics - 2015 Annual Totals:

Location	Motor Vehicle Collisions	Traffic Complaints	Traffic Stops Conducted	Provincial Offence Notices Issued
Halton Hills	728	1,179	8,057	5,481
Milton	1,427	1,623	12,471	7,942
Oakville	2,770	1,994	19,787	15,508
Burlington	2,615	2,128	24,405	17,150
Total	7,540	6,924	64,720	46,081

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