



## MAYOR BONNETTE DISCRIMINATES!

**Halton Hills - Georgetown:** Al Kirouac, editor of the non-profit newsgroup, The Halton Herald.ca, addressed council at a Town of Halton Hills' April council meeting raising issues with regards to the fair and unbiased distribution of the Town's media releases. Up to December, The Herald was receiving the Mayor's column, various Town department media news releases and announcements for publication which abruptly stopped when the Herald started publishing our independent views of the news events. A perfect example is when two papers in town reported a deal being struck between the partners in the 401 industrial corridor and The Herald was the only one reporting that it was being financed with taxpayer's money.

During question period, Mayor Bonnette acknowledged not having sent anything to The Halton Herald.ca since last November. To read more about why the Mayor is only releasing *Town Media Releases* to council-friendly publications visit - <http://www.thehaltonherald.ca/0154.html> ... for the complete story and more.

### A Halton Hills CAO Retiring in September

Recently, Councillor Mike O'Leary's publisher - *The New Tanner*, published a front page article boasting how great CAO Austin has been for the Town while announcing his retirement plans in September.

The Herald reported how Bob Austin, as acting Director of Engineering and Public Works was responsible for the \$50+ million dollar back-order road repairs, ultimately leading to a significant part of the tax increase we recently suffered. Also, read about his so-called successful talks to reach a contract agreement with CUPE, negotiating his recent department head coworkers' salary raises which put them in the \$100 thousand dollar club.

Visit [thehaltonherald.ca](http://www.thehaltonherald.ca) for the full story.

### 9 Acres Revisited

Halton Region - Georgetown - Although there was no mention of a scheduled visit in the Town's Council Agenda - July 7th 2003 was the day Councillor Jane Fogal's brother, David McNally, President of the North Halton Golf & Country Club went to council - petitioning the Town to give him nine acres of Town-owned property abutting public conservation property with a nature trail. The park is located around the publicly-contested Mattamy Homes - Arbor Glen subdivision.

Read more about what happened to the public park in Arbor Glen at [thehaltonherald.ca](http://www.thehaltonherald.ca) for the full story.

### A Review of our Mayor's Campaign Promises

Recently we reviewed Mayor Rick Bonnette's campaign promises and noted some disturbing contradictions.

*"As Mayor I will work to ensure Halton Hills is a Town that: Keeps taxes reasonable and affordable."*

Recently, with Mayor Bonnette serving as our Town Mayor, our taxes suffered one of the largest increases ever.

*"Operates with accountability and confidence."*

"Accountability" - Twice we've seen delegates go to council with concerns over the departure and severance package given to C.E.O. Andrews and twice the Mayor, along with council, wouldn't address the delegates' concerns.

"Confidence" - Twice we've seen the Mayor flip-flop on issues that are very important to the community.

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