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## MPP swings hammer at Georgetown build site

BY DON REDMOND

**T**his week (August 18 to 24) might be All-Star Build Week for the three homes going up on John Street in Georgetown for Habitat for Humanity Halton (HFHH), but a local MPP took time out of his day on August 12 to help out.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott was wielding his hammer on August 12 for a couple of hours to do his bit for the three new homes in his riding, as well.

"Because of early morning appointments and then afternoon appointments at my constituency office in Fergus, I wasn't there as long as I would have liked," Arnott told the Compass afterwards. "I was there from about 10 am to noon, long enough to break a sweat but not long enough to blister."

While Arnott has many relatives in the construction industry, the MPP noted that he was something of a novice.

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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott pops his head up during his stint helping build three homes on John Street in Georgetown for Habitat For Humanity Halton.

## St Marys' VP says water tests 'success'

BY DON REDMOND

**T**he vice-president and general manager for St Marys' Cement said the recent water testing done on site was a success.

John Moroz took umbrage with an August 14 article that appeared in the Halton Compass declaring the initial water tests as a 'huge flop'.

"The title of article should have read 'St Marys water test a huge success'," Moroz said.

He specifically took exception to the notion that the hydrogeologists were unable to draw the amount of water needed, only pulling 10 litres-per-second, rather than the 50-litres-per-second allowed in their Permit To Take Water.

"I don't make those decisions (over the amount of water drawn)," Moroz told the Compass. "We have professionals who are known around North America who make decisions like that."

"But from my understanding, they only drew 10 litres-per-second intentionally," he

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## Halton wants children to help name the Blue Box and GreenCart frogs

Halton Region recently announced the launch of the "Name the Blue Box and GreenCart frogs" contest to help celebrate the success of Halton's waste diversion programs including both the Blue Box and GreenCart programs.

Children 12 years of age and under who live in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton or Oakville are invited to submit their chosen name for both frogs online by visiting [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca).

"Since the launch of weekly Blue Box and GreenCart collection in April, Halton Region has been using the blue and green frogs as its waste management mascots," said Halton's Regional Chair, Gary Carr.

"Both the Blue Box and GreenCart frogs have been extremely well received by residents, and we're now asking for help from Halton children to name each of them."

Winning entrants will receive a prize package for their creative Blue Box and GreenCart frog names, be formally recognized at the GreenCart celebration event planned

during Waste Reduction Week in October and have their picture sent to the local newspapers.

Entries will be judged on overall suitability of the name suggestion, originality and creativity by a panel of staff from Halton's Waste Management Services and Community Relations Divisions.

"Halton Region selected the frog as the Blue Box and GreenCart mascot because

they are often the first creatures to respond to environmental quality and change," added Chair Carr.

"The changes to the waste collection program were designed to help protect the environment, extend the life of the landfill site, reduce greenhouse gas emissions improving air quality all for a better planet."

Submissions to the "Name the Blue Box and GreenCart frogs" contest are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 22.

More information on the contest can be found by visiting [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca) or by calling Halton Region at 905-825-6000.



### We always knew he was terrific

Compass columnist and Fernridge Landscaping owner Sean James poses with his award winning garden at the 2008 CNE. The garden, which can be viewed at the CNE's Heritage Court in the Direct Energy Centre features still and running water ponds, a scree garden and a wide variety of plants. The design of the garden, entitled "Canadian Cottage" won the Feature Garden of the Year award from the CNE.

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## St Marys' VP says water tests 'success'...

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said. "This was not a test of our Groundwater Recirculation System (GRS). This test was set up simply to determine the characteristics of the aquifer. Professional hydrogeologists and scientists determined the flow rate that was required to characterize the aquifer. The 50 litres-per-second referred to in the article is the maximum rate and may be required for other phases."

"In fact, my understanding is, due to the abnormally high volume of precipitation and the highly instrumented test, additional observations on the aquifer's characteristics were made."

He noted that, "all of the feedback that I'm getting from our professionals is that the tests went well - that they got what they were looking for in terms of results."

But he emphasized that the first test (of three allowed in the PTTW) was never meant to test their GRS equipment. "Subsequent phases of the program will evaluate the GRS."

He also took exception to the notion that one of the three wells set up by the professionals had failed - that its casing had cracked, rendering it unusable.

"We did have three wells set up, that much is correct," he said. "But we were only allowed to test from one of them. And I never heard anything from our professionals about the casing failing on any of them."

While the article also stated that St Marys was eager to do another water test before the winter and then the third and final test in the Spring, Moroz said that at this point absolutely no timetable has been set for the final two tests.

However, he did confirm that those tests would include GRS equipment testing.

"I think one of the biggest concerns we're getting from the local citizens (in Campbellville and Flamborough) is that our tests will impact their (private) well," he noted. "So far, I can say we have not received a complaint."

However, Flamborough Councillor Margaret McCarthy told the Compass that a resident in Stonebrook Estates had contacted her during the testing to say the MOE was trucking water into their community.

According to information the resident received from the company contracted to bring the water, Team Aquatic, the resident told McCarthy that "as a precaution, the MOE asked that our water be trucked in until tomorrow (August 1) to 'let the well settle before connecting them back up again'."



Margaret McCarthy