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THE TERRY FOX RUN takes place this Sunday in Orangeville with Home Hardware being one its prominent supporters. A banner depicting the event was erected on store grounds last week and on hand were, left to right: Home Hardware's Melody Crowe, Ray MacDougald, Carol Egan and Carl Van Harten, as well as run organizers Kathy Douglas and Mark Whitcombe.

Townships query POA efficiency

By WES KELLER
Freelance Reporter

Melancthon has joined with Amaranth in calling for an efficiency study into "to verify overhead costs and provide recommendations for efficiency and cost saving measures" at the Provincial Offences Act (POA) offices.

As he moved to support the July 15 Amaranth motion for the efficiency study, Melancthon Councillor John Crowe observed that revenue from POA cases "is steadily down."

The Amaranth motion, by Deputy Mayor Walter Kolodziechuk and Councillor Jane Aultman, arose from a June 19 meeting of the POA board.

According to information from the June meeting, POA fines for

Dufferin decreased by \$200,000 between 2004 and 2008.

The Town of Caledon administers the POA courts for both Caledon and Dufferin. According to Councillor Crowe's report to the council, the Town takes 45 per cent of the fines for its services.

Caledon has its own POA court facilities in Caledon East, while Dufferin has the facilities for offences committed within the county. County

council will be reviewing a \$6.2-million proposal that includes new POA court facilities.

Meantime, starting tomorrow (Friday) at least some of the local POA cases are to be tried at the Orangeville town hall.

The Dufferin County courthouse tries all Dufferin County criminal cases and other ones from Caledon at the Ontario Court level. It also houses the local Superior Court for both criminal and civil

Dinner raises \$311,000 for Headwaters

Members of the 12th Annual Dinner and Auction committee presented a cheque for \$311,000 to Headwaters Health Care Foundation Tuesday representing the proceeds of Ole! A Night in Spain, held last May.

All monies raised will be directed towards the purchase of new equipment for Headwaters Health Care Centre. As the government does not generally fund Headwaters' equipment

needs, well over \$1 million must be raised each year from the Dufferin-Caledon community.

"On behalf of the committee, I'd like to extend a sincere thanks to everyone involved, from the sponsors to the guests to the volunteers, all of whom contributed to making Ole! a night to remember," said committee chair Kathy Armstrong. "Spirited bidding on our

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Region "passes" first phase of YMCA research

Our region has "passed" the first stage in a research process initiated by the YMCA of Greater Toronto. The region being studied includes the municipalities of Amaranth, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Shelburne and Southgate.

The research is designed to determine whether our area meets the YMCA's criteria for receiving its programs and services.

The first study was conducted recently, and determined how many area residents might be potential YMCA members.

The second research phase will likely occur during September and October. It will include a telephone survey conducted by an independent research firm. This will help to determine how much community support there is for the YMCA. The survey will explore areas such as:

- The programs and services required
- The active support and use of such services
- The distance people are willing to travel
- The price people are willing to pay

The YMCA is a registered charity and can offer financial assistance to people who would not be able to join because of their financial circumstances.

If the results of the second research phase are positive, a third study will be conducted to develop a community fundraising campaign.

Depending on the research results, the YMCA will tailor its programs and services to the needs of the region. These offerings fall under three broad headings:

- Health, Fitness and Recreation
- Child, Youth and Family Development
- Employment and Community

While candidate municipalities usually fund the second and third studies, The Highland Companies announced in February that it would pay for this research as a demonstration of its commitment to the community, and to keep the YMCA process moving forward.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL UNDER THE DCA

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Thursday, October 1, 2009 the Council of the Township of Melancthon will hold a public meeting, pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, to present and obtain public input on the Township's proposed development charges by-law and underlying background study.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed by-law and background study. The meeting is to be held:

Thursday, October 1, 2009
11:00 a.m.

The Council Chambers in Municipal Office
157101 Highway 10,
R.R. #6, Shelburne, Ontario, L0N 1S9

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, copies of the proposed by-law and the background study are being made available as of September 16, 2009 from the Township Clerk at the above location 519-925-5525.

Interested persons may express their comments at the Public Meeting or in writing, addressed to the Township Clerk, at the above address prior to October 1, 2009.