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D E C K I N G T H E H A L L S

## EcoPark to create a legacy for next generations

Brainstorming session at RBG

by **Dennis Smith**  
SPECIAL TO THE REVIEW

Area residents hit the trails and other topics while brainstorming about the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System last Tuesday (Nov. 17).

Hiking/mountain biking trails, plus education about heritage lands and nature were popular discussion items.

Many viewpoints are involved, a consultant representative said during the public meeting at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre.

"We're dealing in a management plan that would involve multiple landowners with different priorities and sets of rules for their land," said Leah Leffler of North-South Environmental.

### Heritage lands

Draft inventory, opportunity and issues reports for the Clappison-Grindstone and Waterdown-Sassafras Woods management plans were discussed.

These heritage lands, which make up just part of the eco-park, are located in the Waterdown, north Aldershot and Tyandaga areas.

"This is one of the most biodiverse areas of Canada," said Peter Kelly, co-ordinator for the EcoPark System.

It was noted Clappison-Grindstone has 922 plant species and 116 different birds, while Waterdown-Sassafras Woods has 731 plant types and 121 bird species.

Stewardship efforts like removing invasive species are desirable, indicated Kelly.

"We realize large amounts of the land reviewed is

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**Nicole Fuentes • Special**

Helen Dixon focuses on creating a beautiful holiday centrepiece at Village Manor last Friday. Dixon was one of about a dozen residents who learned how to assemble greenery and flowers in a session organized by the Flamborough Horticultural Society and Connon Nurseries.

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## Red light camera coming to Waterdown

To be installed in 2017

By Kevin Werner  
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Hamilton drivers should be aware there will be five new intersections with red-light cameras coming in 2017.

The cameras will be at Charlton Avenue East and John Street South downtown; Mohawk Road West and Upper Paradise Road on the Mountain; Hess Street North and York Boulevard downtown; Dundas Street East and Mill Street South in Waterdown and Hwy. 8 and Green Road in Stoney Creek.

Staff is also looking at installing 20 additional red-light cameras at high-collision intersections over the next five years.

"This program has provided great deterrence," said Mountain councillor Tom Jackson, a proponent of the project. "This is a government program that has paid for itself."

Hamilton introduced the red-light camera program in November 2000 as a pilot project, and now has 19 intersections being watched by the cameras across the city. Under the new five-year contract, Trafficpax LLC, the private company that oversees the program, the city can install cameras at 25 new sites beginning in 2017.

Each camera costs about \$105,200 to operate and process the tickets. The five new sites will mean an extra cost of \$526,000, plus the addi-

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C H E C K I T O U T



Gord Bowes • MWMG

Our Lady of Mount Carmel student Ryan Perkins reacts to an opponent's move during a match in the Grade 2 division at the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's 39th annual chess tournament at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School on April 26.



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