

Residents can share 'Vision' on development of 1,000 acres

Halton Hills residents will get their chance to have their say on the next major expansion of Georgetown at a special meeting Monday at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre.

Vision Georgetown—the branding name for the planning process—will look at developing a land use plan and subwatershed plan for the newest urban area of Halton Hills: 1,000 acres bounded by 15 Sideroad, Eighth Line, 10 Sideroad and Trafalgar Rd.

The area will house up to 20,000 people, plus schools, parks, community, institutional and commercial buildings. The Southwest Georgetown Land Owners Group (SWGLG), which includes Mattamy Homes, Remington Homes, Country Homes, Lormel Homes and Conservatory Group, is the primary developer of the project.

A Community Information Session will be held on Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. (a presentation will begin at 6:45 p.m.) in the Helson Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church St. At this meeting residents will meet the study team, learn about the project and help define the key issues. It will be the first of many public consultation meetings in the six-phase project that will be completed in 2016.

"This is one of the largest developments in the history of our Town. It is critically important that residents participate and share their ideas. We hope to have a good turnout for this first of many sessions," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.



RICK BONNETTE

Council's vision for the area is to be "people-friendly, more walkable, cycle-friendly, more community-oriented, green sustainable initiatives, with different styles of parkland and retail plazas." But, council does not want the new community to stand-alone, but to be integrated into the existing community.

A selection of a land use plan will be made at the end of Phase 2.

The project consulting team will include Meridian Planning Consultants, AECOM, Planning Alliance, and GLPi. The \$1.18 million cost for the consultants will be split between the Town (\$100,000) and the SWGLG (\$970,000).

The Project Steering Committee will be led by Councillor Moya Johnson with members that will include the Mayor and Councillors Clark Somerville, Jane Fogal and Ann Lawlor.

To find out more, the Town has set up a project website at www.visiongeorgetown.ca. There residents can sign-up for regular updates, fill in a survey and get background information.

Two Terry Fox Runs to be held Sunday

Acton and Georgetown residents are encouraged to Run/Wheel/Ride with Terry Sunday.

Sept. 15 will mark the 33rd annual Terry Fox Run, and once again there be two Run sites in Halton Hills—one in Acton and the other in Georgetown.

The two local sites are:

- Acton High School, 21 Cedar Rd., 8

a.m. to 3 p.m. Bicycle and wheelchair accessible.

- Georgetown: Gellert Community Centre, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bicycle, rollerblade and wheelchair accessible.

There is no entry fee to participate and no minimum donation. Go to www.terryfoxrun.org for details, to download a pledge sheet or to donate.

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