

Halton Region Small Business Centre

Women Entrepreneur Event

Join us for a half-day session that includes guest speakers, spotlights on local women entrepreneurs and networking!
 Wednesday, March 11 • 7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • OE Banquet Hall & Conference Centre, Oakville • \$30/person

Upcoming Business Seminars and Programs

Starting a Small Business Seminar: A general overview of the things you will need to consider when starting a small business, along with resources to help you succeed. Covers structure, registrations, regulations, licences, taxes and financing options.

Wednesday, February 11
 Milton Public Library – Main Library
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. • \$25/person

Marketing – Research and Cost Effective Ideas: Identify why and how conducting market research can impact your business success and learn some cost effective ideas to market your business.

Wednesday, February 25
 Burlington Central Library
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. • \$25/person

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Wednesday, March 4
 Halton Hills Public Library – Georgetown Branch
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. • \$25/person

First Steps in Exporting: Understanding the resources, programs and services available to potential exporters including export readiness, market research, export planning and practical issues.

Wednesday, March 18
 Halton Regional Centre
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. • \$25/person

Getting Started Information Session: A one-hour overview of all the rules and regulations you need to know if you are starting a business in Halton. Staff will guide you through a checklist for starting a new business. The sessions are casual, informative small groups of five or less.

Every Tuesday
 Halton Regional Centre – Small Business Centre
 9 – 10 a.m. • Free (advance registration is required)

Starter Company Program – General Information Session: Are you between 18 and 29 and want to start a new business, buy a business or expand a current business? Starter Company can help by providing training and business skills development, mentorship and guidance from local business professionals and where eligible, a micro-grant of up to \$5,000. Learn how to become your own boss today!

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in 2015
 Halton Regional Centre – Small Business Centre
 10 – 11 a.m. • Free (advance registration is required)

Futurpreneur Canada - General Information Session: Come learn about the Futurpreneur Canada financing program, including the application process and evaluation and eligibility criteria. If you're a young entrepreneur between 18 and 39, looking to start your own full-time small business, you could get up to \$15,000 in financing from Futurpreneur Canada. Start your future today!

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Registration and pre-payment for all seminars is required as seating is limited.
 For more information on these events including registration details, please visit Halton.ca or dial 311.

Get connected at HaltonSmallBusiness.ca

2015 Halton Region Guide and Waste Collection Calendar

The 2015 Halton Region Guide and Waste Collection Calendar is being delivered to homes this month. Effective February 2015 to March 2016, it includes a full schedule for Blue Box, GreenCart, garbage, bulk waste and yard waste collection, as well as useful information on sorting waste and the Halton Waste Management Site. It also contains essential information on the Region and its programs and services, tips on emergency preparedness and information on how to access Halton. If you have not received your Calendar by mid-February, please dial 311 or access the Service Request Tool at Halton.ca/wastetools. Residents may also view their Waste Collection Calendar online at Halton.ca/wastecalendar.



Gary Carr
 Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Meetings can be viewed at Halton.ca/meetings.

February 16	Offices closed for Family Day	February 18	1:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Committee
February 17	9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee	February 25	9:30 a.m.	Regional Council Meeting
February 18	9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee			

Please contact us as soon as possible if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.

Fire calls: House fire, dog rescue...

HOUSE FIRE

At 9:42 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, fire crews responded to the report of a structure fire on Somerville Rd. in Acton. Upon arrival staff met with the homeowner who advised that no one was in the residence and there was fire at the rear of the house.

Fire staff went to the rear of the structure to perform a fire attack. Fire staff also entered the attic and water was applied to this area to extinguish the fire there.

A preliminary estimate of loss to structure and contents is \$120,000 with cause determined to be improper storage of a combustible.

DOG RESCUE

At 4:26 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, firefighters responded to a public assist on Winston Churchill Blvd. south of 27 Sideroad for the report of a dog through the ice. On scene, staff noticed the dog in the water with his head and front paws on the ice and the lower half of its body in the water. The dog was about 50 feet from the shore and had fallen in at an open spot in the ice on the river.

Fire staff set up a four-man rescue team in dry suits and with the use of the water rescue craft went out on the ice and pulled the dog onto the water rescue craft. The team was then pulled back to shore by the rest of the crew. The owner advised that he would take the dog to his vet to have him checked over.

PEDESTRIANS STRUCK BY VEHICLES

At 12:49 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, firefighters responded to the report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle in the area of Guelph St. and Sinclair Ave. Halton Regional Police and ambulance were on the scene upon arrival and HHFD's services were not required.

On Friday, Jan. 30, Halton Hills Fire Department responded to two calls about pedestrians struck by vehicles.

At 3:19 p.m., HHFD responded to an ambulance assist for the report of a pedestrian struck by a car in the area of Windsor Rd. and Guelph St.

On scene staff were advised they were not required, however remained on scene as a blocker vehicle until the ambulance cleared.

At 4 p.m., firefighters responded to an ambulance assist for the report of a pedestrian struck by a car in the area of Willow St. S. and Mill St. E. in Acton. Staff arrived on scene and were advised they were not required.

No further details on the conditions of the pedestrians were available.

MYSTERY ALARM

At 10:24 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, HHFD responded to an alarm activation on Stewart MacLaren Rd. On scene staff could hear the smoke alarms going off in the empty row house unit.

Staff checked in all the windows and could see no sign of smoke or fire. Staff contacted the real estate company that is selling the home but could not get a hold of anyone to respond and open the door. Dispatch left a message for them to respond ASAP to look after the problem.