

# Region plans \$3 million expansion to Acton reservoir

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The Region is planning a \$3-million expansion of the Acton reservoir to meet fire and emergency service needs over the next 15 years.

The project will see a third reservoir cell that can hold 2.5 megalitres, or 2.5 million litres, of water constructed on the Region's property on Churchill Rd. N., near the intersection with 32 Sideroad.

"We anticipate this construction will start in spring 2016 and carry on until the end of 2016 or early 2017," said Marek Braczek, Halton manager of engineering and construction services. "This will augment the existing system and make it more robust to meet fire and emergency service needs to 2031."

He added that two consultants are currently working on the design of the reservoir expansion.

While the two existing reservoir cells, which hold a collective 4.5 megalitres,

are circular, the new cell is expected to be more of a rectangular shape to fit within the footprint of the property.

"On the surface there will be no difference in terms of visual impediment as it's an in-ground reservoir," said Braczek. "We're well into the design and on schedule for delivery. It's looking great."

The next steps include finalizing the design and then launching a public tender process for the project, with ground breaking early next year.

Residents in the area can expect to see trucks and backhoes working on the property between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The reservoir expansion project was pre-approved through the Sustainable Halton Water and Wastewater Master Plan.

A public information centre was recently held at the Acton Arena to provide local residents with details of the planned expansion. Those who missed the meeting can obtain more information through Halton Region by dialling 311.

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Halton Hills Public Library –

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6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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and

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9 – 10 a.m.

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Gary Carr  
Regional Chair

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**November 12 9:30 a.m.** Regional Council



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