

# Metrolinx calls Town employee a Smart Commute Champion

Metrolinx handed out its annual Smart Commute Awards last month recognizing businesses and people who have made significant contributions to the program, and Town Halton Hills employee Jennifer Spence was named Smart Commute Champion of the Year.

Smart Commute is a program of Metrolinx and the municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. The program helps commuters explore and try alternative modes of transportation such as walking, cycling, transit and carpooling.

Spence, the Town's Sustainability Outreach Officer, tied for the award.

"I am pleased that one of our very own Town employees, Jennifer Spence, is a recipient of the Smart Commute Champion Award from Metrolinx. Town Council and staff work hard to take sustainable actions that will improve our quality of life in Halton Hills today and in the future," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

With the support of Town Council and staff, Spence expanded the Program by:

- Promoting carpooling, walking, biking and GO Transit when possible;
- Ensuring additional carpool spaces and bike lockers at Town-owned facilities, parking



**Jennifer Spence with her Smart Commute Champion of the Year Award**

lots and throughout the community;

- Working with Halton Region staff, Town staff members and Councillor Jane Fogal to provide events such as the annual Noon Hour Bike Ride on Bike to Work Day for Town staff and residents;

- Promoting the Program when presenting to local high school students about sustainability; and

- Partnering with the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce and Smart Commute Halton to host a Mayor's breakfast event to engage large local businesses who are faced with accessibility issues. This event showcased solutions on how to improve accessibility for their employees to their worksite through programs like Smart Commute.

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives are available at: [www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability](http://www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability)



**Members of Halton Regional Police Service urge residents to drop off gifts for teens and teens at its Headquarters station, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville.**

*Halton Police photo*

## HRPS: Remember tweens and teens during Toys for Tots campaign

Halton Regional Police is looking for you ... to help adolescents have a brighter Christmas.

Its Toys for Tots campaign has been collecting gifts and monetary donations to buy toys over the last few weeks.

Just one week away from the end of this year's campaign, police are reminding the public that it is in need of gifts for teens and tweens.

There is a special need for gift cards for those age groups, which allows youth to buy

something they really want.

Gift cards or any toy donations can be dropped off at Halton Regional Police headquarters, 1151 Bronte Rd. in Oakville.

For more information, contact Const. Jody Dugas at 905-634-1831, ext. 5240.

Locally, residents are invited to donate cash, Canadian Tire money and/or new, unwrapped toys at any Canadian Tire location or any police station in Halton Region until Dec. 18. For info: 905-825-4747 ext. 2457 or email [Maureen.Andrew@haltonpolice.ca](mailto:Maureen.Andrew@haltonpolice.ca)

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