

Elementary teachers, Board strike tentative deal

After months of talks, a tentative settlement has been reached between the Halton District School Board and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Halton Teacher Local after negotiations on Tuesday, April 21.

The tentative deal will cover the time period of September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2012. Details of the settlement are to remain confidential and will not be released until ratification by both parties.

The School Board reviewed the ten-

tative agreement and voted to ratify the agreement at a special board meeting on Wednesday, April 22. Halton's contract elementary teachers are expected to review the details of the tentative deal with members, and hold a ratification vote April 29 (yesterday).

This year, the Province set out a different format for bargaining, establishing a Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) to come to agreement on broad contract issues. Agreement on those broad contract issues then become part of the

collective agreement, with the PDT agreements allowing local bargaining to continue, addressing matters of a local nature or those that are unique to different school boards.

"We are pleased to have come to a mutually beneficial agreement which will ultimately serve the needs of our system and our schools," says Dawn Beckett-Morton, Executive Officer of Human Resources for the Halton District School Board. "We believe this agreement is of benefit to our employ-

ees, and the stability of our organization as we move forward for the term of this collective agreement."

"I think our members will recognize this as a good deal for us. Our bargaining team is happy to be able to recommend this tentative agreement," said Maureen Weinberger, President of the ETFO Halton Local.

The ETFO Halton Teacher Local represents more than 2,000 public school teachers who work in Halton's elementary public schools.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 37
Proposed Amendment to the Regional Official Plan
"An Amendment to Incorporate Basic Requirements
of the Places to Grow Plan"

Applicant: Halton Region

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, is holding a Special Meeting to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on a proposed Amendment to the Halton Region Official Plan, 2006.

Meeting Date: Wednesday May 27, 2009
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m.
Meeting Place: Halton Room
Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1
Phone: 905-825-6000
Toll free number: 1-866-442-5866
Website: www.halton.ca

Purpose and Effect: This Amendment would incorporate the basic requirements of the Provincial *Places to Grow Plan* (Growth Plan) into the Region of Halton Official Plan (2006). As part of the Sustainable Halton process, the Region has adopted a "two-stage" approach to review its Official Plan under Section 26 of *The Planning Act*, which will bring the Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan. Amendment No. 37, is the first stage of this approach, and will be considered by Halton Regional Council for adoption before June 16, 2009. (Municipal official plans must be in conformity with the *Places to Grow Act, 2005* by this date.) The implications of the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment are region-wide. Amendment No. 38 is the second stage of this Official Plan review and will incorporate results of the comprehensive review of the Regional Official Plan. It is planned for Council adoption in December 2009.

To Get More Information: The proposed Amendment may be viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Or, a copy may be obtained by telephoning **Perry Vagnini at 905-825-6000, ext. 7987, or toll free at 1-866-442-5866** or by e-mail to Perry.Vagnini@halton.ca. Those wishing to address the Committee should contact the Regional Clerk's office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7200, before 4:30 p.m., May 26, 2009, in order to be listed as a delegation in the agenda. Or, they may register with the Clerk prior to the public meeting.

In addition to the above public meeting, public open houses are being held in April 2009 to provide information on Amendment No. 37 as well as the Sustainable Halton Phase Three technical reports and the preferred growth concept and land use options (which will be dealt with under Amendment No. 38). Please go to www.halton.ca/sustainablehalton, or call the numbers above, for more details on these open houses. Following consideration by the Planning and Public Works Committee on May 27, 2009, a recommendation on Amendment No. 37 will be presented to Regional Council on June 3, 2009.

Note: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk at the address above. Any person who, before the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, has made oral submissions at the above public meeting, or who has made written submissions to Regional Council, may file a notice of appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person has not made such submissions, the Board may refuse to allow that person to participate in a hearing of an appeal.

Dated at the Town of Oakville, April 14, 2009

Get Your Garden Growing!

Annual Spring Compost Give Away Halton Waste Management Site

Monday, May 4 – Saturday, May 9, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thanks to the participation efforts of Halton residents, approximately 40,000 tonnes of yard waste was collected last year and turned into rich, garden-friendly compost. Halton residents are invited to come out to our Spring Compost Give Away to pick up some of this compost as a 'Thank You' for helping divert a usable material from the landfill, thereby extending its life!

- All Halton households are welcome to collect a maximum of seven bags (or equivalent) of compost.
- Residents are responsible for shovelling and bagging their own compost.
- Please bring your own bags/containers and shovel.
- Non-perishable food items or cash donations will be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area Food Banks.



Helpful Hint – When applying your compost to your gardens, ensure you blend it with topsoil or another gardening fill. Recommended application for best growing results is a 60/40 split (60% topsoil and 40% compost).

Spring cleaning? We can help!

Bring your old or unused residential household hazardous waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site. Maximum 20 litres per visit. No commercial loads can be accepted. For a list of acceptable materials and for additional information please visit www.halton.ca/waste.

