

First two H1N1 flu virus cases confirmed in Halton

The Halton Region Health Department has received the first two laboratory confirmations of pandemic H1N1 flu virus in Halton this fall. Both are adults. One of the cases is linked to an influenza A outbreak involving staff at a long term care home in Halton.

There has not been any increased absenteeism reported in Halton schools.

"Significant pandemic H1N1 flu planning has occurred over the summer as we prepare for the second wave," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health. "Our heightened surveillance activities include daily absenteeism tracking in Halton schools and increased tracking within hospitals."

These easy steps can help avoid spreading the pandemic H1N1 flu virus and other viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are sick with flu-like symptoms.
- Keep an alcohol-based sanitizer handy at work, home and in your car.
- Cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve or a tissue, not your hand. Dispose of tissues immediately and clean your hands.
- Keep commonly touched surfaces clean and disinfected with commercially available cleaning products.

For more information on the flu, please contact Halton Region by dialing 311 or calling 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-442-5866, TTY 905-827-9833 or visit www.halton.ca.



ROCKIN THE NIGHT AWAY: Jon Hurst joined Pat Frizzell for a 30 minute rock sessions as the Acton Senior Centre held their 4rd annual Rock-A-Thon at Sobey's Friday and Saturday. – Nancy McLelland photo



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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC MEETING

(Under Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*)

Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (ROPA 38)

"An Amendment to Incorporate the Results of Sustainable Halton and a Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan"

Applicant: Halton Region

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, has scheduled two Statutory Public Meetings on the Halton Regional Official Plan Review. The Sustainable Halton process and the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (ROPA 38) are the primary parts of the Region's initiative to update and revise its Official Plan.

The first statutory public meeting, which was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, provided the public with an opportunity to discuss revisions that may be required for the Halton Region Official Plan, 2006 as part of the Region's statutory five-year review of that Plan, pursuant to Section 26 of the *Planning Act*.

The second Statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide the public with an opportunity to make presentations to the Planning and Public Works Committee with respect to the proposed amendments to the Halton Region Official Plan, 2006, as set out in proposed ROPA 38, pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*.

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Those wishing to address the Planning and Public Works Committee at this December Statutory Public Meeting should register with the Regional Clerk's office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7200, before 4:30 p.m., on the day before the meeting in order to be listed as a delegation at the meeting.

To provide the public with information and materials on the proposed ROPA 38, the following Open Houses are being held in each of the Local Municipalities, pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*.

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Location: Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Child's Drive, Milton

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Location: The Hall, Mold-Masters Sportsplex, 221 Guelph Street (Hwy #7), Halton Hills

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Location: St. Bernadette School, 1201 Heritage Way, Oakville

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Location: St. John School, 653 Brant Street, Burlington

To ensure all comments are considered, the public is invited to provide written submissions on proposed ROPA 38 to Perry Vagnini on or before November 12, 2009. This submission will permit Regional Council to deliberate the adoption of this Amendment on December 16, 2009.

Purpose and Effect: Proposed ROPA 38 would incorporate the results of the Sustainable Halton process and a comprehensive review of the current Halton Regional Official Plan. It is also intended to meet the statutory requirements of the five-year review of the Plan under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*. The implications of the proposed ROPA 38 are region-wide. Following consideration by the Planning and Public Works Committee on December 2, 2009, a recommendation for the adoption of ROPA 38 will be presented to Regional Council on December 16, 2009.

For More Information on the Open Houses or to Provide Comments:

For questions regarding meetings or proposed ROPA 38, contact Perry Vagnini, Senior Planner at 905-825-6000, ext. 7987, or toll free at 1-866-442-5866 or by email to Perry.Vagnini@halton.ca. To submit comments, send them in writing to Perry Vagnini, Senior Planner, Planning Services, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 4E1. All information 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 by contacting Perry Vagnini, or by visiting the website www.halton.ca.

Note: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed ROPA 38 is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed ROPA 38 is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed ROPA 38, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk at Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1.

Dated at the Town of Oakville, October 1, 2009

Susan Lathan, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Halton