

# HEDR is launched to ensure equity in diversity

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Equity is not about equality, but rather producing equal outcomes.

That is a major pillar in the mandate of the Halton Equity & Diversity Roundtable (HEDR), which launched Friday at the Queen Elizabeth Community and Cultural Centre (QEPCCC).

The new community collaborative — of more than 60 organizations, groups, businesses and community members — is the result of a three-year, \$225,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) made in fall 2013.

HEDR is dedicated to providing resources, education, training, and advocacy to local organizations, groups, businesses, and community members to be more inclusive and equitable in their practices, policies and services, says Paula Lam, HEDR co-ordinator.

“We are thankful for the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s commitment to and invest-



From left, Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Gilmar Militar and Mark Emmanuel, Halton Equity & Diversity Roundtable Co-ordinating Committee members, Paula Lam, Ancilla Ho-Young, Sita Jayaraman, Kathryn Baker-Reed, Deborah Lavender, Elena DiBattista, and Kim Jenkinson were at the launch of the Halton Equity & Diversity Roundtable (HEDR) Friday at the Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre. | photo by Nikki Wesley – Oakville Beaver (Follow on Twitter @halton\_photog or facebook.com/HaltonPhotog)

ment in building an inclusive, diverse, equitable and safe Halton community,” she said.

“All our members are passionate volunteers striving to move the equity agenda forward in Halton, so this grant has helped us co-ordinate our efforts and develop resources, a website and shared learning opportunities to benefit the entire community.”

Mirroring HEDR’s announcement Friday was the launch of its website — [www.hedroundtable.com](http://www.hedroundtable.com) — where, Lam explains, the community can gain more information on the collective and its resources and services.

HEDR officially formed in March 2013 as a result of several community consultations highlighting Halton residents’ demand for more resources, training and support on how to address the needs of the region’s growing diverse population.

According to a 2011 report from Statistics Canada, Halton’s population has grown 14.2 per cent from 2006-11 and 26 per cent of

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## Notice of Completion of Environmental Study Report

Midtown Oakville Transportation and Stormwater  
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA)

**Public review of the Environmental Study Report  
available until July 4, 2014**

The Town of Oakville has completed the Midtown Oakville Transportation and Stormwater Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and the study report is now available for public review for 30 days.

The study was undertaken to determine a practical, long-term strategy to guide the development of the transportation and municipal stormwater network required to support the planned growth in Midtown to 2031.

This study is a continuation of the Transportation Master Plan Study (Switching Gears, 2012) to further assess the infrastructure needs in Midtown Oakville to meet Phase 3 and 4 of the Class EA planning and design process, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association “Municipal Class Environmental Assessment,” (October 2000, as amended in 2011). This study is being carried out in a transparent public process under the Environmental Assessment Act and follows a Schedule “C” EA process in the Municipal Class EA guidelines.

The overall preferred concept, presented in the final draft report, outlines opportunities for improving connectivity, accessibility and livability needed to accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists; enhancing the public realm and establishing a mix of uses to support the future growth of Midtown.

The final draft environmental study report is available for review online at [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) or in hard copy at the following locations:

### Town Hall

ServiceOakville, Clerk’s, Planning Services or the Engineering and Construction Departments  
1225 Trafalgar Road  
Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Oakville Public Library, Central Branch

120 Navy Street  
Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Halton Region Centre

1151 Bronte Road  
Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Please provide written comments to the Town of Oakville Clerk by July 4, 2014 (30 calendar days from issue date of this notice). If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, you may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below by July 4, 2014. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Town Clerk. If no request is received by July 4, 2014, the Midtown Oakville Transportation and Stormwater study will proceed as outlined in the Environmental Study Report.

### Minister of the Environment

135 St Clair Avenue West, 10th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

### Town of Oakville, Clerk’s Department

1225 Trafalgar Road  
Oakville ON L6H 0H3  
[www.oakville.ca](http://www.oakville.ca)

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For more information visit [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca).

If you have any accessible needs contact the Midtown Oakville Project Team at 905-815-6060 (TTY 905-338-4200), [midtownea@oakville.ca](mailto:midtownea@oakville.ca) or fill out the accessible online feedback form on [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca).

The personal information accompanying your submission can form part of the public record which may be released to the public. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Midtown Oakville Project Team at 905-815-6060 (TTY 905-338-4200), [midtownea@oakville.ca](mailto:midtownea@oakville.ca).

### Study area:

