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Report shows several dangerous sites

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To remedy that, the report also lists the top 10 troubled intersections as defined by accident rate.

On that scale, Milton had a hold on six of the top 10 slots, including the number one spot at the Tremaine Road and Steeles Avenue intersection.

The accident rate of road segments were also looked at, with Milton represented seven times in that top 10 list.

But only two Halton sites are above what's considered to be a normal safety level, said Wong.

Currently, 1.5 accidents per one million vehicles is considered typical.

Only No. 15 Sideroad in Halton Hills and the Steeles and Tremaine intersection in Milton exceed that.

But the slice of land from Guelph Line to Regional Road 25 needs further study, said Wong.

"That whole section seems to have a big accident rate," he said. "That's the area we want to target."

He noted the purpose behind the study is to isolate trouble spots and find out how to fix them.

But accidents are caused by a slew of factors, not the least of which is human error, he added.

"You can't predict accidents because there are human factors," said Wong. "Driving under the

influence, we can't do anything about that. That's driver education."

What the Region can do is focus on issues such as sightlines and pavement conditions.

Lasers catching speeders

Project "Laser," the traffic initiative aimed at reducing speed on Dundas Street in Oakville and Burlington, has completed its second week.

During the first two weeks more than 253 traffic tickets and at least 58 cautions (for lower or less serious offences) were issued.

Given the ever increasing volume of traffic and tragic deaths on Dundas (formerly Highway 5) Halton Regional Police are out in full force for the month of April targeting speeders and aggressive drivers.

Since January 1999 there have been five fatal collisions on Dundas that have resulted in six deaths. These accounted for almost 22 per cent of all fatalities that police investigated during the same time period.

A Halton Region study revealed that the collisions on Dundas tend to be more serious. This, say police, suggests that high speeds are a factor in the increased numbers of injuries and deaths.

Organizers pleased with response to lakeside Easter sunrise service

By Carol Baldwin
OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

The gloves came off, the sun came out and a good time was had by all.

That's how Anthony Ward-Smith summed up the Oakville Easter Sunrise Celebration in Coronation Park on Sunday.

The Salvation Army Band, which played music with gloved hands in the cool, early hours of Easter morning, had taken them off by the time the ecumenical celebration was in full swing.

"The weather was exceedingly kind to us after the terrible days beforehand. The sun just broke through at the right moment. It was rather magical," said Ward-Smith, co-ordinator of this successful event on the first Easter of the millennium.

He estimated that between 800 and 1,000 people arrived at Coronation Park for the 6 a.m. celebration, with over 100 people in the mass choir on stage. "The only hitch was that the sound system for Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' broke down halfway through," he said, adding, "We just soldiered on."

Ward-Smith was quick to thank the many participants who made the service special, as well as those who helped the service move along efficiently. In his praise he included Ken Coulter, manager of the Oakville Centre, who emceed the event. "He did a superb job of keeping everyone on the stage in line and moving the whole celebration along at a pace that I hope kept any of the people who turned up from getting cold."

He also thanked those who read passages or offered prayers during the service: Rev. Floyd Rhude, Mayor Ann Mulvale, Deputy Fire Chief John de Hooze, Halton Regional Police chaplain Hans Hamer, two teenage readers - Andrew Sutherland and Ted Branscombe, and Pastor Bruxy Caver.

Ward-Smith said that the park was cleared before 8 a.m., which meant guests had already enjoyed a breakfast donated by a number of local businesses.

"Someone produced some excellent hot-crossed buns...mmmm. Most appropriate," said

Ward-Smith. "And Tim Hortons supplied almost 1,000 cups of hot chocolate and muffins and donuts...The Salvation Army provided a wonderful mobile kitchen...and served coffee before the service."

Any surplus food was given to the Sally Ann for its breakfast program and its foodbank received all the non-perishable goods donated by participants and guests.

"It was very successful," said Ward-Smith. "Personally, I'd love to do it again, because I thought the atmosphere of so many churches coming together in an interdenominational service was fantastic. It was, for me, a wonderful experience...It was a festival of kindness, generosity and unity."

Civic Scene

Wednesday, April 26th: The Oakville Planning and Development Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Oakville Municipal Building, 1225 Trafalgar Rd.

The Committee-Of-The-Whole of the Halton District School Board meets at 7 p.m. at the J.W. Singleton Education Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington.

Thursday, April 27th: A public information meeting regarding Parallax is at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakville Municipal Building, 1225 Trafalgar Rd.

Monday, May 1st: Town Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Oakville Municipal Building.

Tuesday, May 2nd: The Halton Health and Social Services Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Halton Room at regional headquarters, 1151 Bronte Rd.

Oakville's Committee of Adjustment meets at 7 p.m. in the Trafalgar Room at the Oakville Municipal Building.

The regular meeting of the Halton Roman Catholic District School Board is at 8 p.m. at the board's committee room, 802 Drury Lane, Burlington.



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