

SOCIAL

Goal: To facilitate the co-ordination and communication of programs involving health, education, public safety, social and community services.

The need to provide the best possible social services, with maximum accessibility and minimum costs, is of prime concern.

At present, there are several inadequacies, including:

- Community-related mental health support services.
- Development of treatment services for drug abuse.
- Homemaker services for low-income families.
- A comprehensive program to effectively utilize institutional space for community, recreational and cultural facilities.
- Public transportation to serve special populations and groups.

Another major issue is the rising educational costs. There is need for inter-regional co-ordination of educational systems and an even greater need for planning of facilities.

Other regional needs documented by interest

groups include:

- Match day-care provision with needs of income classes and social areas.
- Focus on preventive and community medicine rather than treatment of individuals.
- Gear housing to income.
- Develop extended care and nursing services, matched to housing for senior citizens.

Objectives:

- Develop an appropriate communications network to outline human services programs.
- Develop a human services plan that will involve not only the deliverers of services (public and volunteer agencies), but also customers of such services.
- Provide effective co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation of the delivery of human services programs in Halton.
- Increase the range and magnitude of mental health and community-related psycho-social support services for special populations.
- Develop an approach to health services focussed on preventive community medicine.
- Reduce the emphasis on income security programs and concentrate on the provision of institutional and social services designed to support the individual's ability to cope

- Identify the needs and maximize the opportunities for the provision of cultural enrichment and community recreation services and facilities.
- Identify special education needs; increase the opportunities for meeting previously unmet needs; and ensure that all agencies have adequate planning / co-ordination.
- Provide day care facilities and services matched to income and social areas, with regulations specifying minimum regional standards and levels of services.
- Ensure maximum level of extended care and nursing services.

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Plan process; issues related to growth; support services; and information on how you can become involved.

Public Forums: Fourteen public "open houses" have been scheduled starting on September 8 at Maplehurst Public School in Burlington and at the Oakville Centennial Library. Planning Department members will be available to answer questions about the Official Plan, and it is hoped that as many other department personnel as possible will be on hand. It is expected that Regional Council as a whole will make arrangements to become involved as well. The informal setting has been provided so that all members of the public will feel welcome.

Interest Groups: Finally, a list is being prepared to extend the original fifty-six groups involved in Phase 1, and this should include every known interest group in the Region (about 200). Special invitations will be sent to these groups - encouraging them to meet with Planning Committee members at the open houses.

After the public open houses, the "feedback" from these questionnaires and from the meetings will be prepared for the Planning Committee and Council.

It is expected that the Committee will consider the Report by November 9, and that it will be before Regional Council by November 13.

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September 16 - 23); and Georgetown Town Hall (September 23 - 30).

Open Houses

- September 8 - Oakville Centennial Library, Burlington's Glenview Public School (to be confirmed).
- September 9 - Milton Library and Milton's Brookville Hall.
- September 14 - Burlington Central Public School (to be confirmed).
- September 15 - Acton Library.
- September 16 - Trafalgar Hall in Oakville.

September 21 - Queen Elizabeth High School in Oakville (to be confirmed). Burlington Central Library.

September 22 - Oakville's E.J. James Public School (to be confirmed)

September 28 - Fairview Public School in Kilbride (to be confirmed) Georgetown Arena Hall.

September 29 - Lord Elgin High School in Burlington (to be confirmed).

September 30 - Burlington's Champlain Public School (to be con-

firmed)

For confirmation of the locations, as well as the time, please consult your local newspaper. These will be dialogue sessions, and your comments are invited.

If you wish any further information on how to get involved, write us at 3027 Harvester Road, Burlington, or telephone us at 878-5571, 639-5793 or 844-7640.

Please fill out the questionnaire on page 4 and return to us.

Get involved. It's your Region.

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Please complete this questionnaire. Your answers are necessary for sound planning of the Region

1. Where do you live?

- City of Burlington Town of Halton Hills
 Town of Oakville Town of Milton

2. In what zone?

- Urban Rural

The objectives listed below are not exhaustive, but represent what the Planning Department feels are critical to define the Region's Official Plan. Please read the list and beside each objective, indicate by a (✓) whether you feel it is of a HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW priority.

OBJECTIVES

HIGH MED LOW

1. Ensure that low income housing is mixed within existing communities.
2. Match housing to available jobs in Halton.
3. Stop building developments on vital sand and gravel deposits.
4. Designate permanent prime agricultural land and promote a healthy farming industry.
5. Make Lake Ontario shoreline more available for public use.
6. Co-ordinate all social programs (health, education, social and community services, police and volunteer programs) to help individuals be able to cope better in the community.
7. Ensure equitable tax costs and benefits for all municipalities.
8. Promote a regional core for business, cultural and recreational purposes.
9. Promote and designate industrial development.
10. Determine the region's rate of growth, and at what level.
11. Emphasize expenditures on public transportation rather than road systems for private cars.
12. Reduce commuting by providing more and different types of jobs for Halton residents.
13. Protect sensitive lands and unique features (watercourses, wildlife areas, wetlands, forest cover, historical buildings, etc.).
14. Develop a park system that links the lake shore, river valleys, the escarpment, conservation areas, Bronte Park, etc.
14. Please indicate other objectives important to you, not listed above.

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Of the above objectives, I would especially like to support:

OBJECTIVE NO. FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S)

Of the above objectives, I am most opposed to:

OBJECTIVE NO. FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S)

In my opinion, the most critical issues facing the Region of Halton today are:

What I like most about Halton and would like to preserve is

You may leave this section blank

I wish to be involved in the Regional Official Plan programme

Name

Address

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