

Long list for affordable housing

There are currently 35 families, 61 seniors and three couples in Halton Hills on the Halton Region Housing Authority's waiting list for affordable housing, said Mary Garbes, a Housing Manager with the authority.

As well as working with the Regional Housing Authority, Ms. Garbes is the Chairperson for the Nov. 1 Halton Access to Permanent Housing Committee sponsored community forum scheduled to be held at the Georgetown

Cultural Centre from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The forum, to which admission is free, is meant to heighten the awareness of Georgetown, Acton and Milton residents to the current lack of affordable housing, said Ms. Garbes.

The committee decided to host the forum after results of a survey of North Halton residents showed many people living in the area have concerns about the lack of affordable housing in the area, explained Ms. Garbes.

Speakers scheduled to attend the event, said Ms. Garbes, include a private citizen unable to find affordable housing. Also, a woman currently living next to a group home will speak on the topic of the general public's attitude towards

affordable housing and those who live in this type of housing. As well, experts in the fields of cooperative housing, non-profit housing and group homes, will offer their views.

According to the committee's survey, the pressing concern of a lot of people in North Halton is their inability to find affordable housing in the area they want to reside, said Ms. Garbes.

The committee has already hosted a similar forum in Burlington. Over 100 people attended that event, said Ms. Garbes, and response was "positive."

Those interested in attending the North Halton Community Forum should call the Acton Social Services and Information Centre at 853-3310.



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