

# Halton Region is a model for other communities

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Halton Region is a model for other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) to follow.

For Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, that comment made by Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Ruth Grier, during a speech Saturday at the Regional Chairman's Workshop, was a highlight of the event.

The workshop brought together area politicians from three levels of government and representatives from Halton's two school boards, the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the health care community, to discuss what Halton should look like during the next 50 years.

Chairman Pomeroy said the model Ms. Grier was referring to

was one in which Halton moves away from the urban type sprawl that now exists, to a land use policy promoting higher density communities.

It's that direction that underlines the ongoing Halton Region Official Plan Review and Halton Urban Structure Review, he said.

Chairman Pomeroy said this type of land-use policy is better for the environment because it creates less reliance on cars. In turn, it allows for the development of a public transportation system, he explained.

As well, higher density communities, said the Chairman, makes it easier for people to identify with the area in which they live. This type of community also allows for the creation of more open green spaces, he said.

Contacted Monday, Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said he supports this idea for Halton Hills but he's unsure what local residents want. He said on two separate occasions he received letters from the same individual who, in one letter, supported measures to protect the environment and in the other wants the Town to only permit the building of single family homes.

"The Town is in a difficult situation," he said.

Chairman Pomeroy explained Halton is heading towards developing an ecosystem for the Region. He defines an ecosystem as a land-use policy in which planning decisions are made in context with everything else that has gone on previously. If a proposed policy has any negative repercussions, it won't be adopted, said the chairman.

Mayor Miller said political representation was also another topic of discussion during the workshop. He found most in attendance supported the idea that Regional council should remain the same size; a councillor's position should continue to be part-time instead of becoming full-time and the election of the Regional Chairman should continue to rest with Regional council and not by direct elections.

## Obituary

### Alice Phillips

Mrs. Alice Phillips, after a short illness, peacefully passed away Sunday, March 17, 1991.

Alice was born in London, England, August 3, 1900. At the age of 8 yrs. she moved to St. Just, Cornwall, England to her grandmother's home beside the sea.

At the age of 16 she joined the 1914 war.

After the war she worked as a servant on a farm with lots of horses and hounds. After some time she went to the Isles of Scilly as a servant.

She met a handsome young man who was a sailor and a fisherman.

After 7 years they were married in a beautiful white church wedding. A local lady, Mrs. Ivy Roberts, made the cake and all the dresses for the entire wedding party.

She was not blessed with any children but she was Godmother for her niece Shirley (Mrs. T. Werkman) from Brockville, Ont.

In 1930 Alice and her husband came to Canada and settled in Georgetown. She did housework for many prominent people in Georgetown.

She was a member of the Animal Club and gave a home to several stray cats and dogs that were left on her doorstep. At the time of her death she only had one cat.

She was the eldest daughter of Charles and Margaret Freestone and was predeceased by two sisters and seven brothers. Burial service was held at St. George's Church with Rev. Tom Kingston officiating. Submitted with love by Margaret Martin.

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