Multicultural Council is now region-wide

The Oakville Multicultural Council has formally changed its name to Halton Multicultural Council, carrying out the mandate of the membership at its recent Annual General Meeting.

This change reflects the growth of the Council which was founded in 1979 to serve the Oakville Community but eventually people were being served even though they did not live in Oakville.

"The change was caused by an evolution rather than planned growth," stated Sharon White, Executive Director of the Council

"The Council has been working with people from the entire Region of Halton. Even the members of the Council come from all over the Region."

The Council is a charitable organization which is composed of volunteers, both individuals and organizations, located throughout Halton.

"We provide services to facilitate the settlement of immigrants in the community," explains Jose Burguete, the Council's President.

"We constantly initiate programs to serve newcomers, such as classes for citizenship application, coordination of English-as-a-Second Language tutors, forming a pool of interpreters and

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translators in close to 35 languages, etc."

The Council also creates opportunities for members of various ethno-cultural groups to discuss common interests and to develop cooperative undertakings

The community is being served out of the Council's office at 182

Rebecca Street, Oakville, but it is anticipated that eventually service will be available in other areas of Halton.

The Council is seeking new

members so that it will be able to function better. For more information about membership or services, please call Sharon White at 842-2486.



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