

# Hunting okayed in public forests

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Halton will not consult rural landowners and the farming community living near regionally-owned forests on whether they feel hunting in such areas should be expanded or banned altogether, regional council decided recently.

The decision paves the way for hunting in the public forests, which currently consists of a one-week deer hunt in the fall using shotguns and a longer period with bows and arrows. This will be expanded to include a wild turkey shoot in the spring, which hunters had requested. The Region's forest stewardship advisory committee had previously endorsed the expansion, according to regional staff.

Forestry staff will include the turkey hunt allowance when it drafts a new bylaw governing permitted uses in its 14 forest tracts, which are mostly located in the former Township of Nasagaweya in northwest Halton region (halton.ca/forests). The bylaw, which will come forward for final approval from council in the future, will also prohibit snowmobiling and paintball

games from the forests.

By a vote of 19-2, with only Oakville councillors Allan Elgar and Tom Adams opposing, regional council backed an amendment by Milton councillor Barry Lee to drop a recommendation from its planning and public works committee, put forth by Elgar, to investigate the discontinuation of hunting.

Elgar clarified prior to the vote that he was not looking for a ban; rather, his suggestion was simply to consult with the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee (HAAC) before allowing the turkey hunt.

Long-time council members Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, and Oakville Councillor Fred Oliver, also said there was no need to dredge up a debate on hunting in the free forests when there have been no complaints about trespassing during the deer hunts.

Both Bonnette and Milton Councillor Colin Best said there would be adverse effects to allowing uncontrolled growth of the deer population, referring to concerns about vehicle accidents and damaged farm crops.



# Everybody Dance!

Robert Little School students, both past and present, recently celebrated the launch of the new International Version of Everybody Move! a multimedia package for Daily Physical Activity. The original Everybody Move resource was published by CIRA Ontario in 2005. The new second edition of Everybody Move was again authored by six CIRA Ontario members, including Robert Little teacher Marie Burland. Everybody Move includes a CD with 80 minutes of music for activities, routines and circuits, a DVD-ROM with 93 minutes of video showing routines, instructional tips, plus an updated 240-page book. Students who were dancers in the video were presented with their own copy. (Top) Everybody Move! dancers (from left) Leah Holms, Sydney Hayward and Jessamyn Chan, showed their moves during the launch. (Bottom) Students, front from left, Meghan Raycraft, Sydney Hayward, Dhara Patel, Brianna McBurney, Hayley Kri and James Bursa show off their copies of the video. In back are Oriana de Wolff, Shannon Oulton, Leah Holms, Jessamyn Chan, Brooklyn Hall, Samantha Burton, Spencer Pestell and teacher Marie Burland.

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