

Seniors' input sought to help build age-friendly communities

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city adapts its structures and services to be accessible to and inclusive of older people with varying needs and capacities.”

ESAC said its focus groups would look at the eight aspects of urban living identified by the World Health Organization, including:

- outdoor spaces and buildings
- transportation
- housing
- social participation
- respect and social inclusion
- civic participation and employment
- communication and information
- community support and health ser-

vices

Seniors and stakeholder groups serving older populations will use the feedback provided during the focus groups to develop recommendations early next year on how Halton can continue building age-friendly communities in the future. Those recommendations will be released publicly next spring.

While fast growing areas such as Milton have lower percentages of people older than 65 in their population mix than almost built-out communities like Burlington, the absolute number of seniors in Halton is increasing as the region's population grows and people live longer.

To participate in a focus group, con-

| Population Demographics | Burlington | Milton | Halton Hills | Oakville | ONTARIO |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| Total population age 65+ | 25,350 | 4,485 | 5,635 | 19,380 | 1,649,185 |
| % of total population age 65+ | 15.4% | 8.3% | 10.2% | 11.7% | 13.6% |
| Total population age 75+ | 12,400 | 2,005 | 2,485 | 9,080 | 781,000 |
| % of total population age 75+ | 7.5% | 3.7% | 4.5% | 5.5% | 6.4% |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

tact Halton Region by dialing 311 or toll free 1-866-442-5866, or TTY 905-827-9833. For more information about ESAC, visit www.halton.ca/seniors.

The focus groups will be held as follows:

- April 28, 10:15-11:15 a.m., Georgetown Seniors Centre
- May 5, 10:15-11:15 a.m., Georgetown Seniors Centre
- May 18, 10 a.m.-noon, Acton Seniors Centre
- May 19, 2-4 p.m., Georgetown Alliance Church
- June 7 (Caregiver Forum), 6:30-8:30 p.m., Silver Creek Place Adult Day Program, Georgetown



The Regional Municipality of Halton www.halton.ca

Rain Barrel Sales Events

Halton Region will be hosting four rain barrel sales events to promote wise outdoor water use. Diverting water from a downspout into a rain barrel allows you to capture rain water and store it for future use to water gardens, shrubs and potted plants.

This year's rain barrels have a new look and price at only **\$36 each (cash only)**.



| Date | Location |
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| Saturday, May 1 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Mohawk Raceway, 9430 Guelph Line, Campbellville (parking lot) |
| Saturday, May 8 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Oakville Place Mall, 240 Leighland Avenue, Oakville |
| Saturday, May 15 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown |
| Saturday, May 29 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Mapleview Mall, 900 Maple Avenue, Burlington (lower parking lot) |

- Limit of one per purchase, per household
- Must provide proof of Halton Region residency (i.e. Driver's License)
- 208 litre (55 gallon) capacity
- Comes equipped with secure mosquito screen and handy dispensing hose

For more information visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation.

Notice Of Pesticide Use

The Halton Region Health Department monitors standing water and catch basins in urban areas on public lands in The City of Burlington, The Town of Halton Hills, The Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville for mosquito larvae. When mosquito larvae are found, the Health Department uses larvicide to control mosquito larvae in order to reduce the incidence of West Nile virus in Halton. Larvicide will be applied by a licensed applicator contracted by the Region.

In Standing Water

Larviciding of standing water may begin anytime from April 12 to October 31, 2010, once monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present. The Halton Region Health Department will apply larvicide to standing water sites under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bob Nosal. The biological larvicide, B.t.i. (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) in granular formulation VectoBac 200G (PCP# 18158) and liquid VectoBac 1200L (PCP# 21062), will be placed in affected standing water on public lands in urban areas in The City of Burlington, The Town of Halton Hills, The Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville. Signs will be posted at each location indicating when the larvicide was applied.

In Catch Basins

Larviciding of catch basins may begin anytime from June 1 to October 31, 2010, once monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present. The Halton Region Health Department will apply larvicide to catch basins under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bob Nosal. The larvicide Altosid pellets (PCP# 21809) pellet formulation or Altosid XR Briquets (PCP# 27694) ingot formulation will be placed in catch basins in urban areas on public lands in The City of Burlington, The Town of Halton Hills, The Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville.

For the locations and dates of treatment please visit our website at www.halton.ca/wnv. For more information about West Nile virus, please dial 311 or call Halton Region at 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-442-5866, or TTY 905-827-9833.

Youth in Halton...It's Your Voice!

All youth in Halton are invited to the upcoming **Halton Youth Empowerment Conference: "It's Your Voice" on Thursday, April 29, 2010** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Convention Centre (3063 South Service Road). Admission is **free**. Learn how to get involved in your community and make a difference in the issues that matter to you.

The Halton Regional Youth Advisory Committee (HRYAC) is hosting the event, with Ryan Porter, a recognized youth empowerment speaker, as the keynote. Several workshops are also being offered from well-known, youth-focused organizations such as Me to We and YATI (Youth Advocacy Training Institute). To find out more or to register, visit HRYAC's Facebook page, or go to www.haltonyouth.com.



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

- May 4 9:30 a.m.**
Health & Social Services Committee
- May 5 9:30 a.m.**
Planning & Public Works Committee
- May 5 1:30 p.m.**
Administration & Finance Committee

Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.
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