



A public meeting will be held next Tuesday at the Civic Centre to discuss designated cycling lanes (like this one on Danby Road) and the Town's Cycling Master Plan.

Photo by Ted Brown

# Bike lane meeting planned

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Georgetown residents curious about the newest white lines on Delrex Blvd. and Danby Rd. E. can find more information in an upcoming Town-hosted public meeting.

For the full length of Delrex Blvd., the lines designate 1.5 metre bicycle lanes on both sides of the roads. Director of Infrastructure Services Chris Mills said at a recent council meeting, "parking is not banned (in the lanes) at this time." However, he said, residents on Delrex are being encouraged to park in their driveways.

On Danby Rd., the lane configuration is different; there is a bicycle route on the north side of the road (and parking will be banned on this side) and on the south side is a delineated parking space, with the bicycle lane beside that.

Mills said this new style is being tried out in the newly-developed part of town where parking habits have not yet been established.

Wards 3&4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal, part of the Town's cycling committee, says the new lanes are part of the strategy outlines in the new draft Cycling Master Plan, and people have responded favourably so far.

"We're very excited about bringing forward the Cycling Master Plan; it's been a long time coming, and I'm anxious to get to the implementation stage," said Fogal.

She urges all residents attend the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC)

to be held at the Town's Civic Centre in the council chambers on Tuesday, June 29, 6-8:30 p.m.

"It's important that people understand that this is about types of cycling, especially kids riding to school, cycling for fitness in the rural area, or riding to the downtown for an ice cream cone," said Fogal. "It covers all ages and all abilities. So if people wonder if the PIC is meant for them, the answer is yes."

The draft Final Cycling Master Plan includes recommended cycling routes, on and off road, an implementation strategy with estimated costs over the next 20 years. The full report is available at [www.haltonhills.ca/cycling](http://www.haltonhills.ca/cycling) or at the Civic Centre's Infrastructure Services counter.

Included are maps of the proposed roads to be designated bicycle routes in Georgetown, Acton, and the rural area.

In the rural area, proposed on-road routes include Steeles Ave., Winston Churchill Blvd., Five Sideroad, 15 Sideroad, 17 Sideroad, 20 Sideroad, 22 Sideroad, 32 Sideroad, portions of Third Line, Fifth Line, Dublin Line, Ninth Line including Fallbrook Trail, and portions of Tenth Line.

"We're asking people to have a look at those routes and give us feedback on the plan," said Fogal, who added comments are also welcome via e-mail or phone. "The more feedback we get the better."

Town staff will report back at a future council meeting with the final cycling master plan for approval, including an implementation plan with costs.

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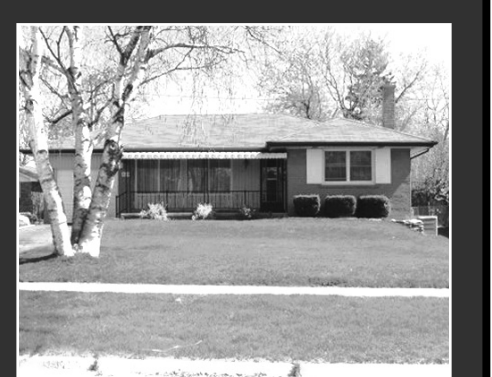
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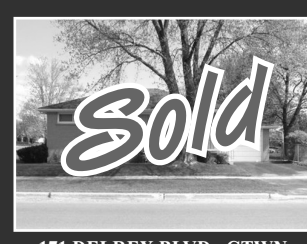
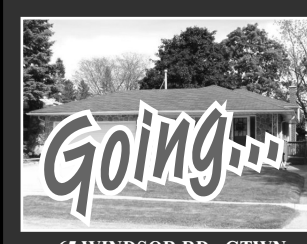
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