

Support to Canadian soldiers increased

I want to take this opportunity to update you on what we are doing to improve the support for our Canadian soldiers.

Today, I am pleased to tell you that our government is taking further action to support our soldiers and veterans. The federal government is establishing five new soldier support centres for the care of ill and injured Canadian soldiers, as well as their families. These five new centres will be located in Comox (B.C.), Cold Lake (Alberta), Borden (Ontario), Trenton (Ontario) and Bagotville (Quebec). These five new centres will be added to the 19 other centres already established across Canada, for a total of 24 soldier support centres.

In the provision of care and support to ill and injured soldiers, the Canadian Forces are far ahead of where they were 10 years ago. As part of an ongoing process to improve the level of services, the Canadian Forces have established these support centres to meet the needs of ill and injured personnel from the Navy, Army and Air Force, providing them with an integrated "one-stop service." This will ensure that no Canadian Forces member "falls through the cracks."

These soldier support centres, formally known as Integrated Personnel Support Centres (IPSCs), are an essential tool for ill and injured Canadian soldiers and their families on their way

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to recovery. The IPSCs provide a range of services, including support for the families of injured or fallen soldiers, assistance for injured soldiers who wish to return to work, financial planning, specialized fitness programs for injured soldiers, help in accessing services within the Canadian Forces, and help transitioning out of the Forces and into services at Veteran's Affairs Canada.

The service and sacrifice made by our veterans has always been an issue near and dear to my heart. We should all remember the sacrifice Canadians soldiers and diplomats have made in Afghanistan. In the past decade, over 150 Canadian soldiers have died and over 500 have been wounded in action, including several Canadian diplomats. We owe it to them, and to our own domestic security, to remember their sacrifices. Lest we forget.

If you wish to discuss this or other matters, do not hesitate to contact me at chongm@parl.gc.ca or at (866) 878-5556.



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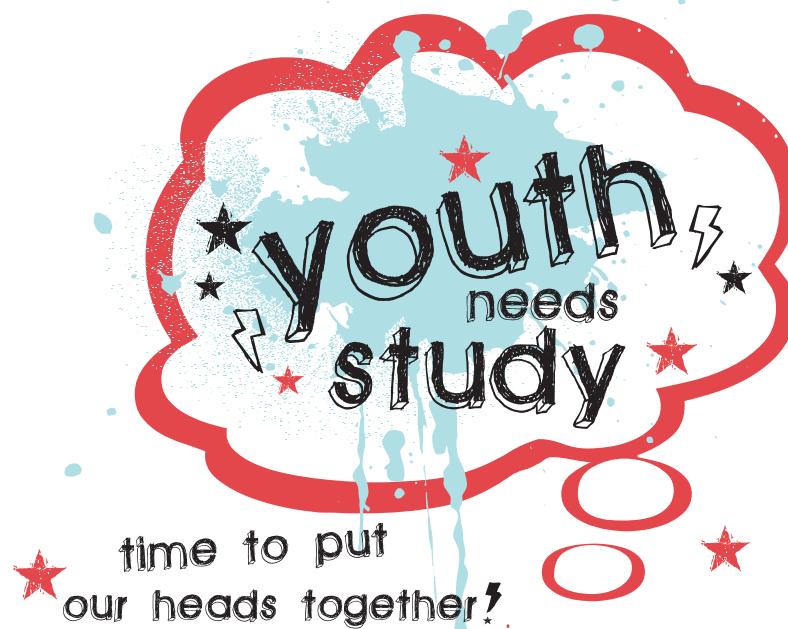
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purpose

The Youth Needs Study is to provide a municipal strategy in supporting and providing services and facilities for youth in the community of Halton Hills.

the committee

The Youth Needs Study Steering Committee consists of Members of Council, Youth Serving Agencies, Businesses, Churches and citizens from the Arts & Culture and Sport sectors. The term will be approximately 7 months beginning June, 2011. The Steering Committee will meet a minimum of three times.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDY:

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- Submit an application form found on the Town's website at: www.haltonhills.ca/committees/pdf/volunteers-application.pdf
- Submit your application by **4:30 p.m. on Friday March 25, 2011** to:

how to apply



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