

# Stats show sharp drop in cop calls

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The property crime rate, up 4.7 per cent, is related to more theft from vehicles and "we've also seen a number of organized shoplifting rings come through the region," he told council members.

Halton Police Superintendent Signy Pittman noted the importance of ongoing communication between police services, the Town, and residents, citing a number of 2010 examples of solved crimes as a result of this effort.

She also described the impact of a six-week undercover investigation in Halton Hills this year, that targeted a low-level drug operation, resulting in 26 arrests in March.

"Street-level drug activity can result in a variety of other peripheral crime," Pittman said, suggesting the 20.9 per cent drop in calls to police this year resulted from the impact of these undercover operations because the criminal element were wary to commit acts, not knowing who was watching.

"When I look at the crime reports, it's incredible (the impact) ... and makes your community much safer," she said.

One of the cornerstones of the Service's 2011-2014 corporate business plan will target traffic enforcement, with particular emphasis on educating youth.

"We will still focus on the three E's—Engineering (working with the Town on road safety measures), Enforcement, and Education," said Percy, "and that three-prong approach has been serving us very well.

"Our first priority is traffic, our second priority is traffic and our next priority is traffic," said Percy. "We frequently poll our constituents out there and we find out, from their perspective, every vehicle is

speeding on every street at every hour on every day, and we know that's not true."

But Halton Police now has some technology that acts as the "eyes and ears" for police, gathering data on traffic flows, volume and time of day. If someone complains about a street, the police now place this gadget out there to monitor the traffic. From this they learn the best the time to place the officers on the scene to catch the traffic rule violators.

"It's proven very valuable for getting the best dollar for our police officer deployment," said Percy.

The issuance of traffic tickets went up in 2010 by 4.2 per cent— from 40,806 to 42,730 region-wide. In Halton Hills, po-

lice handed out 5,389 tickets.

Statistics showed that in Halton Hills the 41-50 age bracket was the most ticketed age group— 1,400 tickets, followed by the 31-40 bracket (1,213), the 22-30 (1,034), 51-65 (930), 16-21 (571) and 66+ (241).

While the number of collisions dropped by 1.2 per cent to 7,749 and the impaired driving apprehensions were down by 6.9 per cent to 376, roadside suspensions were up by 17 per cent to 524.

"As a driver you're responsible for traffic safety," cautioned Percy.

However, recognizing that six of the 13 road fatalities last year were victims between the ages of 16 and 25, Halton Police are moving its education programs into the school boards in 2011 and 2012.

"We're the safest region three years in a row, according to *Maclean's* magazine," said Percy. "We started the year off with five homicides, so we'll see if we go for a fourth year, but regardless you're getting good policing here."

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—Deputy Chief Bob Percy

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Development Charge By-Law 2009-090 Amendment

The Town of Caledon will be holding a public information meeting, pursuant to Section 12 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to present and obtain input on the proposed amendment to Development Charges By-law 2009-090 (a by-law to impose and provide for the payment of development charges for municipal services in the Town of Caledon). The purpose of the amendment is to provide development charge exemptions or discounts for:

- "Green" non-retail, non-residential development
- Bed and breakfast establishments
- Hotel, motel or lodge facilities that provide temporary overnight accommodation for the travelling public and contain more than 29 overnight guest rooms

The **public information meeting** will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Town of Caledon Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East, Ontario L7C 1J6. A copy of the proposed amendment to Development Charges By-law 2009-090 and the background study will be available commencing May 16, 2011, on the Town's website in the Corporate Services section at [www.caledon.ca](http://www.caledon.ca), and at the Corporate Services Department, Town of Caledon Town Hall, weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. To obtain a copy of the document or to make inquiries please contact Barb Johnson, Corporate Services, 905.584.2272 x.4216 or [barb.johnson@caledon.ca](mailto:barb.johnson@caledon.ca).

Interested persons may also express their comments with respect to the proposed Development Charges By-law 2009-090 amendment and background study in writing by Friday, May 27, 2011, addressed to the Town Clerk, Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East, ON L7C 1J6.

Any person who attends the meeting may make representations related to the proposed amendment to Development Charges By-law 2009-090.

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