

# Residents asked to give input on town's blueprint for future

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The Town of Halton Hills is in the midst of a project—the Community Sustainability Strategy—which will create the blueprint for this community's future, and now it wants public input on its work to date.

Residents are being asked to complete four online eight-question surveys before the end of November on the four cornerstones of the strategy: Social Wellbeing, Environmental Health, Economic Prosperity, and Cultural Vibrancy.

"The Community Sustainability Strategy is a very unique and exciting project. It is taking a long-term view to imagine a more sustainable future for Halton Hills and to develop a blueprint for how we can get there," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Our residents' input is key to making this a Strategy that is truly based on community input."

"I invite all residents to help shape the future of Halton Hills by completing the brief surveys," he said.

Public feedback is wanted to confirm or improve the four draft visions:

• **Social Wellbeing** is about quality of life, providing residents and businesses with the infrastructure needed for everyday living such as libraries, parks, hospitals, housing and alternative transportation options. The proposed vision for the social wellbeing of Halton Hills is: "A healthy and safe community which promotes an ethic of caring and inclusiveness."

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• **Environmental Health** is about having access to, and enjoying, a natural environment that is healthy and diverse. It is also about promoting walking, biking and other active transportation options. A community that is environmentally sustainable includes initiatives such as intensification and water and resource conservation.

The proposed vision for the environmental health of Halton Hills is: "A community where residents are actively engaged in shaping the quality of community life for the present and the future; and where there is a thriving natural system in an around built-up areas which

is being actively preserved, improved, enhanced and protected for long-term health and enjoyment."

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• **Economic Prosperity** requires a strong and diverse economy with low unemployment, a balanced tax assessment ratio between residential and non-residential uses, 'green-minded' businesses, flexible regulations to accommodate a variety of businesses and competitive business costs.

The proposed vision for the economic prosperity of Halton Hills is in

50 years the economic health of the town will be defined by: a mixed economic base in the town's urban areas that includes advanced manufacturing, a strong service sector, and extensive community economic activities such as community-based small businesses, home-based businesses and other entrepreneurial initiatives; a vibrant land-based food cluster that maximizes food production

from local agricultural lands, food processing, and food industry research and development; an active cultural industry cluster; dynamic eco-tourism, agritourism, cultural tourism and sport tourism; and the maximization of live-work opportunities.

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• **Cultural Vibrancy** is about nurturing a vibrant arts and culture scene, and preserving and promoting local heritage, and embracing diverse ethnic, religious, cultural and racial groups. The vision for the cultural vibrancy of Halton Hills is: A community where: culture is a prominent, integrated, accessible and primary source of community economic and social well-being, and where each community member has a sense of fulfillment and connectivity through creative expression whether via active or passive involvement.

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For additional information on the Community Sustainability Strategy as well as the sustainability initiatives of the Town of Halton Hills, explore: [www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability](http://www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability)



**RICK BONNETTE**

## Broken cross arm causes power outage

A broken cross arm on a hydro pole on Mountainview Rd. S. caused about a 45-minute power outage in the Mountainview Rd./Sargent Rd./Rexway Dr./Delrex Blvd. area Monday afternoon.

The power went out about 3:15 p.m., and was restored by approximately 4 p.m. a spokesperson for Halton Hills Hydro said.

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**THANKS/ MERCI from the GBB to you.**

The 21st Annual Scout/Guide Food Drive held Saturday November 5th was a great success!

Thanks to the Scouts, Guides, their families and community volunteers for rallying together to collect, sort and move approximately 36,875 lbs of food and \$ 775.00 cash donations for the GBB (your local food bank).

Special thanks/un merci spécial to AMJ Campbell, The Alliance Church, The Carpet Barn, Leferink, Georgetown Terminal Warehouse, McDonald's, The Beer Store, The Label Factory, Alcoa, The Independent and Free Press, Cogeco, the Town of Halton Hills for the advertising.

We are pleased to be able to count on the annual Scout/Guide food drive and community to help us realize our Vision, "In the spirit of caring, and with the community support, the GBB helps provide food for those in need in our community."

The GBB board of directors.

**Knox Presbyterian Church** will host a **Musical Evening of Old Tyme Favourites and a Selection of Christmas Music, presented by the Halton Hills Concert Band**

**Sunday, November 27, 2011**  
**7:00 pm**

Tickets \$10.00 available at the church office, 116 Main St. S., Georgetown  
Light refreshments supported by a voluntary free-will donation will be served following the performance