

More red light cameras across Halton

This summer, Halton Region will expand its red light camera program, installing red light cameras in each of Halton's four municipalities. In addition to the two red light cameras currently in operation in Oakville and Burlington, five new cameras will become operational, helping remind drivers to stop at red lights.

In Halton Hills, the signs and red light camera have been installed at the intersection of 10 Side Road and Ninth Line in Georgetown South, and are undergoing testing and activation.

"We know that road safety is a critical concern of our residents and red light cameras are just one of the road safety initiatives we're implementing," said Regional Chair Gary Carr in a press release issued Tuesday. "We want to save lives, make our roads as safe as possible and ensure

Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire."

Almost half of Halton drivers surveyed worry about getting into an accident when driving through an intersection, and more than 60 per cent report witnessing a near-miss accident as a result of someone running a red light. Halton's red light cameras, located at strategic intersections throughout the Region, will provide a visual reminder to drivers to stop on red and help improve safety on Halton's roads.

Since the first two cameras were installed in Marsh of last year, 663 red light violations have been registered. The fine for running a red light is \$325, with no Demerit point loss.

Throughout southern Ontario, red light cameras have reduced personal-injury type accidents, helping to improve the



RED LIGHT CAMERA READY: Halton Region is installing five additional red light cameras throughout the Region this summer, in addition to the two already in existence, to help stop accidents in intersections caused by people running red lights. Reminding motorists to stop fully at red lights at the Ninth Line and 10 Side Road intersection in Georgetown South, were, from left: Councillors Ann Lawlor, Clark Somerville, Regional Chair Gary Carr, Halton Deputy Police Chief Andrew Fletcher and Councillor Bryan Lewis. — Submitted photo

safety of intersections. Cameras take photos of red light runners 24

hours a day, seven days a week, but only operate if a vehicle enters the inter-

section after the light has turned red.

More details about red

light cameras are available at www.halton.ca/stoponred

TOWN DIGEST

PARKING CASH VALUE

What is it worth for a developer who can't meet the Town's parking requirements in downtown Acton and Georgetown, but wants to expand an existing building or construct a new one and on-street or off-site parking can be accommodated?

That's what Town staff will research following an Economic Development Committee recommendation to declare the downtown commercial zones as parking exempt areas, meaning existing commercial and/or office uses in existing buildings and structure are exempt from providing additional parking if they are switching to

another commercial/office use that would generate a requirement for more parking. As well, existing parking spaces can not be removed.

Currently there are five municipally owned parking lots in downtown Acton, providing 189 spaces to the general public. Under the Town's Zoning Bylaw, Heritage Acton recently met parking requirements for its expansion by getting permission from Halton Hills Hydro to share its parking for events, if required.

Along with preparing a proposed cash-in-lieu values for the Acton and Georgetown downtowns — any funds would be earmarked for provision or maintenance of parking facilities — a public meet-

ing will be scheduled on the issue before a report is ready for Council direction.

TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS

Hate the look or have health concerns about telecommunication towers? The Town is inviting comment on a draft of an updated Town process when commenting on tower and antenna applications to Industry Canada.

The draft, approved without comment by general committee members earlier this month, will be the subject of an as-yet unscheduled public meeting to get comments from residents and cellular phone service providers. Adam Farr, the Town's Manager of development review said along with updating the Town's 2005 protocol, the draft "introduces some additional details and provisions based on best practices gleaned from other municipalities ...and includes a minor proposal protocol with a shorter review period."

The draft Town protocol

include redefining "subject site" to only include the tower compound and not the entire property, creation of a sign template for proponents to use, updated exemption criteria, a one exemption for tower height extension of 25 per cent or less, and revised process timeframes of 120 days for major proposals and 90 days for minor proposals.

The Town has processed eight telecommunication tower applications since 2006, and currently is dealing with a controversial tower location in Norval,

which is under review. Resident concerns included the visual effects of the towers, the safety of electromagnetic frequencies and radiation that a tower and antenna produces, and the siting of towers near homes.

The draft protocol follows Industry Canada guidelines exempting towers less than 15-metres in height at ground level, co-location of antennas and replacement/modification of existing towers where the height doesn't exceed the originally approved height by 25 per cent, from the process.

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