

Acton road work projects update is good news

The \$993,000 reconstruction of Wallace Street is "on budget and ahead of schedule," according to Kevin Chalmers, the Town's Supervisor of Construction on Monday. That is great news for motorists forced to detour the downtown as the "back way" on Wallace has been closed from Dr. Moore Court to McDonald Boulevard since early June.

"The project has gone amazing well - we're just waiting for a storm water quality structure to arrive from Quebec, and then we're doing the curbs," Chalmers said on Monday, adding the new roadbed has been excavated and the gravel is in, and they will be ready to pave once the storm water work is complete.

The project includes realignment of Wallace

Street at the McDonald Boulevard intersection, removal of a dangerous curve, and construction of curbs and a three-metre wide asphalt sidewalk/bike path.

Chalmers said the project has gone smoothly because the road has been closed totally to all traffic, and there are no residents to deal with, adding there have not been any public comments or complaints about the road closure. If things continue to go well, the job should be complete by mid-to-late-September, not October as originally scheduled.

It is basically the same story - on budget and on schedule - for the Region's \$5.7-million water and wastewater pipe replacement project under Queen Street, and in Glen

Lea another project that is causing major headaches for motorists as one lane is closed and traffic delayed by flag crews.

Workers were on site until very late on Monday night as a section of the old watermain broke and the water to the area had to be shut off while repairs were made. Brenda Kingsmill, Halton's Design Supervisor of Waste Water Services, said they hope to complete the pipe replacement work on Queen Street by the end of the month.

"We still have to pave and then move on to Meadvale (Road) and then do all of the asphalt paving, and curb and gutter work," Kingsmill said on Tuesday, adding they've only had a few complaints about the traffic delays, and that the project has "gone well."



AHEAD OF SCHEDULE: The reconstruction of Wallace Street from McDonald Boulevard to Dr. Moore Court is on budget and ahead of schedule. The work will be complete by mid-to-late September. - Frances Niblock photo

Town says YOUth Matters - invites comments

The Town of Halton Hills is undertaking a Youth Needs Study (YNS) to ensure that the Town's provision and management of recreation programs, facilities and services continue to meet the needs of youth between the ages of 13 and 19.

The Youth Needs Study focuses on five key areas:

- 1: Connecting services - collaboration between the Town and a diversity of youth and youth-serving agencies.

- 2: Youth engagement - involvement and engagement of youth in advising, planning, delivery, communication, and evaluation of the provision of services and facilities.

- 3: Access - ensuring services are inclusive, sensitive and accessible to all youth, including youth of diverse cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds, youth with disabilities, newcomers, youth of varied sexual orientation, and youth that might be otherwise marginalized.

- 4: Dedicated youth space - both indoor and outdoor.

- 5: Education and train-

ing - to support and foster youth friendly training and educational opportunities.

To ensure that YNS is truly reflective of the needs of youth in Halton Hills, the Town wants to hear from residents of all ages.

"YNS is an opportunity for all youth to have a say in what they would like to see and do in our community now and into the future," said Mayor Bonnette. "I strongly encourage parents and service providers to participate and share their thoughts too." There are a variety of ways for the community to participate including:

- Facebook - (search for YNS after logging in to your account) Polls posted regularly through the end of September to solicit input from youth in Halton Hills. Poll data collected will be analyzed along with all other input and will help inform the Study's recommendations. Youth that 'like' the YNS page will be automatically entered into a draw to win an iPod.

- Email - youth@haltonhills.ca This is an opportunity to provide input at any point throughout the Study process. All submissions are forwarded to the consulting team for consideration.

- Two public open houses - An opportunity for the public to provide feedback on YNS recommendations. The Acton open house is November 17.

For more information on the consultation process please visit the Town's website at www.haltonhills.ca/youth. Watch for the YOUth Crew - a group of community youth dedicated to increasing awareness of YNS within the community. The YOUth Crew will visit special events within the community over the duration of the study.

For further information please contact Jessica Stovin, Recreation Supervisor, Community Programs at 905-873-2601 ext.2276, Email: jessicas@haltonhills.ca or www.haltonhills.ca/youth or Facebook - search for YNS.

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