SATURDAY CYCLISTS: Ever since Marek Krzton moved to Acton two years ago, a group who ride with the Kurzawinski Coach and Win Cycling Centre of Mississauga have been riding up to Acton most Saturdays during cycling season. They meet up at the Roxy Café and, as Marek explains, "bring business to Acton." Head Coach Krzysztof Kurzawinski is a Canadian and World Champion, but most simply enjoys riding-for fitness, for fun and for socializing. Krzton would love to get an Acton based team together. If you are interested, contact him at marekkrzton50@gmail.com. -Jane Dougan photo

Halton Regional Police want everyone to have a safe summer on the roads

As the summer begins and bicycle and vehicle traffic increases on our roads, the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) are promoting road safety during the Safe Cycling campaign. This traffic campaign aims to promote safe cycling and to educate cyclists and motorists, who travel on roadways within Halton Region, about the rules of the road as contained within the Highway Traffic Act.

This will be the first year the Service has conducted this campaign that focuses on education, awareness and high-visibility enforcement of traffic laws throughout Halton Region. Halton officers will focus on strategic enforcement between Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, July 16. Officers will be monitoring routes that are identified as having high volumes of cycling traffic and ensuring both motorists and cyclists are complying with the Highway Traffic Act.

"Whether you are a cyclist, motorist, or pedestrian, being aware of and respecting each other's vehicles is the first step to increasing everyone's safety on the road," said Staff Sergeant Rob Lloyd, Traffic Services Unit. "Traffic safety is a priority for everyonemotorists, cyclists and pedestrians—and is a shared responsibility."

Community concern over traffic issues and the number of incidents involving death and serious injury has increased in Halton Region. And with good reason: traffic safety remains a key concern in public safety risks facing our community today.

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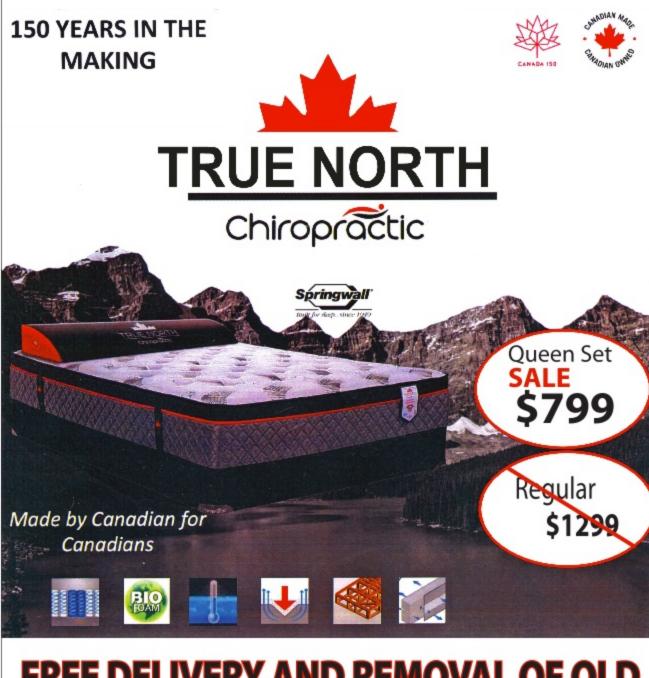
In March 2016, HRPS distributed a survey to gauge the opinions of residents on policing matters. Survey recipients were asked questions relating to their experience with the Service, perceptions of crime in their community, feelings of safety and police priorities. The majority of respondents-61 per cent-indicated traffic safety and enforcement as their key concern.

As a result of complaints received last fall, HRPS has partnered with the traffic departments of each of the four local municipalities, public health and the cycling community to develop a strategy to educate both motorists and cyclists how to share and follow the rules of the road. Each year, there are over 100 collisions between cyclists and motor vehicles. Since 2010, six cyclists have been killed in collisions with motor vehicles on Halton roads.

HRPS recognizes the public's concern about traffic safety and engages in various campaigns throughout the year in efforts to educate the public and enforce the Highway Traffic Act and other traffic related legislation.

HRPS' commitment to road safety supports its 2017-2019 Corporate Business Plan that launched in January: Community Safety and Well-being, and Outreach and Collaboration. The Plan, which provides the framework for police operations in Halton Region, is available at www. haltonpolice.ca under Services -> Publications.





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