

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

### Halton Region Active Transportation Master Plan Study PR-2875A

#### Study

Halton Region has initiated an Active Transportation Master Plan to the year 2031 to develop the required strategy, infrastructure, initiatives and programs to promote non-motorized travel throughout the Region, as recommended in the Region's Transportation Master Plan (2031) – The Road to Change. The Region's objective is to create an Active Transportation Master Plan that is safe, affordable and sustainable.

Active transportation is any form of human-powered transportation, which includes walking, cycling, roller-blading and movements with mobility devices. An Active Transportation network includes sidewalks, multi-use paths, crosswalks, on-road cycling facilities, as well as recreational trails.

#### Process

The Active Transportation Master Plan is a study which defines existing problems/opportunities, considers and evaluates solutions, and will identify cycling and walking networks to the year 2031. A key outcome of the study is a list of active transportation projects that the Region can incorporate in its 20-year Roads Capital Program. This study is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011).

The first round of Public Information Centres were held in June 2012 to present the study background, vision, guiding principles and problems/opportunities. Thereafter, a preferred active transportation strategy was determined taking into consideration comments that were received from the Local Municipalities, regulatory agencies and the public. A second round of Public Information Centres has been arranged to review and receive comments from the public on the proposed active transportation (cycling and walking) networks and supporting recommendations.

#### Public Information Centre Locations

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, November 19, 2013	Drop-in: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Milton Centre for the Arts (MinMaxx Hall) 1010 Main Street East, Milton, ON
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Drop-in: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Halton Regional Centre (Auditorium) 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, ON

If you have any questions related to the study or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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Additional information related to the study and consultation process may be obtained through the study website: [www.halton.ca/ActiveTransportation](http://www.halton.ca/ActiveTransportation).

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## Honouring our nation's heroes on Remembrance Day

Every year on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, people across Canada pause to pay tribute to our Veterans and honour those who continue to proudly serve our country today. By setting aside time to come together and remember those who have sacrificed for our peace and freedom, we ensure the memory of their efforts lives on for future generations. Please join me this November 11 to honour the men, women and families of those who have served our country.

Lest we forget.



Gary Carr  
Regional Chair

#### Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Meetings can be viewed at [www.halton.ca/meetings](http://www.halton.ca/meetings).

<b>Nov 13 9:30 a.m.</b> Regional Council	<b>Nov 27 1:30 p.m.</b> Admin & Finance Cttee.
<b>Nov 26 9:30 a.m.</b> Health & Social Services Cttee.	<b>Nov 28 9:30 a.m.</b> Planning & Public Works Cttee.
<b>Nov 27 9:30 a.m.</b> Planning & Public Works Cttee.	<b>Nov 28 1:30 p.m.</b> Admin & Finance Cttee.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.

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# A Ted Bit A story from another time and place

Every year as we approach the end of October, I find myself searching for a story about Remembrance Day.

In the past, I've written about veterans and their stories how they made it through life changing conflicts.

I've written about war brides, and families finding the graves of their lost loved ones, decades after the fact.

But this year, it's different.

The story is about a quilt.

And most remarkably, I didn't search for this story—it just fell into my lap.

My brother-in-law, a member of Esqueing Historical Society, told me EHS had received an old quilt from the United Kingdom that was dated 1915, created by members of the Georgetown Women's Institute.

When I heard the details, I knew it was to be 'MY' Remembrance Day story. You can read the story in its entirety in the Remembrance Day special section elsewhere in this newspaper, but the story behind the story is also interesting. The quilt originated in Georgetown in the summer of 1915, and was 'signed' by 355 people as their names were embroidered on the quilt for a nominal donation of 10 cents per name.

It was sent to be a reminder of home to soldiers at Shorncliffe Military Hospital who were convalescing

after being wounded. The quilt was likely on display as a morale booster to those casualties in the wards of the hospital.

When I saw the quilt, I photographed each square that had the names in it, and then typed out all the names as they appeared. The full list of names on the quilt is also published in the Remembrance Day section. For me, it was neat to find names of some of my relatives on the quilt.

My great uncle, Orbey Herrington, had his name on the quilt. He was Grace (Herrington) Brown's older brother— my grandmother. I regularly bump into two of his six children (Doug Herrington and Pauline Greenslade) as they reside in town.

In 1916, a year after the quilt was sent, Uncle Orb headed off to war in for Europe, when he was 19 years-old.

I found the names of siblings Connie and Ray Whitmee— I knew them as a kid, since my mother's elder sister, Aunt Jean was married to their younger brother, Frank Whitmee— my Uncle Frank.

Mrs. R. L. Brown (Robert Levi Brown) was on the quilt— my grandfather's Aunt Hannah— my great-great aunt. She and Uncle Bob lived on the farm north of my farm decades before I was born. Immediately below her, Mrs. J. Brown's name is also on the quilt— my great grandmother 'Maggie' Brown (married to my great-grandfather John Kerr Brown). They resided in the same farmhouse in which I live today.

The quilt certainly illustrates society of the times. Most women on the quilt were simply listed as 'Mrs. Brown', as if they were a possession of their husband. Seems we've come a long way baby...

There are countless other names I know have family still living in Georgetown. I hope many of them take time to visit the quilt.

The other aspect of the story I found interesting was connecting with Tony Groves, the fellow in the UK who found the quilt in his uncle's possessions, and took the initiative to return it to Georgetown.

I exchanged numerous emails with Tony to glean more facts for the story, and found him quite accommodating, as well as very conscious of giving the quilt— and all aspects of military history associated with it— the respect it deserves.

As a result of researching this story, I also learned a great deal about Shorncliffe Military Hospital.

Many Canadian soldiers were taken there from the front, to be patched up and convalesce until they could handle the arduous sea voyage back home to Canada.

It's a poignant story, as we look back to another time and place.

The world was at war. Our ancestors lived with a daily uncertainty, wondering if their husband, brother, father or son would make it home again or become one of the countless casualties of war, whose remains are unknowingly buried in the mud of some battlefield in Belgium or France.

I think the people of Georgetown owe Tony Groves a huge thank you.

He has returned a piece of history home to its roots, and in doing so, reminded us once again of that eternally important phrase— 'Lest We Forget'.

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