

## The way we were



### Celebrating Dominion Day in Limehouse

Members of the Limehouse community march on Dominion Day (the former name of Canada Day) in 1980.

File photo

From our readers

## PICTURE THIS

Ron Spence of Georgetown writes:

If you want to protect your recycling, take a lesson from Nature like the Monarch and Viceroy butterflies....simply disguise your "authentic blue box" by placing it next to a distasteful 'mimic tote box'! This so confuses Halton Sanitation that they pass by both boxes."



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## Supporting young entrepreneurs will keep economy strong

With small businesses contributing an increasing amount to Halton's strong economy, Regional Council is committed to supporting small businesses as they establish themselves and expand. Attracting and retaining jobs is a top priority for Halton Region and I am pleased to report that through our work with staff, Regional Council and our local municipalities, we continue to deliver impressive results.

This year, the Halton Region Small Business Centre, in partnership with the Province of Ontario, is proud to introduce another new youth entrepreneurship program, Starter Company. The Starter Company program provides training and business skills development to help youth between the ages of 18 and 29 develop a business plan and prepare to run their own business. Where eligible, a micro-grant of up to \$5,000 is available to help start a new business, expand an existing business or buy a business. Local business professionals and consultants also offer mentorship and guidance to help youth get their business up and running.

Residents are invited to attend a free general information sessions on the first and third Tuesday of every month between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. at the Small Business Centre. If you would like more information about the program or are interested in registering for a free session, please visit [www.halton.ca/startercompany](http://www.halton.ca/startercompany), email [smallbusiness@halton.ca](mailto:smallbusiness@halton.ca) or dial 311.

Young entrepreneurs play a key role in ensuring Halton's economy remains strong and vibrant. It can be challenging for young business owners to get started, which is why it is crucial that

we are able to provide the next generation of entrepreneurs with the proper programs and supports they need to be successful. The funding provided through the Province of Ontario's Youth Jobs Strategy for programs like the Starter Company will support our youth by giving them access to training and business skills that will prepare them to run their own business, helping our economy to grow.

The Region's strong economy relies on people with the resilient entrepreneurial spirit and we are committed to developing and supporting our local small businesses and those who are considering becoming an entrepreneur. The Halton Region Small Business Centre works to empower small and medium-sized enterprises and give them the tools to achieve success. Last year, staff from the Small Business Centre met with nearly 1,300 entrepreneurs, helping them start and grow their business here in



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Halton, through one-on-one consultation, workshops, seminars and a variety of other programs.

Businesses of all sizes including entrepreneurs choose to open in Halton because of our competitive taxes, first class infrastructure and high quality of life. For more information about the Halton Region Small Business Centre visit [www.haltonsmallbusiness.ca](http://www.haltonsmallbusiness.ca) or dial 311.

As always, if you have any Regional concerns or comments you would like to share, please feel free to email me at [gary.carr@halton.ca](mailto:gary.carr@halton.ca). You can also find me on Twitter @garycarrhalton, LinkedIn or Facebook. To receive further updates on Regional issues, please subscribe to my quarterly e-newsletter, "The Carr Report."

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