

# Kristy worries about NIMBY reaction

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She said the Horizons team contacted ADAPT, (Halton Alcohol Drug and Gambling Assessment Prevention and Treatment), the Mississauga/Halton LHIN, as well as herself.

"They want to connect to our community services to make sure all their clients have all of the services they need for their success, that's what's imperatively important."



"Unfortunately opioids have absolutely changed the landscape of what addiction looks like," said Kristy.

She's worried there will be a NIMBY reaction when people find out about the clinic. Dias also said they are expecting some opposition from residents and they attempt to counter that by educating residents on what they do and who they treat.

"It's your neighbour, it's your peer, it's your colleague, it's your professional, it is every-

where," said Kristy. "What they need to understand is these are people who are finally seeking help."

Kristy said opposing the clinic "can actually cost someone an opportunity to find their wellness... or cost someone their life."

"I would love to think that my community of Georgetown would be more understanding that this is a health issue," said Kristy.

Dias said anyone interested in Methadone Maintenance Treatment can come to Georgetown Pharmacy and receive methadone if they have a valid prescription.

Contact the pharmacy at 905-877-8888. Anyone interested in seeing Dr. Bawa can call the pharmacy and staff there can help them fill out the forms, or they can call Horizons (www.horizonsclinic.ca) at their toll free number, 1-855-742-9449 to book an appointment.

## November is Woman Abuse Awareness Month

Halton Violence Prevention Council kicks off Woman Abuse Awareness Month today (Thursday Nov. 6) at 10 a.m. at the Halton Region, Rotunda, 1151 Bronte Rd, Oakville.

The public is welcome to attend as Halton Violence Prevention Council hangs its "Act Against Violence" banners throughout the region for the month of November.

The Council's mission is to end violence against women and their children in our com-

munity. It is a coordinating committee which works towards improving services for women and children experiencing abuse, in order to achieve a healthy Halton community.

Are you currently involved in an abusive relationship? You and your family can get help! Call the 24-hour crisis line of Halton Women's Place (south 905-332-7892, north 905-878-8555) or the Assaulted Women's Helpline (toll free: 1-866-863-0511).



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