

Holiday Farmers' Market in conjunction with Holiday Magic on Main and Mill will happen on Friday, Dec. 5. The Downtown George-

town market runs 3-8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main St. S. while the Holiday Magic runs 6-9 p.m. Info: 905-873-4970, www.downtown-georgetown.com

Region of Peel

Public Notice

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR WINSTON CHURCHILL BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS FROM HIGHWAY 401 TO EMBLETON ROAD/5 SIDE ROAD REGIONAL MUNICIPALITIES OF PEEL AND HALTON

The Study

The Regional Municipality of Peel has initiated a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for improvements to Winston Churchill Boulevard. The approximate limits of the project study area are from Highway 401 north to Embleton Road/5 Side Road, also illustrated in the figure below. Winston Churchill Boulevard is a north-south arterial road and forms the boundary between the City of Brampton and the Town of Halton Hills.

The study will examine the need and justification, as well as feasibility for improvements, including widening, changes to road and intersection geometrics and pavement rehabilitation on Winston Churchill Boulevard to address short and long-term issues related to planned future growth; operational and servicing deficiencies; and road link capacity limitations. The study will also review opportunities to better facilitate public transit, walking and cycling.

The Process

The study is being conducted in accordance with the approved requirements for a Schedule C project as described in the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) document (2011).

Public Consultation

Public consultation is an integral component of the Municipal Class EA process and opportunities to comment are welcomed throughout the entire study. Consultation activities will be announced at key milestones in the project. The Region plans to hold two Public Information Centres (PICs) over the course of the study. The PICs will provide background information on the study, comparative analysis of alternative solutions and the selection of the technically preferred solution. Representatives from the Region and the Consultant will be present at the PICs to answer questions and address concerns regarding the study. Notification of the upcoming PICs will be provided at the appropriate time by means of a similar notice. At the conclusion of the study, an Environmental Study Report will be filed with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, and made available to agencies and the public for a 30 calendar day public review period.

Comments and Information

Please visit our website <http://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/assessments.htm> for updates on the project. To provide comments or request additional information about this project, please contact either of the following team members.

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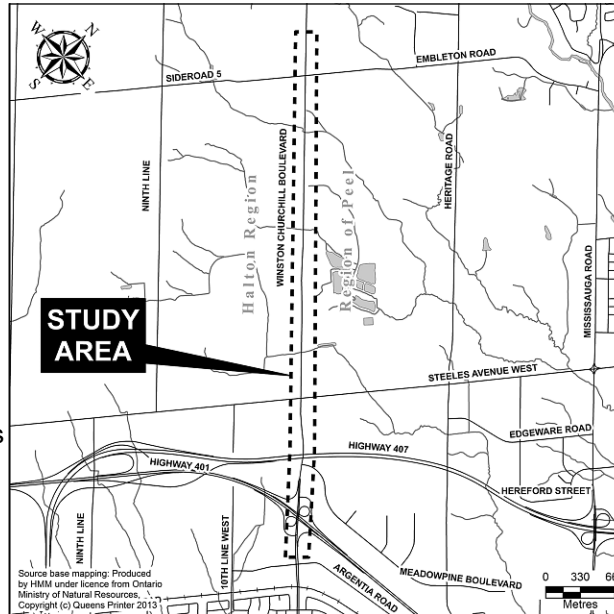
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That little procedure at the vet's office

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Special to the IFP

I recently introduced 'Dairy' the cat, the latest addition to the Brown household.

At the time, I said I often refer to him as 'Licky the Wonder Cat,' simply because he's so affectionate, compelled to lick our arms, wrists, fingers—pretty much any exposed flesh he can find. With a tongue having the consistency of 60 grit sandpaper, this habit can be downright annoying.

I tell ya, that cat could be used as an exfoliate tool.

The Sidekick named him 'Dairy' cuz he's black and white, marked like a Holstein dairy cow. I'll admit, he and Hamish, our border collie, are a matched set, both black and white with similar markings.

Originally The Sidekick was gonna name him Derry, after our trip to Ireland. But somehow it changed to Dairy.

Dairy was born the end of April—he's still a kitten—a big heavy kitten with a very long body. I'm guessing that little surgical procedure he had at the vet's office a month or so back has had something to do with his sudden weight gain.

But it hasn't slowed him down as much as I'd hoped.

When he first arrived, Hamish and Dairy were at odds. Every greeting was laced with hissing and spitting from the cat, answered by an occasional growl from the dog.

That cat was downright sinister, sneaking up on the poor dog, pouncing on him from behind, above, or wherever.

Before Dairy, the dog had established his habit of coming into the house for a nap, temporarily escaping his herding responsibilities in the barn.

But that all changed.

Their first encounters sounded like they were devouring each other, growling and spitting at each other.

The stand-off lasted for weeks.

Just as I was about to 'accidentally' leave the front door open when the cat was nearby, something clicked. They

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started to like each other.

The cat still loves to bolt out of nowhere, and startle the dog by landing on the floor behind, above, or right in front of him. Dairy has also developed a habit of jumping on the dog, and locking his front legs around Hamish's neck, hanging off him as the Hamish 'drags' him along with him.

At times, watching them is entertaining. The dog climbs on the love seat beside me, and the cat curls up on my lap as they groom each other. The dog dozes, the cat mega-purrs, sometimes so loud I have to crank up the volume on the TV.

Hamish still maintains some sacred routines, like that cat is NOT allowed to share his food dish. Hamish clearly established the no-go territory around his water and kibble bowl from the get-go. No cats allowed.

If the cat does decide to live on the edge and wander close to the bowl, the dog makes short work of reminding him to vacate—a convincing low throaty growl.

Nuff said.

Some days I could do without the 'circus' of the cat and dog in the house together.

When it was just the dog, all was quiet and relaxed. Hamish would plop on the floor by the rocking chair, and doze in his sunbeam, all quiet.

With the cat added to the mix, I feel like I'm living in a daycare, with the 'kids' constantly running from one end of the house to the other.

As the weeks turn into months, and the months into years, I'm pretty sure the intended effect of that little surgical procedure on Dairy will kick in, and peace and quiet will eventually return to the Brown household.

At least I'm countin' on it....