

## Refugee group still waiting for a family

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One of the biggest hurdles to overcome was finding a place for the family to live.

"Finding affordable housing is a major issue," Balogh said. "And the other issue is where does the family go. Georgetown has no public transport, so that was easily dismissed as an option."

"As was Milton," Dickenson added.

In the end, the group found an apartment in Oakville, and Balogh said the building is already home to some Syrian families. With donations from neighbours, friends and families, the apartment is completely furnished and waiting.

Although raising the \$70,000 is a task in itself, the group feels they want to provide more for the family, and not just financially.

"I don't know how much is enough," Balogh said. "We have a legal, financial pledge to help the family out financially for one year. We've made an emotional pledge that we would at least be involved for two years, knowing that it takes many years for a group to settle in."

With almost everything in order, all that's missing is the family.

"The timing is still unknown," Balogh said. "It's interesting. Still, with all of this, we might be a cou-

ple months away with all the paperwork."

"It's like we're horses at a starting gate," Dickenson added. "I think it is going to be, we just get a phone call telling us to meet them at the airport in two days."

"It will be a mad rush to the finish line."

As of Jan. 30, the group still hadn't received word on when the family will arrive and are anxiously awaiting their arrival.

To better educate themselves on the process and what to expect, the group has attended information sessions with Lifeline Syria and the Uni-

tarian Church. But they are still looking for assistance in any way the public can help, such as donating towards the cause with money, items or through services they offer—

100 per cent of donations go towards the family.

"For once, this is a practical, hands-on attempt to perhaps make a difference," Dickenson said. "I think that's energized so many people that we can actually make a practical effort and help these families build a new life."

"You look into yourself and think, we're so lucky to live here," Balogh said. "When you look at how far society has come, I think we should be judged on how we look after our most vulnerable people."

**'For once, this is a practical, hands-on attempt to make a difference'**

— Pam Dickenson —



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## Statutory Public Meeting Notice haltonhills.ca

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 4

**Concerning an Application for the approval of a Plan of Condominium**

**For lands legally described as:**

**Concession 9, Part Lot 11, being Parts 1, 3 & 10 and Part of Lot 2, Plan 20R-11759, Ward 4, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton**

**Town of Halton Hills File(s): D07CDM15.002 (Southeast Corner of Danby Road and Eighth Line, Georgetown)**

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed application for approval of a Plan of Condominium.

The proposed Condominium application applies to the lands legally described as Concession 9, Part Lot 11, being Parts 1, 3 & 10 and Part of Lot 2, Plan 20R-11759, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton. The subject lands are located on the southeast corner of Danby Road and Eighth Line (Georgetown). Below is a map of the subject property.

**The purpose and effect of the application is to allow for the development of 21 townhouse units on a plan of condominium.** The Plan of Condominium is part of a larger townhouse development containing a total of 34 townhouse units. This application is associated with Site Plan applications D11SPA15.004

& D11SPA15.005, which are conditionally approved and Part Lot Control application D25PLC15.002.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the Plan of Condominium application, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

#### NOTES:

1. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.
2. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.
3. Any written comment/objection submitted to the Town of Halton Hills regarding these applications which are being processed under the Planning Act 1990, may be made public as part of the application process.

Further information is available in the Planning, Development & Sustainability Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON, L7G 5G2, or contact the Planner assigned to the



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file, Tony Boutassis at 905-873-2601, ext. 2338. A copy of the related Staff Report will be available on Friday, February 26, 2016, on the Town's website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/calendars>.

#### ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

DATE/TIME: Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:15 PM  
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
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