

Welcome package offered to new residents

The Town of Halton Hills's Sustainability Implementation Committee announced its latest initiative last week - a welcome package for new residents of the municipality.

The welcome package will support new residents in getting settled and integrated into the community. A letter of greeting is included in the package along with a memory key to link directly to the town's welcome webpage, filled with useful information about living in Halton Hills.

The key also has extra memory capacity for personal storage.

"We want to make the transition to Halton Hills easy for people and understanding the many amenities available locally is a big part of that," said Mayor Rick Bonnette, chairperson of the Town Sustainability Implementation Committee (TSIC).

"From beautiful parks to cultural opportunities to knowing where to shop or even where to access medical support - these are all important facets to making the move to a new community a happy and memorable experience."



Halton Hills graphic

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TSIC members lead projects that implement the community sustainability strategy, providing direction on decisions that move the community to a higher quality of life.

The town views sustainability through four pillars: cultural vibrancy, economic prosperity, environmental health and social well being. The welcome package is the fourth initiative completed by this term of the TSIC. Other projects include:

- A block party kit to encourage residents to get to know their neighbours;

- An investigative report on the variety of successful community hubs and;

- A report on community street trees that will contribute to the climate change adaptation plan currently being undertaken by the Town.

The welcome package relates to the social well being pillar of sustainability and supports the long-term community vision, which reads: 'In 2060, the urban and rural communities of Halton Hills balance economic prosperity with a deep commitment to the natural environment, while retaining viable local agriculture and small-town feel, and being socially equitable, culturally vibrant and strongly connected.'

If you are new to Halton Hills and interested in receiving a wel-

come package, contact the office of sustainability at 905-873-2601, ext. 2290 or email sustainability@haltonhills.ca

To view the new Town of Halton Hills welcome webpage visit: www.haltonhills.ca/welcome/index.php



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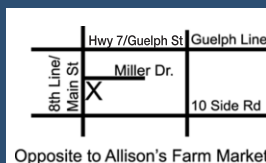


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