

FORD GOVERNMENT INVITING FEEDBACK FROM HALTON PUBLIC ON REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Ford government is inviting feedback from the public on its Regional Government Review.

In a press release issued by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on Wednesday, March 13 the Province said it would hold an online consultation that would be open to all people who live or work in the areas included in the review.

The review will examine Ontario's eight regional municipalities (Halton, York, Durham, Waterloo, Niagara, Peel, Muskoka District and Oxford County), the County of Simcoe, and their lower-tier municipalities.

The deadline to submit comments for the online consultation is April 23,

2019.

"We promised the people of Ontario that all levels of government would work harder, smarter and more efficiently," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the press release.

"Our government is putting people first by seeking local input on how to improve governance, decision making and service delivery for regional governments and their member municipalities."

In addition to meeting with municipalities and stakeholder groups, Special Advisors Michael Fenn and Ken Seiling will assess the feedback received through the online consultation.

They are expected to provide



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Premier Doug Ford.

vide their advice and recommendations to Clark this summer.

"I look forward to receiving the recommendations and hearing what is working in the regions and Simcoe County, and what can be improved," said Clark.

The special advisers will work with the province to explore:

- Opportunities to make it easier for residents and businesses to access municipal services;
- Processes to deliver efficient and effective local services that respects taxpayers' money;
- Methods to make municipalities open for busi-

ness; and,

• ossibilities to cut red tape and duplication, and save costs.

Local residents and businesses will be consulted in spring 2019.

In a Jan. 11 article on InsideHalton, Oakville Mayor Rob Burton voiced concerns the provincial review could lead to an amalgamation of Halton's municipalities.

To participate in the online consultation visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/regional-government-review?_ga=2.36268515.276382792.15512765641298.437440.1542118860.



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Marilyn Mitton (left) of the Canadian Federation of University Women Georgetown and Judy MacLean march through the downtown core in honour of International Women's Day Friday morning.


HALTON HILLS RESIDENTS MARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Local residents and members of Halton Hills Council joined together to march through downtown Georgetown Friday morning in honour of International Women's Day.

A few dozen participants donned purple and walked throughout the core displaying signs with

various slogans, including this year's theme of 'Better the Balance, Better the World,' which makes a call to action for accelerating gender balance.


The event was organized by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Georgetown.



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