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## Cultural Heritage Master Plan Steering Committee Call for Applicants



The Town of Halton Hills is seeking up to six (6) volunteers interested in serving on the Steering Committee for the Cultural Heritage Master Plan. The Town is undertaking this process to provide the tools to identify, protect, and celebrate the Town's rich and diverse cultural heritage resources, and to provide comprehensive guidance for the management of identified cultural heritage resources.

The review will be a community-integrated process shaped by input from the public and key stakeholders and will be conducted over 24 months. More information to come on the Cultural Heritage Master Plan project page on [letstalkhaltonhills.ca](http://letstalkhaltonhills.ca).

### Duties

The role of the Steering Committee will be to:

- Monitor the progress of the study;
- Provide comments during the study process;
- Assist with issue identification and resolution;
- Liaise with respective organizations or communities; and,
- Increase awareness of the project and seek broader community input.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to serve on the Steering Committee, applicants must:

- Be a resident, business owner, or land owner in the Town of Halton Hills;
- Be over the age of 18 years;
- Demonstrate a strong interest in the Town's cultural heritage; and,
- Not be employed by the Town of Halton Hills.

### How To Apply

By the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021, applicants must:

- Complete the 'Application for Volunteer Committee Members' form for the Cultural Heritage Master Plan Steering Committee on the Town's website at [haltonhills.ca/JoinCommittees](http://haltonhills.ca/JoinCommittees); and,
- Submit the volunteer application to Melissa Lawr, Deputy Clerk-Legislation, by email at [melissal@haltonhills.ca](mailto:melissal@haltonhills.ca), or by mail at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON, L7G 5G2.

For more information, contact 905-873-2600, ext. 2358.

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## NEWS

# SOME VACCINATED RESIDENTS HAVE STILL CONTRACTED COVID-19: MOH

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Halton health officials are reporting that a small number of the region's residents who are either partially or fully vaccinated have been infected with COVID-19.

According to Halton medical officer Dr. Hamidah Meghani, of the 404,323 Halton residents who were partially vaccinated with at least one dose between Jan. 1 and June 13, 421 people (0.1 per cent) developed symptomatic cases of COVID-19.

There were also 37 "breakthrough" cases with symptoms in local residents who were fully vaccinated with both doses, she said.

"No vaccine is perfect, so we expect to see some post-vaccination cases, which are cases of COVID-19 where symptoms began after the person has been vaccinated," she told regional council during its June 16 session. "As expected, hospitalization has been very rare amongst Halton post-vaccination cases."

She noted that unvaccinated people and those who were only recently vaccinated and have yet to build immunity "still account for the vast majority of new cases being reported and new hospitalizations."

A recent report on the topic from Public Health Ontario (PHO) reveals that there have also been asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 in Halton among residents who've received either one or both vaccine doses.

The document indicates that between Dec. 14, 2020 and May 29, 2021, there were 79 asymptomatic cases in partially vaccinated Halton residents, and 26



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Halton health officials say the vast majority of new COVID-19 cases being reported are amongst unvaccinated people.

breakthrough cases.

Across the province, 12,544 (0.15 per cent) out of the 8.3 million individuals who received at least one dose of the vaccine by May 29 became infected with COVID-19, while 1,521 people (0.02 per cent) who were fully vaccinated contracted the virus.

"The increasing trends in partially vaccinated and breakthrough cases are a reflection of both trends in vaccine administration (increasing number of doses administered over time) and trends in COVID-19 incidence," states the PHO report.

The document notes that vaccine effectiveness in preventing COVID-19 infection is estimated to be 60 to 80 per cent within three to four weeks of receiving one dose of Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca vaccines — a number that increases to "greater than 85 per cent" following a second dose.

"While vaccines provide a high degree of protection from COVID-19 infection, it is expected that a small proportion of vaccinated individuals may become

infected as no vaccine is 100-per-cent effective," says the report. "When COVID-19 cases occur following vaccination, there is evidence that vaccines reduce symptomatic infection, the severity of illness, as well as transmission."

Back at council, Meghani said that public health staff is also tracking how many people are overdue for their second vaccine dose, meaning they received their first dose four or more months ago and still haven't returned for their next shot — a figure she said was sitting at 113 residents.

"We are monitoring those who have not received their vaccine series and exploring ways to encourage them to receive their second dose," she said.

For further details on vaccinations in Halton visit [halton.ca/COVIDvaccines](http://halton.ca/COVIDvaccines).



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