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The Halton Hills Public Library has added a collection of sensory items to assist those with sensory processing challenges.

## LOCAL LIBRARIES ADD SENSORY COLLECTION

The Halton Hills Public Library is offering a sensory collection for use in the library.

The collection contains an assortment of items to reduce stress and anxiety, stimulate learning and provide comfort during library visits. Tactile and sensory items like fidget cubes, fidget spinners, liquid motion timers, fabric squares, press and stay blocks, picture communication cards, noise cancelling headphones, latex stretch foot bands, wiggle cushions and weighted lap pads are available for use.

Items can be borrowed during your library visit and returned before you leave.

The sensory collection helps those with sensory processing disorder, where the brain has difficulty organizing and responding to information received through the five senses.

There are two types of sensory processing challenges: hypersensitivity, where individuals avoid sensory input because it's too overwhelming; and hyposensitivity, where individuals look for more sensory stimulation. Many individuals experience a mix of the two.

"We are happy to provide and support this new collection," said Beverley King, manager of community engagement. "Halton Hills Public Library is a welcoming and inclusive space that encourages literacy and learning for all."

## NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

Winston Churchill Boulevard Improvements from Highway 401 to Embleton Road/5 Side Road  
Regional Municipalities of Peel and Halton

#### The Study

The Regional Municipalities of Peel and Halton are conducting a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for improvements to Winston Churchill Boulevard from Highway 401 to Embleton Road / 5 Side Road (see map). Winston Churchill Boulevard is a north-south Regional arterial road and forms the boundary between the City of Brampton and the Town of Halton Hills.

The purpose of the study is to 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 needs related to planned future growth. The study will also review opportunities to better facilitate public transit and active transportation.

#### The Study Process Includes:

- Stakeholder consultation (e.g., Indigenous Communities, public, landowners and review agencies)
- An evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts
- The identification of a preferred design concept
- Two Public Information Centres (PICs)
- Mitigation measures to reduce impacts on the surrounding environment

#### Virtual Public Information Centre

The purpose of this Notice is to invite you to attend the second PIC that will be held to receive input from the public and interested stakeholders. The PIC material will be posted online at the link noted below. The material will include a summary of PIC #1 and activities that have occurred since, the alternative design concepts which are currently being considered to address transportation requirements in the Study Area. The PIC material will be made available from May 19 to June 9, 2022. Comments regarding the project will be received until June 19, 2022. A summary of questions and answers will be posted online following the PIC.

#### Comments and Information

Please visit the Winston Churchill Boulevard Environmental Assessment page on [peelregion.ca](https://peelregion.ca).

If you would like to provide comments or have questions, or if you would like to be added to the Project Contact List, please contact one of the Project Managers listed below.

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environment Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's *Environment Assessment Act*.

#### Meetings at Halton Region

Regional Council meetings are taking place through web conferencing until further notice. Videos will be posted to [halton.ca](https://halton.ca).



Please contact us, as soon as possible, if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.

