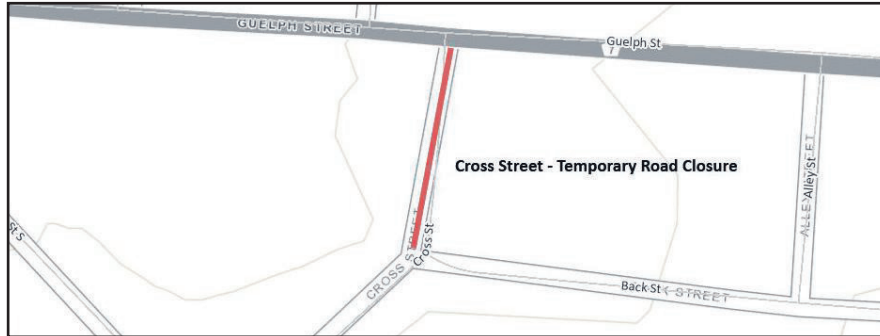


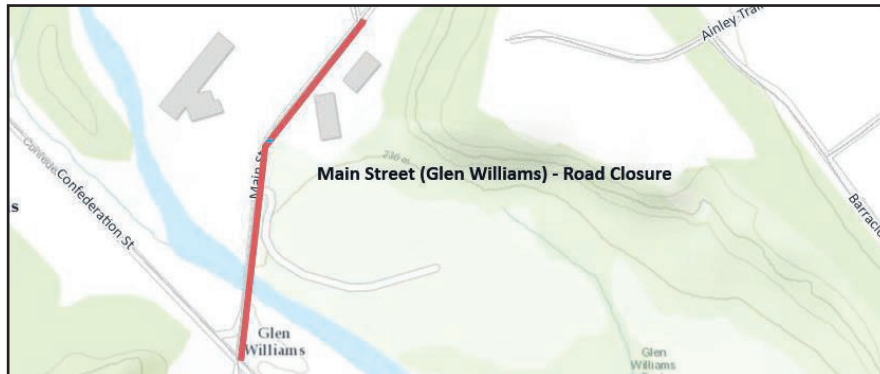
Notice of Multiple Temporary Road Closures



The Town of Halton Hills is advising of the temporary closure of Cross Street between Guelph Street (Highway 7) and Back Street. The temporary closure to through traffic is required for the completion of Halton Hills Hydro substation reconstruction. The road will be closed from Friday, October 14 to December 2022.



The Town of Halton Hills is advising of the temporary closure of Main Street between Confederation Street and Prince Street. The temporary closure to through traffic is required for the Truth and Reconciliation Crosswalk event. The road will be closed on Monday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Town of Halton Hills is advising of the temporary closure of Crewsons Line between Highway 7 and 32 Side Road. Closure to through traffic is required for the completion of railway bridge repairs by Metrolinx. The road will be closed from Monday, October 17 to Friday, October 28, 2022.



Questions or comments?

Contact Matt Roj, Traffic Coordinator, at 905-873-2600, ext. 2215.

NEWS

OSPREY TOWER SET TO BE INSTALLED AT FAIRY LAKE

TOWN WELCOMES FEEDBACK ABOUT PROJECT

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The Town of Halton Hills could soon be home to an osprey platform — supporting efforts to enhance biodiversity around Fairy Lake.

"Birds can't live with us on suburban streets where there is very little habitat for them to avail themselves of," said Don Scallen, Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club member. "We have pretty good bird diversity here, and in spring and fall, there are migrants that grace us with their presence."

North Halton is home to over 100 bird species, Scallen said.

Town's Director of Parks and Open Space Kevin Okimi said an osprey platform "can encourage birds to nest in appropriate places, rather than in electrical towers or sports fields lighting poles where the nest could be subject to more human impact."

The naturalist club — in partnership with the town, Halton Hills Hydro, and Credit Valley Conservation Authority — is planning to install an osprey tower in the open space at Rotary Park near Elizabeth Drive.

"It's no coincidence that Halton Hills was recognized earlier this year by Nature Canada as a certified 'Bird Friendly City,'" said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Our town boasts a rich natural environment en-



Emily Mays photo
Emily Mays shared this photo of some baby birds in their nest, taken in Ridgeway.

joyed by residents and so many of our feathered friends."

Construction of the tower will start following the review of public feedback and communication of resident queries. The town is inviting anyone with questions regarding the project to reach out to Okimi at kevin@haltonhills.ca.

While birds including the red-headed woodpecker, whip-poor-wills, and purple martins have retreated from Halton Hills over the years, Scallen said species such as merlins, ravens, red-bellied woodpeckers, sharp-shinned hawks and cooper's hawks have re-established their ranges in the area. Mourning doves, blue jays, robins and hummingbirds can also be commonly found in

Halton Hills, Scallen added.

"There has been a dramatic expansion of bird population into Halton Hills and southern Ontario over the last couple decades."

A combination of increased awareness around chemical hazards, restricted hunting, and the birds' adaptation to human environment over time are some reasons supporting an increase in bird population, Scallen said.

While there is no guarantee the birds will nest on the osprey tower, the project aims to provide safe nesting options for birds to increase biodiversity in the area.

Construction of the project is expected to complete this fall.

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