



Message from the Chairman

REGION RECOGNIZES OUR GROUNDWATER IS WORTH PROTECTING

Region of Halton

Halton currently supplies groundwater to approximately 65,000 residents in our communities of Acton, Georgetown, and Milton. A further 20,000 residents rely on individual wells to support farming and domestic needs.

On behalf of these residents, Halton Region has, for many years, been committed to the long-term protection and management of our groundwater resource.

In 1994, we hired a staff hydrogeologist to develop and oversee a Regional Aquifer Management Plan. Being only one of two municipal governments with such groundwater expertise in-house, we believe our proactive approach to groundwater management is essential when addressing long term environmental issues that involve water in general and groundwater in particular.

Since then we made great strides with our understanding of our groundwater resources and The Aquifer Management Plan is now calling for planning policies to exclude inappropriate land developments from sensitive groundwater areas. It also calls for the development of programs, policies or guidelines to address groundwater quality and quantity, abandoning wells, water conservation, contaminated sites, and long term monitoring.

Although we made considerable inroads, Halton Region strongly believes there is a need to improve the management of groundwater resources. In January, on behalf of Regional Council, I wrote a letter to the MOE requesting they address the groundwater management issue and that Provincial involvement focus on the following areas:

- Investigating the drafting of legislation requiring municipalities to undertake proactive groundwater management studies.
- Attaching conditions to the Provincial Water Protection Fund so that studies carried out by various municipalities across the province follow the same standards or level of detail.
- Evaluating The Permit To Take Water (PTTW) program. There are no limits to the amount of water that can currently be withdrawn from a watershed. The Province should consider delegation of the PTTW responsibility to the Regional level for those areas that have an interest and understanding of water resources.
- Investigating regulatory options for addressing land use within sensitive groundwater areas (e.g. environmental audit requirements, underground storage tanks regulations in sensitive areas, additional registration, inspection, and testing for facilities handling or transporting hazardous waste, etc.).

Long-term protection and management of our groundwater resource is a top priority for Halton Region but we need support from the Province. We believe that Ontario must have a better understanding of water issues if it is to effectively address many of the future stresses that will be placed on our water resources. We urge the MOE to commit to an appropriate level of funding to the management of this resource and to move forward with a more proactive plan for addressing water in general and groundwater in particular.

Joyce Savoline
Chairman,
Region of Halton

Emissions

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respect to changes in social norm do exist. Key players are the corporate sector, kids in school, media, environmental groups, and finally the political will. If you are concerned about greenhouse gas emissions and the environment in general, take the initiative to change lifestyle habits. The worst that can happen is that you live a healthier and more cost-effective lifestyle.

The next seminar on Local Groundwater Issues runs from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 30th at Cedarvale Park Community Centre. Steve Holysh, Halton Region Hydrogeologist will be the speaker.

REGION OF HALTON PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS - GUELPH LINE & 15 SIDEROAD MILTON (NASSAGAWEYA AREA)

The Regional Municipality of Halton is currently preparing for the construction, design and study of several Transportation Improvements located within the Nassagaweya Community. These improvements are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	STATUS
1. Reconstruction of Guelph Line from 10 Sideroad to 15 Sideroad	Construction Scheduled early 2000
2. All way stop at 15 Sideroad and First Line	Implementation 2000
3. Knoll Removal - 15 Sideroad East of Guelph Line (near Presbyterian Church)	Feasibility Study

In conjunction with the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (NCCC), a Public Information Evening will be held to review the above noted improvements and provide the public with an opportunity to comment:

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2000
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Nassagaweya Community Centre, Brookville

A short presentation will commence at 7:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer period. Interested persons are invited to attend to review and comment on the proposed works.

If you are unable to attend this Public Information Evening and wish to obtain more information or provide written comment, please address your concerns to:

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Regional Municipality of Halton
1151 Bronte Road Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1
(905) 825-6030 or 905-878-8113, ext. 7610
Fax: (905) 847-2192
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The Town of Milton Council Recap by Councillor Cindy Pearson Lunau

MOFFAT BOUNDARY

An Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Hearing resulted in the northern boundaries of the Moffat Hamlet being extended to edge of the creek. The Hillmans had appealed to include their farm in the Hamlet, after the Town had refused their application for a zoning amendment. The resulting decision leaves two small parcels of the property in the Hamlet, without creating additional lots. This completes all challenges to rural planning in Nassagaweya.

MOHAWK SLOTS - In case you haven't heard (Nassagaweya grapevines run fast & deep) Milton's share of the revenue from the Mohawk Slots from August through December amounted to \$2,536,462. The cheque is in the bank, pending Council's decision on how best to use this revenue.

EASTER SEALS! - Council welcomed this year's Tammy, an honour shared by nine-year old Patricia & Stephanie Leopold, who read a resolution unanimously passed by Council declaring March as Easter Seals month in the Town of Milton. The twins were accompanied by their parents Wendy & Rick Neal of Hornby and many members of the Rotary Club.

TRAILS MASTER PLAN - A Public Open House scheduled for March will now be held in April. If you wish personal notice of the date, or wish to submit comments, suggestions, or questions previous to this meeting, please call Ken McAlpine at Town Hall, e-mail address kenmca@town.milton.on.ca.

RAILWAY CROSSING - The Town continues to pursue the installation of warning lights and bells on Third Sideroad at First Line Nassagaweya. A meeting to discuss safety issues with Transport Canada was very positive. Although the Town's portion is in the 2000 budget, it remains a 12-18 month process.

C-VILLE HAMLET AREA HYDROGEOLOGICAL STUDY - With financing now in place, the Town & Region has contracted a consultant to conduct this important study which recognizes the sensitive nature of the area. Representation on the Steering Committee includes Regional Councillor Barry Lee and citizen representative Murray Inglis.

WALDORF SCHOOL - The school has now moved to its new home in Burlington. Under their agreement with the Town, the portable classrooms will be removed and the area rehabilitated. Best wishes to the school, students & families in their new facilities!

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Your representatives:

Your questions, comments, concerns are important. Please call us. **Barry Lee (519) 824-0679 or 1-888-317-2292; Lieven Gevaert (519) 856-4529 or Cindy Lunau cindy@in.on.ca (519) 853-3772.** Town Hall 905-878-7211 or 1-800-418-5494. www.town.milton.on.ca



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2000 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Are you interested in running for
Local Government Office?

If you plan to seek office in the
2000 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

you must register with the Town Clerk before you
spend or raise any money for campaign activities.

Nominations in the prescribed form, must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent, between **January 4, 2000 and October 13, 2000**, in the Office of the Clerk between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

For further information, contact the Town Clerk.

Helen Lisi, Town Clerk
Milton Town Hall
43 Brown Street
Milton, Ontario L9T 5H2
(905) 878-7211, Ext. 132

TOWN GRANTS PROGRAM

The Town of Milton is now accepting applications to the Town Grants Program. Funding is available to community organizations in four areas:

- Development Funding - for new groups, or expansion activities
- Project Funding - one time funding for specific projects or events
- Sustaining Funding - support for the continuation of existing programs
- Facility Funding - support to host activities in Town facilities

Applications can be picked up at Town Hall - deadline March 6th, 2000

For further information, please contact:

Joy Anderson, Coordinator Community Development at 702-3143