# Conservation Halton gets good report card

by Donna Danielli

The artist Robert Bateman once remarked, "Some of the most elegant and charming parts of the world are those areas where traditional human settlement and activities have a gentle and compatible interface with nature. Large sections of the Halton watershed remain like this today." Conservation Halton has developed a plan called "Inspired by Nature" to protect and enhance the natural environment and has recently published its Watershed Report Card. This report card is published every three years, in conjunction with a major review of the strategic plan.

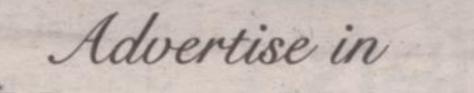
Eight environmental indicators are used to determine the health of the watershed. These indicators are water quality, forest health, creek flows, development, wetland habitat, natural corridors, wildlife, and support and enjoyment.

The report card gives Conservation Halton a mark of "A" in the areas of promoting land stewardship, developing watershed plans, and an "A-" in improving governance and operations. The mark of "B" was given in the areas of protecting forests, integrating environmental planning with community growth, providing a flood control and warning program, and managing parks in sustainable ways. Conservation Halton received the mark of "B+" in the categories of maintaining healthy creeks, and educating people about natural heritage, while a "B-" was given for developing long-term funding principles. The only mark of "C" was given in the category of acquiring natural areas, reflecting the impact of the expected doubling of population in Conservation Halton's watershed over the next 20 years and the reduction in recent years of funding for land acquisition.

The report reflects Conservation Halton's concern for water control structures and states, "Conservation Halton believes that flood control and water management should be a shared responsibility as it involves human safety and the protection of Ontario's creeks and rivers."

The report also makes sure to praise the watershed municipalities for their budgetary support over the past three years. These watershed municipalities have shown support for environmental protection and conservation. However, the Province of Ontario is taken to task in the report which says, "The Province of Ontario's financial support for Conservation Halton has-been cut by almost 70 per cent during the past several years. The Province needs to recognize and increase support for the efforts of Ontario's conservation authorities which have the expertise and an effective track record."

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the report providing feedback on it are encouraged to contact Theresa Maguire-Garber, CAO, Conservation Halton at 905-336-1158 or by e-mail at admin@hrca.on.ca.



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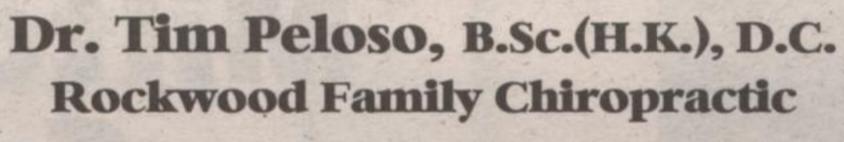
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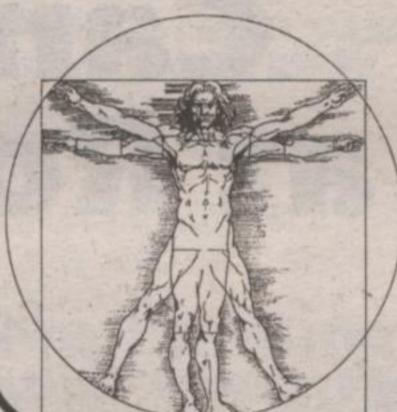
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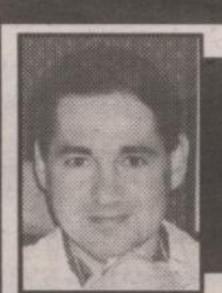
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