

Campbellville Firehall Upgrade

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Halton, led him to believe the Region was waiting to see what Milton decided about the enhancement package before making any decision about the variance.

"We have already proposed a motion last month to cover the overage through development charges and slots dollars, and now we're negotiating with the Region to help pay some of that variance. It does not put us in a good light to ask be asking the Region for sixty or seventy thousand dollars when we're putting \$154,500 into aesthetics."

Along with Councillors Day, Melanson, Penman, Lunau and Keates, Councillor Barry Lee supported the enhancement package,

saying, "This firehall took a long time to get to this point and it's something Campbellville would like to take pride in."

Councillor Malboeuf stated very clearly that he felt the Town had no business spending extra money on aesthetics.

"This project is already over budget by \$267,350 of the taxpayer's money. This \$154,500 will not increase response time one bit, it would be better spent on fire equipment than aesthetics. You could buy 30 public access defibrillators for that money. We, as a Council, are responsible for the tax dollars, whether they come from the operating budget, capital budget, development charges or

slots dollars. We have no business spending an extra \$154,500 on aesthetics."

Milton Councillor Ron Furik disagreed. "This isn't about emergency services, this is about doing it right and that includes the aesthetics."

With only Councillor Malboeuf and Mayor Gord Krantz voting against the motion in the recorded vote, the motion to increase the tender by \$154,500 to add the enhancement package was passed.

The additional monies will be funded from development charges and slots revenue with the Halton Regional Police Department contributing \$5,000 towards the cost.

OP set for public input

By DONNA DANIELLI

After months of staff work and review, The Region of Halton unveiled its proposed revisions to its Official Plan, titled "Directions Report," on Wednesday September 11, at a special evening session. The document is now being sent out to the public for their input in a series of eight open houses and workshops.

"The Directions Report is a starting point for discussion and it will evolve as we hear from the community about the issues that are the focus of this review process," said Patrick Murphy, Halton's Commissioner of Planning and Public Works. The Directions Report looks at 15 possible directions for Halton's future, and focuses on policy issues such as delivering smart growth, affordable housing, supporting and promoting agriculture,

enhancing greenlands, improving environmental quality and public transit.

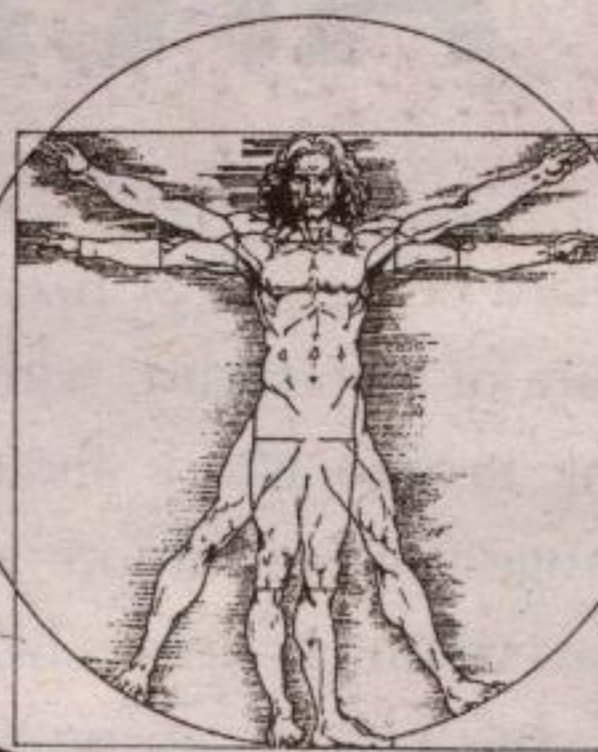
"We want the public to take centre stage in this process and encourage all of our residents to participate and share their vision for Halton," said Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. The Directions Report is available for viewing at Halton Region's website at www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan, along with all background reports. Additional information will be posted on this website as the consultation process continues.

The first open house in North Halton was held in Brookville on September 24, with meetings to follow on Wednesday October 2 at Halton Hills Council, 6:00 pm, Monday October 7 at Hugh Foster Hall in Milton at 7:00 pm and on

Thursday October 17 at St. Joseph's School in Acton at 6:00 pm. Each of these open houses offers an hour of discussion with Region staff before a presentation is made one hour later. A children's activity area will be provided at each open house as well.

"We are excited about the opportunities this review provides to consult with the public," said Chairman Savoline. "It will help us chart a course for Halton's future that has community values and quality of life at its core."

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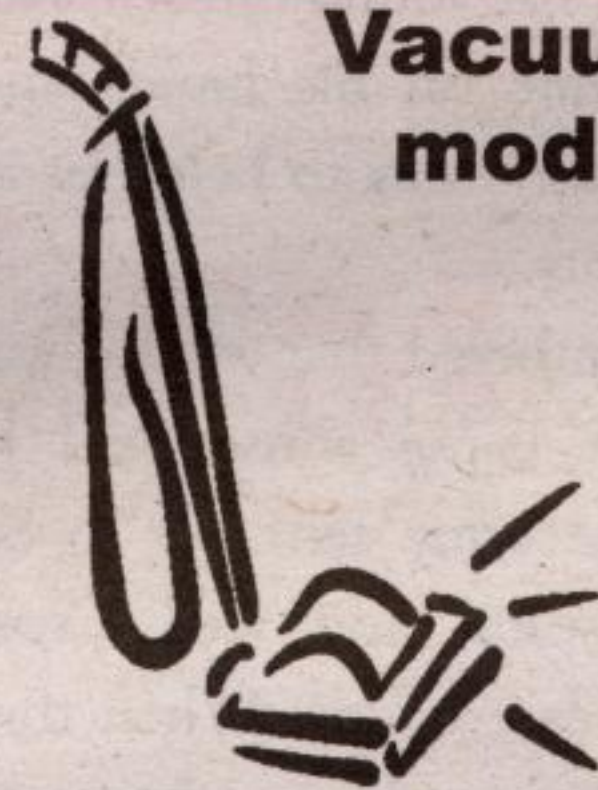


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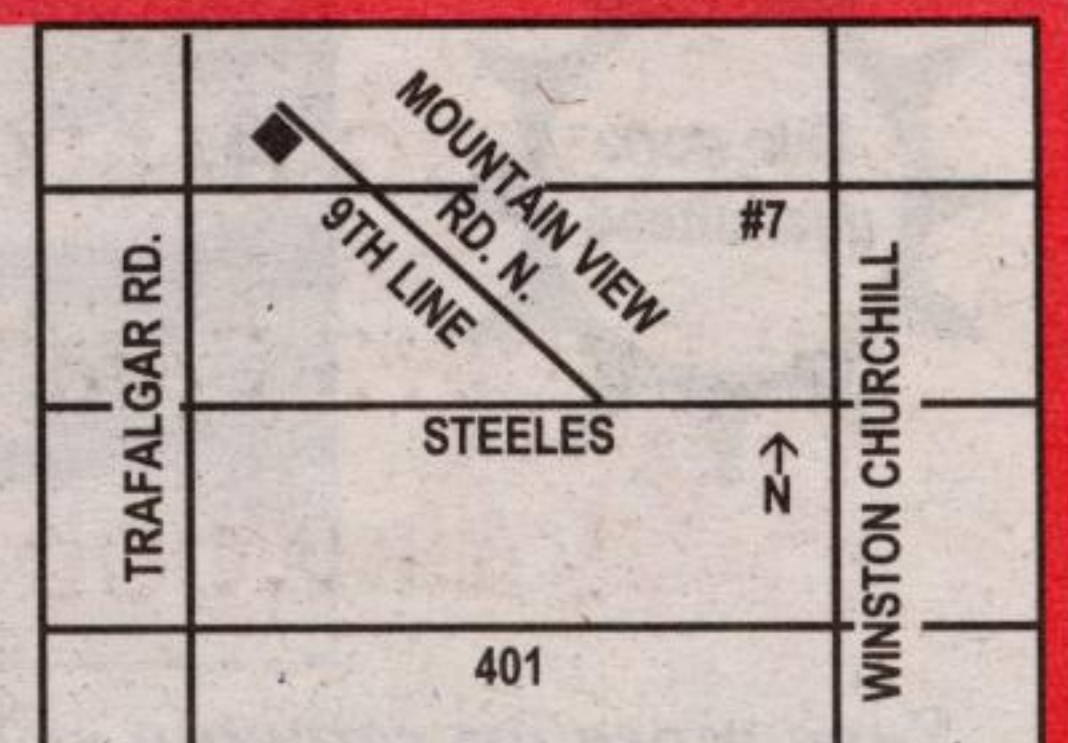
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