

On the way to Bethlehem

By Brenda Mathies

Through the cooperative efforts of 17 churches, a Christmas Nativity Pageant was performed by 90 actors and over 350 volunteers for Milton area residents at the Country Heritage Park. Moreover, visitors came from as far away as Niagara Falls, Windsor, Huntsville and Kingston to enjoy the event.

The cold and frosty eves of December 6-9 did not keep 3800 weary travellers from making their trek to pay their taxes in Bethlehem and witness the miracle of the Lord Jesus' birth. Each "family" was safely escorted from Nazareth to

Bethleham by their knowledgeable guides (pictured to the left is Guide Donna Parsons in authentic attire).

This was an event of great magnitude not only for the work involved in presenting the play but the lasting effect the experience has had on all who participated.

Carolyn McDonnell stated "a sizable donation will be given back to the community for charitable purposes" as a result of this evening's success. Thank you to all those involved. The memory of that night's journey will last until the next year's taxation - November 28 - December 1, 2003!

Congratulations on the event's success.



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Halton Region

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Be a Part of Halton Region's Official Plan Review

2002 Official Plan Review

Halton Region is seeking input from the public on its Official Plan. We will be hosting a series of workshops throughout the Region, and we look forward to hearing your ideas on the future of Halton.

What is the Official Plan?

Every municipality in Ontario is required to develop an Official Plan which outlines a community's vision for its future and guides decisions on development, transportation, environmental protection, and more.

Halton Region's Official Plan is now under review. This is an opportunity for residents and businesses to play an important part in ensuring Halton Region continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

What is important to you about Halton Region? How should we address the challenges our Region is facing?

Your participation is vital. Please register for a workshop or visit our website to learn more about the Official Plan Review.

www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan Try our new electronic comment form!

Official Plan Review Event Schedule

January

Wednesday, January 15th 2003

Transportation Workshop

7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m Halton Region Museum (Kelso Conservation Area) Kelso Road 28, Milton.

Wednesday, January 22nd 2003

Greenlands Workshop

7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m Milton Lion's Hall, Milton Memorial Arena 77 Thompson Road, south of Main Street Milton.

Saturday, January 25th 2003

Rural/Agricultural Workshop

Nassagaweya Community Centre Cameron Drive, Brookville, Milton

Call us or visit our website at www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan to download a copy of the Directions Report: <u>The Greening of Halton -Smart Growth, Smart Choices</u> and other technical papers. These documents are a starting point for a public dialogue about the important issues in our community. For more information contact Isabel Telford at EXT. 7195 / telfordi@region.halton.on.ca

Water: Our Precious Resource Halton Water Meter Change Out Program

Halton Region is undertaking a program to replace old, outdated water meters. The replacement of gear-driven or gallon meters with new remotered meters will mean more accurate measurement of water usage, equitable billing and more convenient service for our customers by eliminating the need to fill out cards or call in readings.

If your meter is due for replacement, you will receive a package in the mail with all of the information you will need to arrange an appointment.

To learn more about this program, drop by our open house.
Public Open House

Date:

Thursday, January 9, 2003

Time: Location: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (brief presentation at 7:30)
Halton Hills Cultural Centre - Gallery
(9 Church Street, Georgetown)



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2003 Municipal Election
List of Office and Nomination Procedures

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended, notice is hereby given of the office for which persons may be nominated and the nomination procedures.

Office for which persons may be nominated:

Regional Chairman for the 2003-2006 term of Regional Council

Candidates will have their names on the ballots of the four area municipalities within the Region - the City of Burlington, and the Towns of Oakville, Halton Hills and Milton - by general vote.

Nomination Procedures:

A person qualified to hold office may be nominated for the Office of the Regional Chairman by filing a nomination in the Office of the Regional Clerk, 2nd Floor, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario:

- from January 2, 2003 to September 25, 2003 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- on Nomination Day Friday, September 26, 2003 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Under Section 29(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act* a person may be nominated for an office only if, as of the day the person is nominated:

- a) he or she is qualified to hold that office under the Act that creates it; and.
- b) he or she is not ineligible under this or any other Act or otherwise prohibited by law to be nominated or to hold the office.

Nomination forms will be available in the Office of the Regional Clerk. The following must be provided at the time of submission:

- A signed consent to the nomination, in the prescribed form;
- A declaration of qualification, in the prescribed form, signed by the person being nominated;
- The prescribed filing fee of \$200, in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Regional Municipality of Halton; and,
- Identification of the candidate (driver's licence or other form of picture identification)

Please note:

No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes, or incur expenses, until that person has filed a nomination with the Regional Clerk.

Candidates must satisfy themselves, through their own determination or with the assistance of their own legal counsel, of the various statutory provisions relating to their candidacy. In particular, they must satisfy themselves of whether or not they are qualified or disqualified to be a candidate for municipal office. They must also satisfy themselves that they are complying with all the requirements relating to election campaign finances

Tina Agnello Regional Clerk Photo by BRENDA MATHIES

