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Optional or Mandatory?

Ontario Trails Strategy could threaten private land ownership

BY BERNADETTE WARD

Although the Province has wrapped up its regional consultations and workshops for the Ontario Trails Strategy, it is still not clear whether or not local landowner involvement will be optional or mandatory.

"We would love to have trails for the benefit of everyone, but it should be on public lands. If other land owners want to join, then great," says John Opsteen, President of the Halton Region Federation of Agriculture.

"WE'RE NOT WORKING ON A TRAIL SYSTEM BUT A TRAIL STRATEGY,"

According to Gary Wheeler, spokesperson for the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, the province has embarked on a strategy to co-ordinate the large number of trails in Ontario.

There are a substantial number of groups that use Ontario's trails and the plan is to create a long-term strategy

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Halton Region stands up for farmers

Livestock Facility Guidelines (Odour) passed despite opposition

BY BERNADETTE WARD

The boundaries between rural and urban life blur a little more each day, but the Region of Halton is doing it's best to stand firm in it's support of those engaged in agri-business.

On February 9, council adopted the Livestock Facility Guidelines (Odour), which are intended to help sort out exactly where everyone stands when it comes to livestock facilities and their odours.

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Spring is sprung

Maple sap starting to run at Mountsberg Conservation Area Easter weekend.

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