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## You can help keep your community safe through a Community Policing Committee

Chief of Police Ean Algar, Halton Regional Police Service

EXCLUSIVE TO THE HALTON COMPASS



Did you know that Halton Region is one of the safest communities in Canada with a population in excess of 100,000 people? Keeping our high standard of community safety takes more than just good police work. It takes community participation. Sir Robert Peel realized this when he helped create the first full-time police force in London, England back in 1829. Peel's principles of policing included this phrase, which is a pillar of modern policing: "the police are the public and the public are the police". That being the case, can you say that you've helped your local Police Service know what the issues are in your area? If you're interested in helping keep your community safe, there is a way for you to become involved, and it doesn't take much time at all. What's more, you may just have some fun and meet some great people.

The Halton Regional Police Service "Community Consultation Committee" program gives citizens the opportunity to meet with a frontline Police Officer in an informal setting. At a Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting, folks meet to discuss issues in their neighbourhood that affect health, safety and quality of life. Recently, some long-standing committees have opted to call themselves Community Policing Committees, while others are keeping the traditional name of Community Consultation Committee. No matter what the name, though, the concept is the same.

Our Service is at the forefront of what is known in law enforcement as "community policing". This is an all-encompassing organizational philosophy, not just a slogan or con-

cept. Community policing encourages and acknowledges the proactive efforts of Officers and citizens who work together to identify and remedy community concerns. The Community Consultation Committees are an important component of community policing, and play a vital role in helping us meet our annual goals as a Police Service. Ongoing interaction with concerned citizens not only focuses our resources more effectively, but also allows us the flexibility to adapt and meet the diverse needs of our growing and evolving communities.

We are fortunate in Halton. We have a community that is supportive and willing to work in partnership with us. What's more, I find that our rural population is particularly drawn to the CCC process, and have made our North Halton CCCs very successful. In 2004, the Nassagaweya CCC was presented with an award of recognition from the Halton Regional Police Service for its contribution to crime prevention and community safety. The award was presented by Ontario Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services Monte Kwinter. Nassagaweya members have established programs such as Rural Watch and Road Watch, and held child safety seat inspections and roadside clean-ups.

As a resident of rural Halton myself, I know that rural communities have needs that involve considerably different issues compared to those in urban areas. For example, I don't know how many mailboxes get

knocked down in Oakville, but that sure happens a lot in my neck of the woods! We also deal with specific traffic issues, such as the influx of bicycles and motorcycles on our roads in the spring and summer, and a host of other concerns that are unique to rural living.

I highly recommend that you take in a CCC/CPC meeting near you and see for yourself how you can contribute to your community's well-being. The next Nassagaweya CCC meeting takes place June 20 at 10:00 a.m. at Brookville Hall, 11264 Guelph Line. The Milton CPC meets next on June 28 at 7:30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce. The Derry CCC meets June 29 at 7:00 pm at 12 Division, 490 Childs Drive, Milton. The Halton Hills CPC meets July 26 at 7:00 pm at 11 Division, 217 Guelph Street in Georgetown, and the Acton CCC will meet again on September 1 at 7:30 p.m. at 10 Division, 38 Mill St. East in Acton.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

Any visitor to our town might have thought we'd all 'gone potty' had they been around on May 28th!

The 'tird' annual Crazy Outhouse Race in support of Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) was an overwhelming success! The new games, events and other activities were well received by all the spectators. Our celebrity guests were a big hit, and we thank Jeff Lumby and Alysha Brooke for taking time out of their busy schedules to support a great cause.

The creativity of the outhouse teams simply astonishes us every year. Our new "voluntary sponsorship program" brought in almost \$3500 and we are most grateful to the teams for this tremendous accomplishment. There were no 'losers' this year - you are all winners in our books!

This event would not be possible without the help from our dedicated volunteers and

the support of businesses and individuals who donate prizes and/or services. We attribute much of the success to our caring community and the compassionate people of Halton Hills to which we are eternally grateful.

"Privy Council"  
CASHh Crazy Outhouse Race

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**Destiny Milton 2:  
Shaping Our Future**

Have a say in your community by participating in the Town of Milton's...

**Community Focus Group  
on "Destiny Milton 2: Shaping our Future"**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Milton Sports Centre, Banquet Hall  
605 Santa Maria Blvd., South Entrance*


**About Destiny Milton...**  
In 1994, the Town of Milton completed a comprehensive Strategic Plan known as Destiny Milton. With rapid changes occurring in Milton, the Town is updating its Strategic Plan through "Destiny Milton 2: Shaping our Future." Detailed information on Destiny Milton 2 is available on our website at [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca). Community input is a critical part of updating the Strategic Plan so we encourage you to attend this meeting. The focus group session will be led by consultants on behalf of the Town of Milton.

**Join us to discuss your answers to these and other questions...**  
*What are the things you like the most about the Town of Milton?  
What are the things you like the least about the Town of Milton?  
What would you say are the top three issues facing the Town of Milton today?  
What else would you like to tell us?*

**Can't make this session? We still invite your input...**  
If you can't attend the Community Focus Group, we encourage you to voice your opinions by completing the online Destiny Milton 2 survey on our website at [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca) by June 27, 2005.

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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for publishing the recent article regarding the Halton Region Health Department's Meningococcus (Men C) immunization program.

Unfortunately, the title of the article indicated that the vaccine was free only for Halton men, when in fact, the vaccine is free for males and females who are in one of the following categories:

- Grade 7 students and youth aged 15-19 who missed the clinic at their school
- Youth aged 15-19 who are not currently enrolled in school
- Students aged 15-19 who are returning from post-secondary education outside of Halton

The immunization clinics will be held once a month from June until August at the Halton Regional Centre located at 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville, and at the Georgetown location of the Health Department located at 93 Main Street.

Call the Health Department at 905-825-6000 (1-866-442-5866) to book an appointment at the clinic, or visit your family doctor to get the vaccine.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Carson

Manager, Communicable Disease Control  
Services Halton Region Health Department

Dear Editor:

On May 6th I had my mailbox stolen, they also stole a farm sign we had professionally made. It was red and gold with a picture of a donkey on it with "Bunker Hills Miniature Donkey" on both sides. If anyone ever sees this sign, I would appreciate a call at 1-519-856-4352.

Les Bunker