

Halton Tree Cutting By-law postponed

BY MANDI HARGRAVE

The decision to consider Halton Regions proposed tree-cutting by-law for adoption has been postponed to September 14. The ruling was made by Management and staff of The Regional Municipality of Halton.

Ho Wong, Manager of Long Range Planning for the Region said the decision was made "to allow both council and the public more time to digest some of the intricacy of the by-law."

"We don't want to rush into the by-law, particularly because it's the summer time and people may want to take more time to digest the details of the by-law. It took two rounds of public consultation to reach this point. We feel we should give it some time and that people are generally more available in September," Mr. Wong said.

If the by-law were passed it would mainly affect property owners with woodlots on their property because this is where the tree by-law regulates tree cutting and wood loss. Also people who have Greenlands with Environmentally

Sensitive Areas (ESAs) on their property would be affected.

There were three delegations of concerns brought up at the July 6 meeting. The first concern was that certain tree species should be excluded from the by-law and should be considered as weeds so they could be removed from the property.

The second concern was of the general impact of the by-law on the landowner's ability to manage their forests. The second delegation felt that there should be as little restriction as possible and it should mainly be left up to the owners.

The third concern was a question of whether or not the by-law enforcement officer can enter someone's property to inspect possible infractions on the by-law. The delegation cited the Canadian Charter of Rights and is looking to see if a by-law officer could enter the property without a warrant.

Council will consider the adoption of the by-law on September 14 at 9:30 am.

Beating the Heat in Halton Hills

BY ANN KORNUA

A Heat Alert issued by the Halton Region on July 11th is recommending residents whose health may be affected to stay cool or stay out of the sun. The record heat wave sweeping Southern Ontario is on the heels of last month's record highs when Environment Canada reported that June 2005 was the hottest on record in Southern Ontario. Halton Region advises that due to the combination of high heat and high humidity, conditions can be hazardous to some residents.

People most at risk include older adults (65+), infants and young children, and the chronically ill, including people with asthma. Residents in Halton Region are asked to call or visit family and neighbours who may be at risk. To help residents beat the heat, the Town of Halton Hills has set up locations for individuals in need of a fresh air break during the heat wave.

"We want our residents to know that they have cool, safe places to go escape from the heat," says Mayor Rick Bonnette. "We have been in touch with community service providers to inform them of the Town's Cooling Centres as they deal first hand with the people who may be most vulnerable."

The public is asked to stay out of the blazing sun or heat. UV rays are strongest during the hours between 11am and 1pm so plan your day activities with caution and avoid strenuous physical activity outdoors until the warning is lifted. Dehydration is also a high risk factor during a heat wave and residents are asked to drink lots of water and natural fruit juices.

Symptoms of heat-induced illness include rapid heart-beat, weakness or fainting, nausea; red or hot dry skin (no sweating), headache and/or confusion. If you experience any of these symptoms, get indoors or seek medical attention right away.

Cooling Centre locations for residents looking to get out of the heat have been set up around the Town of Halton Hills. These facilities will be open as places of refuge for those seeking to find relief from the heat:

Mold-Masters SportsPlex

221 Guelph Street, Georgetown
Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14
open daily until 9:00 pm

Friday, July 15 through Sunday, July 17
open until 10 pm each day for
Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Tournament.

Acton Arena & Community Centre
415 Queen Street, Acton
Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14
open daily 8:30 am-11pm.

Friday, July 15 through Sunday, July 17
open until 10 pm each day for
Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Tournament.

Halton Hills Cultural Centre & Library
(Georgetown Branch) - 9 Church Street, Georgetown
Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, July 14
open daily until 8:30 pm.

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16
open until 5 pm each day.
Sunday, July 17 closed.

Halton Hills Public Library (Acton Branch)
17 River Street, Acton
Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, July 14
open daily until 8:30 pm.

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16
open until 5 pm each day.
Sunday, July 17 closed.

Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown
Monday, July 11 - open until 11 pm
Tuesday, July 12 through Friday, July 15
open daily until 5 pm.

Gellert Community Centre
10241 8th Line, Georgetown
Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15
open daily until 10 pm.
Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17
open until 8 pm each day.

Aquatic Facilities - Daily Recreational Swimming


For recreational swimming schedules please call the pool of your choice:

Prospect Park Wading Pool*
Open daily 1:30 to 8:00 pm

Gellert Park Splash Pad
Open daily 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Acton Indoor Pool* -519-853-3140

Gellert Community Centre* - 905-877-4244
Dick Licata Outdoor Pool* - 905-877-1021
*Admission fees apply.

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