



# Return of the Community Policing Committees

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**H**ave you ever wanted to resolve a problem in your community by working collaboratively with a Police Officer to come up with a solution?

I already know the answer to that question! That's why the Halton Regional Police Service has an established community consultation system which is very close to my heart. This month our Community Policing Committees (CPCs), some of which are called by their original names of Community Consultation Committees (CCCs), start up again after a summer break. If you don't want to be a member, it's fine to show up now and again as an occasional guest, especially if you have a concern that you wish to express. I hope that you would attend at least a few meetings after that in order to participate in the resolution of the problem.

You don't have to RSVP. Just show up and you'll be warmly welcomed. You will be invited to participate fully in the meeting, so that you can discuss your concerns with a Police Officer, and members of your community, including your Town Councillor if his or her schedule permits.

In North Halton, we have several Committees:

Milton, which meets at the Chamber of Commerce at 281 Main Street;

Derry, which meets at 12 Division, 490 Childs Drive in Milton;

Halton Hills, which meets at 11 Division, 217 Guelph Street in Georgetown;

Acton, which meets at 10 Division, 38 Mill Street East, Acton;

And Nassagaweya, which meets at Nassagaweya Community Centre, 11264 Guelph Line.

What's discussed at a typical Committee meeting? Let me give you an example from the most recent Nassagaweya meeting, which was held on Monday September 19 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. First, the group decided that they would keep their current time slot and meeting schedule of the third Monday of every month. Then they moved on into a discussion that covered a variety of issues. Traffic is always a concern. This month the Committee also talked about how they could help Police in the event of a search for a missing person.

Every Committee meeting includes a report from the Police Officer in attendance. He or she will take questions, and give forthright answers. The Officer will also report on local occurrences in the area. Here's one tip that we have to give out too often in rural areas: the days when you could leave your back door unlocked, or your car door unlocked, are very much over. Lock it up!

Finally, Committees discuss what other Committees are doing, and examine whether there are opportunities to work together on projects or special events.

For full details on the Community Policing Committee program, visit [www.hrps.on.ca](http://www.hrps.on.ca), and click on the Community Policing folder, or contact the on-duty Staff, Sergeant in 1 District (Milton and Halton Hills) at (905) 825-4747, Ext. 2410.



The Nassagaweya CCC on September 19, 2005:  
In front: Halton Regional Police Staff Sergeant Sue Delaney and Jean Wood. Next row, left to right: Bert Walton and CCC Chair Stu Johnston. Top row, left to right: Jim Harding, Harry Yates, Milton Town Councillor Jan Mowbray and Tim Kingsbury.

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For those of you that travel through or live in the Campbellville area, I have purchased a home on the Guelph Line in the heart of this lovely town of Campbellville to run our financial planning practice from. It was not a hard decision for many reasons, today's interest rate environment is wonderful so to lock in at a rate today is good timing. I currently rent space in Guelph so at this point in my Career to own vs. paying rent was the right decision. I am looking forward to also being very close to my children's school and our farm.

Real Estate as an Investment has its advantages and disadvantages like anything else in life! I have found myself almost daily with my clients having this discussion as it is on everyone's minds. Real Estate is at a high point in it's cycle usually when everyone is taking about something in the market it is usually to late to get in...you may have missed the big up swing, but if it is a long term venture with good rental income potential then Real Estate could be a good way to diversify your portfolio depending on where you are buying and why.

You should approach an investment in real estate just like any other investment and only if you have a solid financial plan and available resources. Before you make any decisions, review your entire financial situation and play the what if's...What if I get disabled? What if I cannot rent it for 6 months? What if I pass way how it should be structured? What happens if I lose my job? Do not buy property on emotions as once purchased it is a very illiquid asset and one that you may not be able to dispose of quickly.

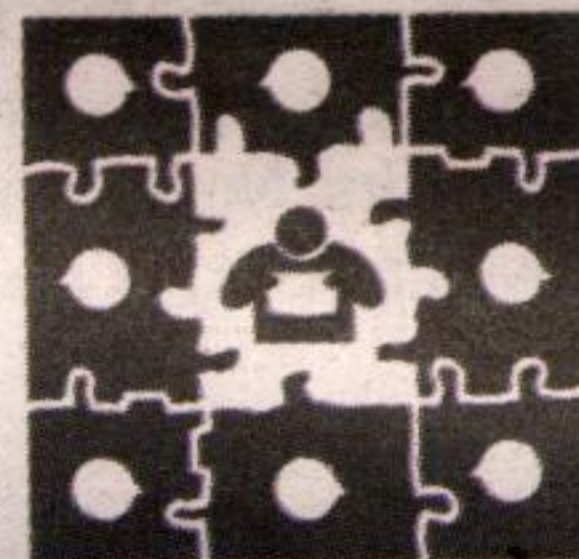
I will be taking you through other exercises, such as for the next article we will talk about taxation of rental properties. If you would like me to address any other questions please send me an email or call.

Take care, and enjoy this beautiful fall weather...

Yours truly,  
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## Halton Dementia Network

invites you to attend ...

**"Living Alone With Dementia"**  
Tuesday October 25, 2005  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Hugh Foster Hall, 155 King Street, Milton

Did you know there are approximately 1,500 persons with dementia living alone in the region of Halton? How can we as a region enhance our support? Please join us at this 1/2 day open, community forum for service providers to:

- learn more about living alone with dementia,
- hear the perspectives of family, family physician, hospital, police, community agencies etc.,
- identify positive actions for ourselves, our organizations and our regional Dementia Network.



To Register for this no-charge, 1/2 day event:

Please contact the Halton Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Program at 905-681-8233 by October 21st. ~ Space is limited~



For more information about this event or the Halton Dementia Network, please visit the Halton Dementia Network website at <http://www.haltondementia.org> or call 905-681-8233 ext. 226.