

# LET'S SHARE THE ROAD

## Highway safety improvements promised at Road Safety campaign kickoff

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A dangerous section of Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown may be reconstructed next year. Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh raised that possibility on Monday night at the Civic Centre has he helped local officials launch the Halton Hills Road Safety Challenge.

"I have some confidence tonight to tell you that that road stands a very good chance of being rebuilt in the coming year of 1999 which will make Halton Hills a safer community to drive in," Chudleigh said.

The move to stress road safety comes none too soon for Halton's medical officer, Dr. Bob Nosal.

"A 1996 health department injury report indicated that deaths from motor vehicle accidents were twice that expected in Halton Hills," Nosal said, adding that the number of hospitalizations were also 50 per cent more than expected in Halton Hills. Halton Hills is one of 23 Ontario communities involved in the challenge which aims to Traffic Act reportable collisions per capita for the challenge which runs from May 31 to June 6.

Challenge chair Keith Black urged Halton Hills motorists to be a safe road user and to share the road.

"We will focus on numerous areas of road safety during the week including a child safety seat inspection, drinking and driving information, a radar message board to warn speeders how fast they are going and events stressing skateboard and bicycle," Black explained, adding they hope to educate the public to look at road safety every day.

Mayor Marilyn



**STAYIN' ALIVE:** Acton members of the Halton Hills Road Safety Challenge check out an anti-speeding radar message board at the official kick-off of the safe driving campaign on Monday night at the Civic centre. From left: Councillor Norm Elliott, Shirley Broostad, Cathy Gerrow, Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, Shirley MacKay, Councillors Rick Bonnette, Clark Somerville Challenge chair Keith Black, of Acton. Front: Acton High students Crystal Wooldridge, Heather Veit and Rachel Wooldridge. — Frances Niblock photo

Serjeantson also praised three Acton High students, Crystal and Rachel Wooldridge and Heather Veit, whose secret recipe for a non-alcoholic drink, served at the road safety challenge kickoff, will be entered in an Ontario-wide Ultimate Mix drink contest next month.

Events scheduled for the challenge include a presentation of CN Rail's Operation Lifesaver program for students at Robert Little

school at 9 a.m. on Monday; a bicycle rodeo at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school at 1 p.m. on Wednesday; a car seat inspection clinic at the Acton fire station on Thursday from 3-7 p.m.; a seniors' road safety presentation Friday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Acton Seniors centre and two events on Friday at Acton High including an Arrive Alive and a car extraction demonstration at noon in the school's parking lot.

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