

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) asks for moratorium on taking Credit water

Concerns about Ontario's water resources have been widely publicized recently. Who is making sure there will be enough water to go around and that it is of good quality? How much water is out there? Who's using it? Who pays to maintain it?

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has asked for a moratorium on water taking in the Credit River watershed, which includes Fairly Lake and many local systems, until the Province can implement a plan to manage water in a suitable way. Based on their own work in watershed management they have identified the following shortcomings in the current system:

There is no process for determining how much water is available for use in a watershed;

There is no process of assessing the combined impacts of all water taking permits in a watershed;

The actual water use by permit holders is not monitored;

There is no process for allocating water fairly among competing users;

Because water permits are free, the cost of maintaining both the quality and quantity of the water supply is not borne fairly by all users.

The current system for managing water use in Ontario is outdated, the CVC says. The rapidly increasing water demand for many uses and uncertain supplies due to climate change and other factors requires a much more

comprehensive process to ensure a safe, sustainable supply of water, with enough left over to maintain a healthy environment.

The current Water Taking Permit system needs to be overhauled as part of the development of a Provincial Sustainable Water Strategy, the CVC says. This strategy need to include:

A comprehensive Provincial Water Policy and appropriate legislation;

A process for monitoring the water system (both ground water and surface water) on a watershed basis to determine the available

water supply;

A procedure for monitoring the actual water use by permit holders;

Reform of the Water Taking permit process to promote water conservation and to ensure that permits are issued based on the availability of water;

A process for the fair and equitable allocation of water.

Developing and implementing a sustainable water strategy will require commitment, organization and money, the CVC maintains. It will involve partnerships among provincial and local agencies that already have a role in water management.

Most of the financial costs of implementing the strategy can be recovered through modest fees on water taking permits.

Credit Valley Conservation is encouraged by the recent public debate on so many water-related issues.



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS: Amber Smith, 5, and Neil Medland, 3, were busy Tuesday selling juice at the corner of McDonald and Mason Boulevards with their friends Nikki Rolfe and Sara Medland. At 25 cents per glass, their profits were well over \$6 by noon hour. - Angela Tyler photo.

Town won't fight

Halton Hills Council will not fight a "disappointing" Ontario Municipal Board decision that converted 330 acres of industrially zoned land in Georgetown south to residential use.

"It would have been costly to fight the decision in the courts and the only appeal would have been that the OMB hearing officer erred on a matter of law - we think the ruling is questionable but after many long hours of discussion with our solicitor, we decided not to appeal," CAO Steven Andrews said after the Town issued a press re-

lease announcing the decision.

Town staff has been directed by Council to develop a good plan for residential and related community needs and to minimize time spent at phase two of the OMB hearing which resumes next month to deal with locating schools and parks, subdivision design, conditions of approval and timing.

Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. (HHVHI) plans to build between 2,300 and 2,500 homes which the Town translates into 8,000 people.



Halton Hills Community Support and Information offers a Home Maintenance program, where seniors and the disabled can receive help with yard maintenance, window washing, snow shovelling, home repairs, and seasonal housekeeping. Assistance can be provided on a regular, occasional or one-time basis.

We are looking for people who can offer their services in the areas of lawn maintenance, gardening, painting, window washing, snow shovelling and minor plumbing and electrical repairs. If you would like to find out more about how you could become a Home Maintenance Worker or you would like to inquire about receiving services, please call Diane (Acton) at 853-3310 or Heather (Georgetown) at 873-6502.

REGION OF HALTON NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Please be advised that 22 SIDE ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD 43) WILL BE CLOSED to all traffic from JULY 26TH TO SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1999. The closure is required to allow Canadian National (C.N.) to complete repairs to the Limehouse Bridge.

The scope of the rehabilitation includes a new steel span and beams at the east end, three (3) new beams at the west end, a new timber deck, new hand rails and new braces between various columns. C.N. has advised staff the work to be carried out will not in any way alter the location, width or appearance of the bridge. A temporary protected pedestrian walkway will also be constructed while the bridge/road is closed.

A road closure is necessary and the detour route will be 5th Line North, Highway 7 and 4th Line (see map). Advance Notice signs will be posted on July 12th on 22 Side Road at both sides of the bridge. Letters will be delivered to area residents, emergency services and school boards in early July.

If there are any design questions related to the project, please call Dave Bradshaw, P. Eng., Planning & Inspection Engineer, C.N. (416) 217-6397. For information on the road closure and detour or if unable to reach C.N. staff, please contact Matt Krusto, Region of Halton, 878-8113, at ext. 7644.

22 SIDE ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD 43) ROAD CLOSURE/DETOUR



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