HCRC study in Halton will be a benefit

The health care system has changed dramatically over recent years. Medical procedures, drug therapies and surgical techniques have all improved. Very often people have day surgery instead of checking into a hospital, and when they do stay in hospital it's for a much shorter time.

As many of you are aware, the Health Care Restructuring Commission (HCRC) is in the midst of studying the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and specifically the Halton region. The commission's goal is to safeguard and improve the quality of patient care that must be accessible by all Ontarians, and make sure that the province can afford the programs and services provided.

There are many rumors that inevitably surround a body like the HCRC. Some will conclude that the HCRC's visit to Halton region spells doom for our health care services given their recent announcements in Toronto. I find it useful to remind this group that Toronto had 44 hospitals before the HCRC recommended closing 10 of them.

We, of course, are in a much different boat in Halton.

QUEEN'S PARK REPORT



Ted Chudleigh

Huge population shifts to areas like York, Peel, Durham and Halton have identified our regions as ones of high growth and high need. There are exceptional population growth realities in our region and the health care requirements that will accompany such rapid growth must be dealt with. Not only is our population growing, it is aging. This will have a dramatic impact on the need for acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care.

In my opinion, having the HCRC in Halton is to our benefit. The commission can now see first-hand how much of an impact high growth will have in Halton on health care services. On this basis, the commission will make the necessary

recommendations in order to accommodate our growing health care needs. There may be shifts in how services are delivered and hospitals may become more specialized but that all means a higher quality of health care for Halton.

Let me stress, that to date, no decisions have been made. The commission has studied the district health council's restructuring recommendations given to the minister of health and will review written submissons from interested people and organizations. The report for Halton is currently being completed.

Upon the commission's delivery of the report to the minister of health there are 30 days to make comments on the report. It is not unusual to have changes made to the report after it has been submitted to the minister.

If you would like more information regarding the whole process or need the format for making a submission to the commission when the report is made public, please contact the HCRC directly at (416) 327-5919.

DIRECTORY OF HALTON HILLS Churches & Temples

Halton Gospel Temple Phone (905) 873-9652

Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown Affiliated with P.A.O.C. Rev. David Woodcock Rev. Don Young

SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT ELECTIVE 10:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP 6:00 p.m. EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Wed. 7:00 p.m. Family Night Sat. 7:00 p.m. The Youth Plunge

St. Alban's

Church Officer 877-8867

ENJOY

FAMILY WORSHIP

with an active children's program

- nursery to teens

NORVAL

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

499 Guelph St.

(in the heart of Norval)

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:45 a.m.

Rev. John Giurin B.A. M. Div.

Anglican Church SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church School & Nursery)

877-8323 537 Main St., Glen Williams

MOUNT ZION FULL GOSPEL DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

Ministry for the End Times Physical & Spiritual Healing & Miracles Restoration of the Family SUNDAY SERVICES - 11:00 A.M. BALLINAFAD COMMUNITY CENTRE (DOWNSTAIRS) Pastor Andrew G. Paton 519-853-5657 Matt. 11:28 -"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy

laden, and I will give you rest." To advertise in this space call TerryLynn 873-0301

SALES and . SERVICE

14 WESLEYAN STREET Downtown Georgetown Just off Main Street, Closed Sundays

Phone 877-3405



Panasonic

TV & VCR SALE And All Stereo Systems

No Interest, No Payment For 90 days O.A.C

We Service What We Sell

R



GARDEN CENIRE Better Every Day Low Prices. Always

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE

25 L Plantsmart

Topsoil

NOWOPEN

At our Garden Centre you'll find a great selection of Nursery Stock, Fertilizer, Lawn Mowers, Garden Accessories, BBQ's and Patio Furniture, at GREAT EVERYDAY LOW PRICES.

LIVE PLANT
GUARANTEE
All live plants purchased at
Wal-Mart are guaranteed. If one of
them fails to grow, just return it
(with your receipt) and we will
cheerfully replace it or refund
your money. Your Satisfaction your money. Your Satisfaction Malullander



each 15 Kg

Cow & Sheep Manure Plantsmart



each **EVERYDAY LOW PRICE**

Peat Moss 3.8 Cubic Feet



EVERYDAY LOW PRICE Flowering Shrubs & Evergreens



EVERYDAY LOW PRICE

Lawn Edging Assorted

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE Plantsmart Weed 'n Feed

20-10-5

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE Spring

Rake

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE Broadcast Spreader

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE 10" Hanging Basket

WAS 21997 **EVERYDAY LOW PRICE**

Cayman Bar-B-Que

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE Verona Highback

Chairs

GEORGETOWN MARKETPLACE MALL - 873-0400 Garden Centre Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am - 9 pm; Saturday 8 am to 6 pm; Sunday 11 am - 5 pm