

Residents offer Halton police their opinion on what level of service the public expects

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About 15 area residents attended a meeting Wednesday night (Nov. 18) at the Georgetown police station to give their opinions on policing to the Halton Regional Police Service.

Keith Moore, senior planner with Halton Police, said input is being sought from the public to set some goals for the service and determine how many officers will be required. Volunteers are also canvassing the public at the region's shopping malls through the end of the month.

Meetings were also held in Milton, Oakville and Burlington.

At the Georgetown meeting, area residents filled out questionnaires and were asked what

response times they expected from police, as well as what level of service.

Respondents were asked how much of an officer's time should be spent responding to calls for service, on patrol, doing community-based and crime prevention projects.

Moore wouldn't comment on the responses received so far because more are being collected and he didn't want to "taint" those responses.

The same questions have also been posed to members of regional council, the police services board and the project's steering committee.

When all the data has been collected information will be inputted into a computer and a \$45,000 computer program called Staff Wizard will show how many officers will be required based on

the needs inputted. Moore said the Halton service is the only Canadian police service using the program but it has been used for some time in Seattle, Colorado and Liverpool, England.

"It gives a really good picture of how well you are doing right now," said Moore. He added it will determine how many people would be needed optimally.

"This is not the be all and end all of staffing and deployment—it's a tool to assist us with that," he said.

Moore said in the past, staffing needs had been based on historical comparisons, population and crime ratios and the information provided by the computer program is "another piece of the puzzle."

He expects to have the results from running the data through the program early next year.

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REGIONAL ROADS 5 & 25 CORRIDOR STRATEGIES (Formerly Hwys. 5 & 25)

Halton Council has initiated the preparation of a comprehensive Corridor Strategy for each of these roads. The **Regional Road 5 & 25 Corridor Strategies** have a number of key components as follows:

- Safety Audit (working with the Halton Regional Police)
- Traffic Operations
- Urban Design and Development
- Transportation Planning (Road and Transit)
- Engineering Assessment of Roads and Bridges
- Financial and Implementation Plan

The **Regional Road 5 (Hwy. 5) Corridor Strategy** will focus on the sections in Oakville and Burlington. The **Regional Road 25 (Hwy. 25) Corridor Strategy** will focus on 2 sections, QEW to Burnhamthorpe in Oakville and between Britannia and Derry Roads in the Town of Milton. It is essential that these Corridor Strategies be prepared with the direct participation and involvement of the general public, road users, abutting landowners and residents of nearby neighbourhoods. There are two public meetings scheduled for this study in December to present preliminary results, findings and options.

Wednesday, December 2, 1998
Halton Regional Centre Auditorium
Regional Road 25, north of the QEW, Oakville

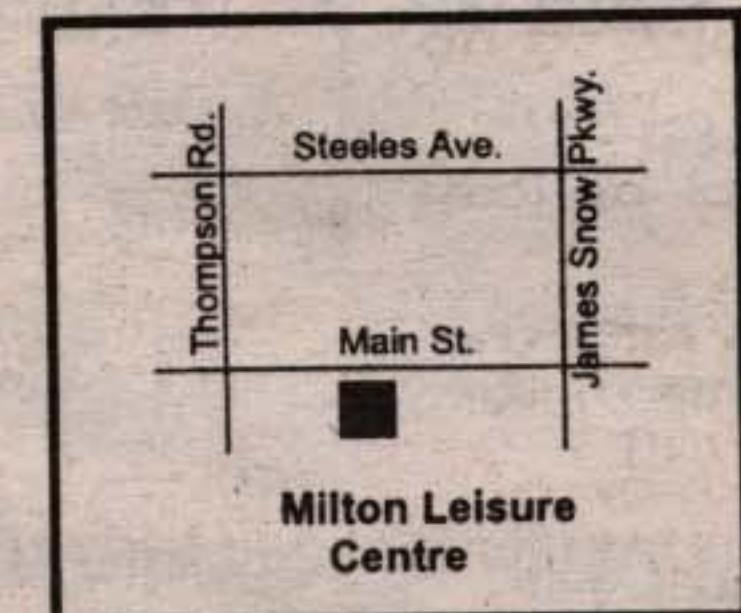
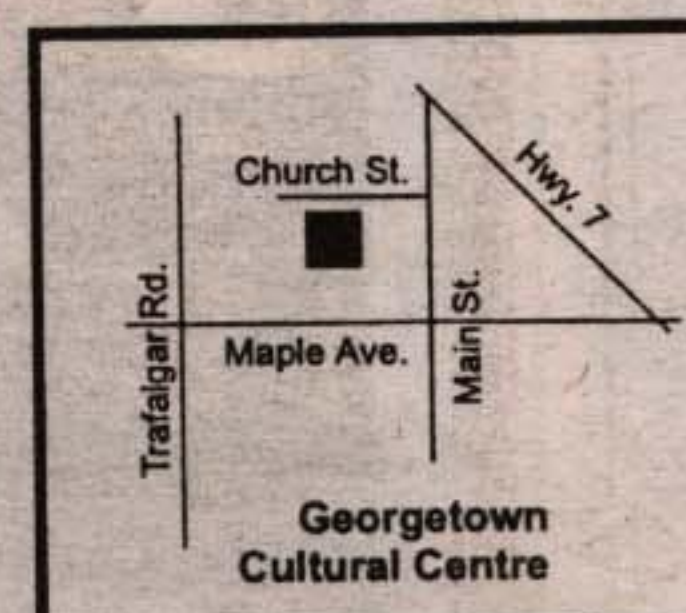
Tuesday, December 8, 1998
Brant Hills Community Centre - Activity Rm
2330 Duncaster Drive, Burlington

Both Locations: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Open House
8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Presentations & Questions
8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Workshop

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HALTON FUNCTIONAL ROAD NETWORK & NORTH HALTON TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Halton Region, in conjunction with the municipalities of Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington, has initiated a review of the role, function, needs and service level of major roads in the Region with the objective of determining the most cost-effective way of managing the road system. Part of this study will also address specific transportation problems and solutions within the Region, particularly in the area north of Regional Road 5 (Dundas Street).

Public input is a very important part of this study and the study process is designed to provide the public, stakeholders and interest groups with the opportunity to interact on an on-going basis with the study team of Regional staff, municipal staff and consultants. The purpose of the second series of public meetings is to seek input on the alternative transportation solutions, long term roadway improvements and future functional road classification. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, December 1, 1998
Georgetown Cultural Centre
9 Church Street, Georgetown

Thursday, December 3, 1998
Milton Leisure Centre
1700 Main Street East, Milton

Both Locations: 6:00 p.m. - Open House
7:00 p.m. - Presentation followed by workshop

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Both Locations: 7:00 p.m. - Open House / Displays / Presentation

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These studies are being undertaken as a Master Plan in accordance with the "Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects". Public Input will be documented in the Master Plan report which will satisfy Phases 1 & 2 of the Class EA.

The programs for the public meetings listed in this advertisement have been co-ordinated to provide the public with the opportunity to obtain information on both studies.

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