Accident-plagued roads scrutinized

I alton Region is looking to make collision-cursed roads more driver friendly with the implementation of a comprehensive road safety action plan.

The plan, developed for Halton Region by iTrans Consulting Inc., will analyze stretches of road with more than their fair share of collisions and those recording more than the expected average may receive further review to determine what can be done to decrease the accident rates.

"When you use statistics, you can find out more about the format of the crash. If you know that, you can allocate the identification process and find a cost-effective way to lower collisions," iTrans representative Geni Bahar said.

"The comprehensive road safety program,

in brief, will provide the region with a systematic impact map."

Phase one listed the top five interesections and top five road sections while phase two will analyze collision records for these areas and recomend possible solutions. No Halton Hills intersection is involved among the top five, but two road segments are: Winston Churchill Boulevard between Five Sideroad and 10 Sideroad, and Ninth Line between Five Sideroad and 10 Sideroad.

River Drive, west of Maple Avenue, is also included in the review following the 2000 annual review of posted speed limits. The review determined vehicles travel, on average, 18.89 km/h over the posted 50 km/h limit.

Halton water makes the grade

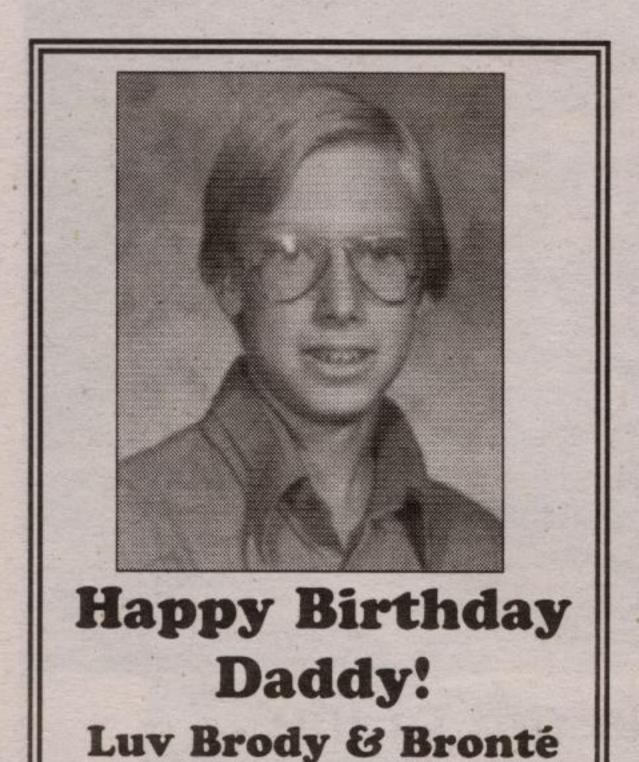
I alton Region's recently released water quality quarterly report shows that Halton's water has tested safe again.

"The report demonstrates Halton's ability to meet and to exceed the Ontario Drinking Water Standards," said Halton's Commissioner of Planning and Public Works Pat Murphy.

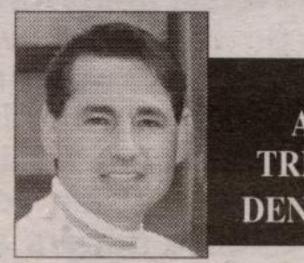
The report, which covers April to June 2001, contains information about where Halton's water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the Ontario Drinking Water Standards.

Each year Halton's laboratory performs thousands of tests from all of Halton's plants to ensure the highest levels of public health, safety and environmental protection.

A free copy of the water report is available by downloading it from the region's web site at www.region.halton.on.ca, from the Planning and Public Works Department at Halton Region Headquarters, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, or can be ordered toll-free at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866)



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