

Healthy Living

Halton Hills' public health nurses enjoy small town connection

Six dedicate themselves towards a healthy community

Increasing the overall health of the Halton Hills community is the main role of the public health nurses who work out of Halton Region's Health Department office in Georgetown.

The public health nurses—there are six of them—do health teaching and work towards preventing communicable diseases, creating healthy environments, and increasing the ability of the community to be healthy.

The nurses, most who have many years of public health experience, are Maggie Connolly, the community liaison nurse for Halton Hills, Laura Bainbridge who is a member of the substance abuse prevention team and high school liaison nurse at Acton and Georgetown High Schools, Florence Bonyun whose area of speciality is child health, Gloria Rizzuto who works in mental health, Beryl Stevenson who is responsible for baby and parent health and Shirley MacKay who handles communicable disease control and immunization.

They all enjoy their work, and many of them live in Halton Hills.

For Stevenson, who works with new moms, she said she enjoys seeing the transformation of

new moms to "feeling quite confident with their new role as parents."

"I really enjoy working in this community," said Connolly who added there is a big difference working in a small town, than a bigger community.

"You get to know a lot of people. You have a lot of contacts," said Connolly.

Bonyun concurs, and also enjoys working in Halton Hills.

"I think the connections are much easier to make in a small community," she said.

To contact the Halton Hills' public nurses call 905-877-2238 or drop by their office at 93 Main St. S., Georgetown.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



Halton Region Health Department's public health nurses team includes six who work in the Halton Hills area. They are (clockwise, from bottom left), Florence Bonyun, Beryl Stevenson, Maggie Connolly, Laura Bainbridge, and Gloria Rizzuto. Absent for the photo is Shirley MacKay.

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