

Region focusing on our youth

In 2001, we held a number of community forums across the region to increase awareness of Halton's growing homelessness problem and give residents an opportunity to learn more about *A Journey Home: Halton's Community Plan*, which was created to address this issue.

The research conducted for *A Journey Home* taught us many things about the homelessness issue in our region and also identified that youth, in general, have difficulty accessing services in Halton that can assist them with their lives.

As outlined in Halton Region's Strategic Plan, our role is to work with our partners in the community to improve the way in which we meet the health and social needs of our youth. Accordingly, our Social and Community Services department is partnering with our local Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) and the community to develop a Youth Services Plan. A Youth Services Steering Committee has been established with representation from youth, community agencies, Halton Region and HRDC.

Halton Hills is well-represented on the committee and all sectors of the Halton Hills community will be invited to participate in the focus groups that we will be conducting throughout the region.

The committee is planning an Open Space Community Consultation at the end of January 2003, where the community at-large

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will update an inventory of services currently available for youth, identify gaps in service and discuss possible solutions.

Building on the work of the Community Consultation, the ensuing Youth Services Plan will recommend: strategies to increase co-ordination and communication amongst service providers; ways to increase access to youth-friendly services and actions to address gaps in service.

This is just one of the initiatives being led by the Region of Halton aimed at meeting the needs of Halton's youth and striving to include them in planning for our community. If you are interested in more information about the Youth Services Plan or the work of the Youth Steering Committee, please contact Project Lead, Tanja Schlabitcz at 905-825-6000 ext. 7085.

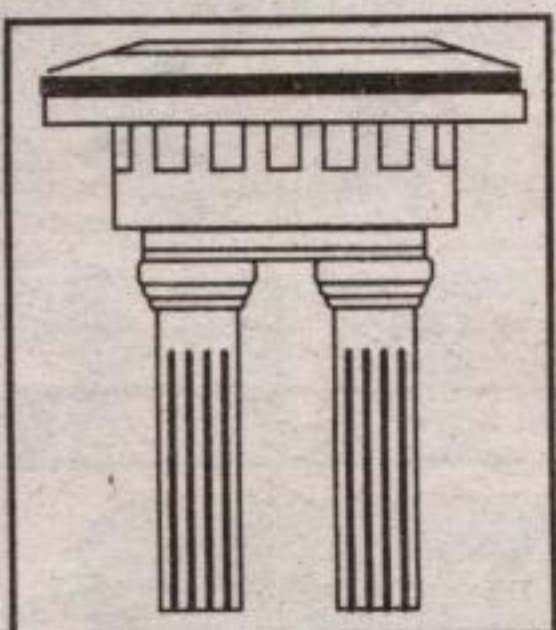
—Joyce Savoline is the chair of Halton Region

Halton compost giveaways drew 3,660

More than 3,660 Halton residents took advantage of the region's fall compost giveaway at the Halton Waste Management Site.

The number of residents attending the spring and fall giveaways increased 52 per cent over last year. During the fall giveaway

event, 571 boxes of food (5.4 tonnes) and \$4,442 in donations were also collected for Halton's food banks. Combined with the spring event, Halton Region collected, in total, 12 tonnes of food and \$7,730 in donations, an increase of 43 per cent over 2001.



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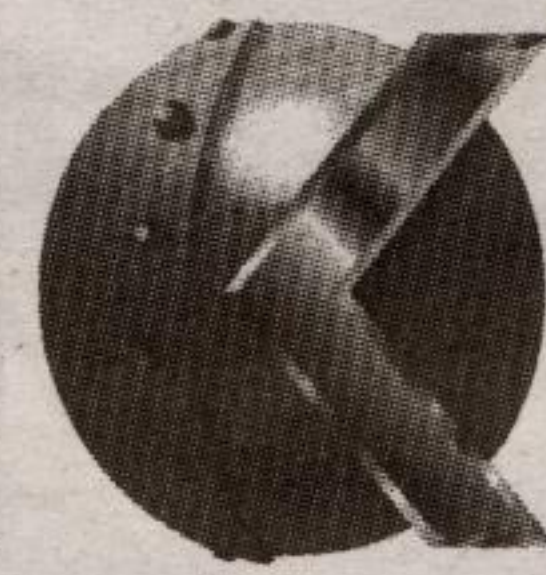
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