

Youth working for the environment

At Halton Region, communication has always been a top priority.

That's why I recently co-hosted a Rural Community Forum with Police Chief Ean Algar. Approximately 75 people attended and I extend my thanks to those who were able to take the time to participate and to the media representatives in attendance who are integral to our efforts to communicate.

One of the positive outcomes of the meeting was the sharing of information about the Community Consultation Committees (CCCs). These volunteer-based, citizen driven committees play an invaluable role as a communications resource about issues specific to residents in a given area. Members of the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) participate on these committees in a shared goal of crime prevention and conflict resolution.

Our CCCs are a key resource for disseminating information and we will look at how Halton might connect more closely with them to further enhance our communications with residents. Information about CCCs is available on the HRPS website at www.hrps.on.ca or by calling 905-878-5511, extension 2410 and asking to speak to the Duty Staff Sergeant.

I was very pleased that people were forthright at the forum, about their experiences and concerns—many of which were police-related. It was important that Chief Algar and his staff could hear your concerns first-hand and, in many

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instances, provide the context for how particular issues are investigated and what you, as a resident, can do to assist them.

One crime deterrent mentioned, was the opportunity for police to visit a home or business to provide suggestions for improving safety and security based on the principles of crime prevention through environmental design. To request a visit, contact the Community Support Officers: in Milton call Constable Kate Pulford at 905-878-5511, extension 2401 and in Halton Hills call Constable Laurel Barnett at extension 2120.

Given the distinct issues in the rural area, a strong partnership between residents, Halton Region and the Police Service is integral to building a healthy community. Ongoing communication is a critical component and I am committed to continuing the dialogue that we have begun.

—Joyce Savoline is the chair of Halton Region



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