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Two hundred residents attend forum to discuss needs for Halton's youth

About 200 local residents turned out to the region's recent Truth About Youth forum to discuss what's being done throughout Halton to meet youths' needs and determine what still has to be accomplished.

Key topics of the session included transportation, youth centres, youth/police relations and housing, which were all charted on large sheets of paper mounted on the wall by organizational and community development consultant Dave Hasbury.

"The input here today is really important," Regional Chair Joyce Savoline told the crowd, which included everyone from teens to police and politicians. "We want to make our community here in Halton a friendly place for youth."

Student Richard Huggins, who's also a member of the communications working group that helped plan and market the forum, attended the session to voice some concerns.

"I think Halton needs more things for youth to do," he said.

He added that he would also like to see business people in Halton become more accepting of youth when they enter their stores.

Being closely involved in the Truth About Youth process, Huggins said he's learned that his voice can be heard.

"Halton really is interested in what you (youths) have to say," he said.

Student Killian Hobbs, a member of the Halton Regional Youth Advisory Committee, said more money is needed from the region to get some youth initiatives off the ground.

"I think they have to increase funding toward youth centres," he said. "Also, put more money toward youth in general for advocacy campaigns and various other youth-friendly programs."

Halton Special Projects Manager Tanja Schlabitz said she saw a lot of common

themes brought up amongst the group at the forum, such as: the need for youth centres, the challenge of navigating the region through the transit system and the need for affordable, emergency and transitional housing.

She noted positive aspects of what's being done throughout the region for youth were also recognized, like providing excellent recreation facilities and youth service groups.

The Truth About Youth initiative all started last May when regional council approved a plan that engages youth and the community in discussions, problem solving and action planning based on the theme of "making services better for youth in Halton."

Council allocated \$60,000 to kick-start activities to address the 27 recommendations in the plan.

Since the launch of the plan, a Halton youth resource centre network has been established, with representation from all municipalities. The network developed a multi-purpose resource youth centre model and is continuing to explore funding avenues.

Also, funding applications have been submitted to carry out an extensive needs survey to identify ways to create a stronger relationship between police and youth.

Schlabitz was thrilled with the turnout, which she said was up from the 110 people who attended last year's session.

"Youth are hearing that all the things they've been talking about, the adults are listening to," she rationalized as to why there was an increase in attendance. "Clearly, the theme of collaboration and working together was very strong."

The information gathered at the forum is being compiled into a document that will be available soon on the region's Web site, www.region.halton.on.ca.

—By Melanie Hennessey, special

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