

# Region to discuss blueprint for forests in North Halton

A blueprint for managing the Halton regional forests that span across Halton Hills and Milton will go before regional council for consideration today (Wednesday).

The planning and public works committee endorsed the Halton Regional Forest Management Plan and a long list of related recommendations at its meeting last week.

The forest is broken down into 14 tracts that

cover 1,645 acres. Prior to 1995, the area was known as the Agreement Forests and managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

David Puttock from Silv-Econ Ltd, the resource management consultant firm that helped prepare the plan, outlined the document's primary goals at the meeting—to conserve natural heritage features and functions of the forest, provide opportunities for recreation, education and research where compatible and have efficient and effective forest administration and management.

"The Halton regional forest is really a jewel in southern Ontario," he said, noting the plan will maintain and enhance it.

The committee also heard from Michael Badyk, who uses Halton regional forests for mountain biking.

He noted he's pleased that no trails in the forests will be closed without stakeholder consultation. But he also voiced his dissatisfaction with the plan not having a trails inventory.

"I still firmly believe this is some-

thing that should've appeared in the final draft report," he said.

The committee went on to support a motion with eight recommendations, including that:

- Council endorse the Halton Regional Forest Management Plan as the blueprint for managing the forests in Halton.

- Staff be directed to report back on the terms of reference and the establishment of a Halton Regional Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee and on guidelines/recommendations for use and development of the forests.

- The board of Conservation Halton be advised that Halton Region intends to co-ordinate with Conservation Halton as an adjacent landowner in developing the detailed planning for the individual forest tracts.

- Regional staff initiate improvements to the health of the Halton Forests this year by retaining the services of a registered professional forester through a competitive bid process.

—By Melanie Hennessey, special



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## Region will host public meetings on local construction projects

Halton Region will be hosting two public information centres for local residents on two Halton Hills construction projects.

The first on the proposed construction of the water and wastewater pipes and sewing pumping station on Steeles Ave., will be held on tomorrow (Thursday), 6-9 p.m. at the Hornby Glen Golf Course, 8286 Hornby Rd.

Residents have an opportunity to review and comment on the project plans, which will service the 401 Corridor development lands from Fifth Line South to Trafalgar Rd.

The second public meeting on the Trafalgar Rd. improvements will be held on Tuesday, May 17 in the cafeteria of Christ the King Secondary School, 6-9 p.m. with a formal presentation at 7 p.m.

The project involves a Class

Environmental Assessment Study for Trafalgar Rd. improvements to address future traffic demands from 10 Sideroad to Hwy. 7.

For information on both these projects go to [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca) or call 1-866-442-5866.

## Town sets final tax payment dates for 2005

Town of Halton Hills has set its final tax payment date for 2005.

The final two installment dates are June 28 and Sept. 28. For those on the monthly pre-authorized tax payment plan the dates are: June 28, July 27, Aug. 29, Sept. 28 and Oct. 27.

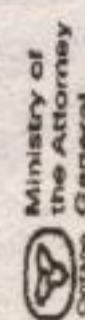
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