



Simply Halton

Your Halton Connection
March '06

Raising awareness to protect our future



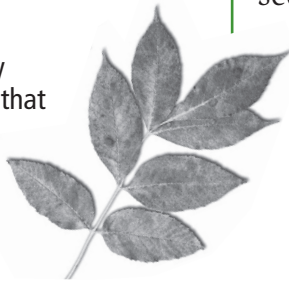
Joyce Savoline
REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

We recognize the importance of protecting our environment now in order to ensure this legacy for future generations. Advocacy and raising awareness is one way to accomplish this.

The Chairman's Round Table on the Environment, a volunteer group of corporate and community citizens, was struck to support efforts to engage our youth and raise awareness about environmental issues. A key initiative of the group is directing the Halton Environmental Awards Program. This program consists of the Halton Youth Awards for Environmental Excellence and the Halton Environmental Scholarship Awards – both designed to encourage youth to take an active interest in protecting and enhancing the environment. Each award or scholarship is \$500 and requires essay submissions and supporting material. While the Halton Youth Awards are open to any Halton youth, the Scholarship Awards are geared to Halton students who are in, or who have chosen to pursue post secondary studies in fields that relate to the environment. Complete details are available on Halton's website.

Did you know?

- Halton Region owns 1,645 acres of forests on 14 separate tracts of land
- these forests house 65 rare or uncommon plant species and 95 avian species
- Halton has 47 designated Environmentally Sensitive Areas that are protected



Successful applicants to the Halton Environmental Awards Program will be recognized at the Bell/Chairman's Breakfast on the Environment, scheduled for Friday, April 21. The event will feature astronaut Roberta Bondar and brings together over 200 people from youth to members of the corporate and community sectors to raise awareness and spark dialogue about the environment. Registration information available on the Business Development section of Halton's website.

Bell/Chairman's Breakfast on the Environment

Presented by the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

Friday, April 21, 2006, Rattlesnake Point Golf Club

Cost has been kept at \$40/person or \$400 for a table of ten. Corporations are encouraged to sponsor students at their corporate table. For more details or a registration form, please visit www.halton.ca



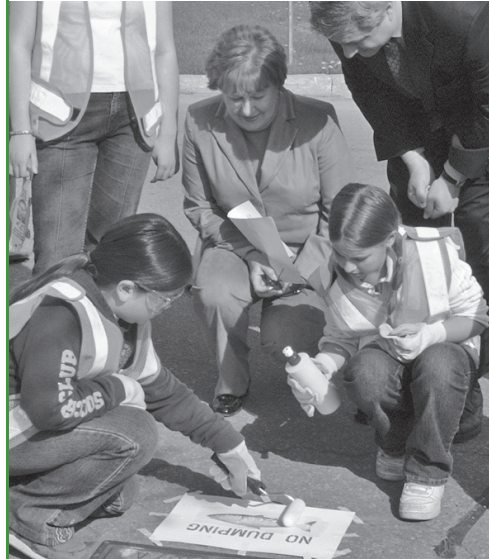
Protecting Halton's environment



A. Brent Marshall
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Protecting the natural environment is a Halton priority, integral to the businesses we are in and how we manage them. Halton works in collaboration with other agencies and organizations on environmental initiatives. To protect our air quality for example, we partner on programs such as Halton Partners for Clean Air, the GTA Clean Air

Council and the 20/20 The Way to Clean Air campaign.



Regional Chairman, Joyce Savoline, and Burlington Mayor, Rob MacIsaac, participating in the Yellow Fish Road program.

Protecting and safeguarding our water supply is critical, given Halton's responsibility for water and wastewater services. That's one reason we partnered with the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) which seeks to revitalize the Hamilton Harbour and its watershed.

Recently BARC recognized Halton for our work in meeting, and often exceeding, the Remedial Action Plan for Hamilton Harbour final targets for phosphorus. Effluent is the treated liquid coming out of our wastewater treatment plants and we're proud that our effluent quality is one of the cleanest in North America.

Last spring Halton Region, the City of Burlington, the Town of Oakville and Conservation Halton launched the Yellow Fish Road program. This program is designed to remind people not to illegally dispose of waste down the drain through the use of painted yellow fish on storm drains. Since the launch, more than 220 people have participated, painting over 230 storm drains across Halton with yellow fish. Residents are asked to take hazardous material to our Household Hazardous Waste depot at the Halton Waste Management Site.

These programs are just a sampling of what Halton participates in to protect our environment. For more information please call us or visit our website.

Halton Meetings & Events

March Meetings at Regional Headquarters

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| Wednesday, March 1 | 9:30 a.m. Regional Council Meeting |
| Tuesday, March 21 | 9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee |
| Wednesday, March 22 | 9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee |
| Wednesday, March 29 | 9:30 a.m. Regional Council Meeting |