

# Region maintains top credit rating

Once again, the Region has been rated number one when it comes to its credit.

Independent ratings agency Moody's Investors Service recently reaffirmed Halton's AAA credit rating, allowing the Region and its four municipalities to borrow funds at the lowest possible interest rates.

Moody's also attached a stable outlook to the Region's rating, indicating its continued confidence in Halton's financial management and ability to maintain the rating into the future.

"The AAA credit rating is reserved for communities that consistently demonstrate strong financial performance and practice sound fiscal management," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"This reaffirmation of our top rating and

our stable outlook reflects Halton's ability, and that of our local municipalities, to effectively plan for a prosperous future with strong and defensible policies."

Moody's Investors Service noted that Halton Region continues to post strong financial results, reflecting a commitment to multi-year planning and sound fiscal management.

"This is the 17th consecutive year that we have achieved the AAA rating, which says a lot about our ability to successfully manage our resources here in Halton," said CAO Brent Marshall.

"Achieving the highest possible credit rating means that Halton can continue to invest in its infrastructure, ensuring that residents receive essential services and maintain our high quality of life."



## The Regional Municipality of Halton

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

**Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8) Transportation Corridor Improvements James Snow Parkway (Regional Road 4) to 250 metres West of Trafalgar Road (Regional Road 3) Town of Halton Hills**

#### Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Regional Municipality of Halton is carrying out a Class Environmental Assessment to consider a wide range of options for transportation corridor improvements to satisfy future travel demands on Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8) from James Snow Parkway (Regional Road 4) to 250 metres west of Trafalgar Road (Regional Road 3), in the Town of Halton Hills (see map below). In order to best address operational deficiencies along the Steeles Avenue corridor, a number of road improvement alternatives have been examined as part of the study; these include widening of the roadway, cross-sectional elements, intersection improvements, over-all traffic operations, as well as the impact of such improvements on the social and natural environments. The study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

The first Public Information Centre was held on November 29, 2005. Thereafter, the preferred alternative was determined taking into consideration the problem being addressed, alternative solutions, environmental effects, and comments that were received from the Town of Halton Hills, regulatory agencies and the public. The preferred alternative includes the widening of Steeles Avenue from two to four lanes with intersection improvements.

A second Public Information Centre has been arranged to review the preliminary preferred alternative and receive public comments. Following the information centre, the preliminary preferred alternative will be reviewed taking into consideration the comments received, and confirmed or modified.

- Date:** Thursday, April 6, 2006
- Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Drop-in Centre  
7:00 p.m. Presentation followed by question and answer session
- Location:** Bishop P. F. Reding Secondary School Cafeteria  
1120 Main Street East, Milton (located west of James Snow Parkway)

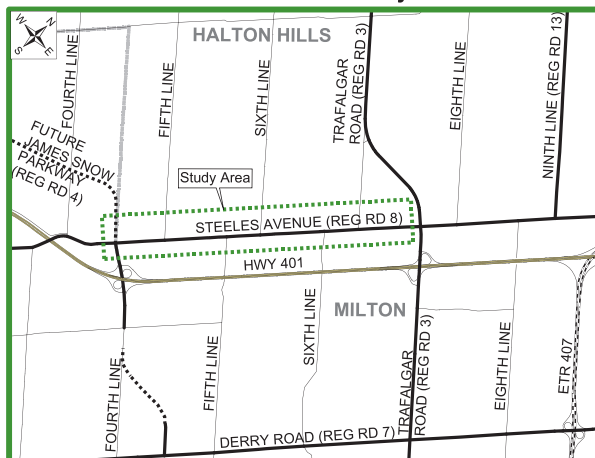
If you cannot attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them by April 21, 2006 to the Regional Municipality of Halton at the address below.

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The map below shows the approximate limits of the study area.



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Deadline for nominations is March 31, 2006  
Nominees need to live or work in Milton or Halton Hills.

