

# Stone-wielding youths using train tracks concern police

I had a conversation with a member of our community this week that disturbed me greatly. Apparently some area youths are frequenting the train tracks near Main Street, Carruthers Road and Dayfoot Drive in Georgetown.

While on the train tracks, these youths are throwing railway rocks into nearby windows and properties, then boarding and crossing moving trains to elude upset property owners.

The property damage is a Criminal Code offence— mischief. Walking on the train tracks is a provincial offence—trespassing. Toying with trains is just not smart.

But what I'd rather talk about is how trains can't brake and avoid, or stop for people on their tracks. The average 150 car freight train traveling at 59 km/h takes approximately 960 metres to stop.

Last year alone 83 trespassing persons were involved in

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train collisions, with 64 fatalities and 18 seriously injured. In Halton Hills, I personally have attended two trespassing

pedestrian fatalities involving trains. In one case I was the first officer to find the deceased person.

Incidents like this forever affect families and friends who lose their loved ones, and also affect train employees and emergency service workers who carry the images and experiences with them for the rest of their lives.

Next time you consider taking any risk remember that "injury" takes the lives of more

young people than all other causes combined.

Contact me personally for crime prevention tips, or information regarding community concerns through 905-878-5511, extension 2470, or by e-mailing [chris.borak@hrps.on.ca](mailto:chris.borak@hrps.on.ca). Please reserve the 911 system for emergency calls only.

*Const. Borak is the Halton Regional Police community support officer for District One.*



## 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)

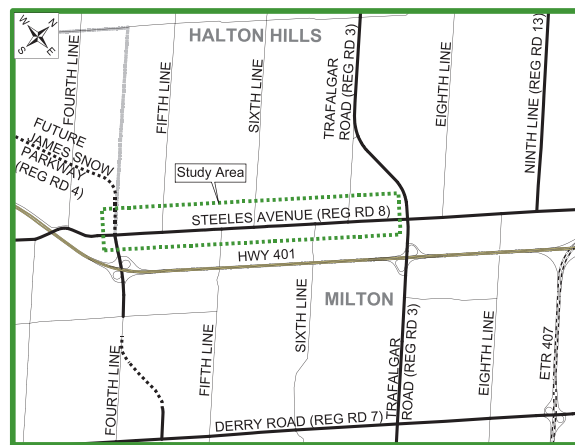
If you cannot attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them by April 21, 2006 to the Regional Municipality of Halton at the address below.

Information requests or questions may be directed to:

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



This Notice first issued on March 24, 2006  
[www.halton.ca/ppw/planningroads](http://www.halton.ca/ppw/planningroads)

### REQUESTS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

The Regional Municipality of Halton on behalf of the Halton Co-operative Purchasing Group (H.C.P.G) is issuing a Request for Pre-Qualification for Trade Contractors (But not limited to: painting, plumbing, dry walling, minor building repairs, electrical, masonry, roofing, locksmith, flooring, window cleaning and mechanical).

Bid documents for the services listed below, addressed to the Manager of Purchasing, 1151 BRONTE ROAD, OAKVILLE, ON L6M 3L1 will be received until 2:00 p.m. Oakville time on the specified closing date. Bid documents can be seen or obtained through the Purchasing Division of the Corporate Services Department, same address as above, telephone 905-825-6000, extension 7011. If long distance charges apply, dial toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

Documents will be available for pick up on and after March 23, 2006. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$16.05 (includes GST). Bidders who request documents to be shipped from the Purchasing Department must include a handling fee of \$10.70 (includes GST) for this service. Bid documents are also available to download from Halton's website at [www.halton.ca/shop](http://www.halton.ca/shop) for a non-refundable deposit of \$10.70 (includes GST).

Under no circumstances will facsimile, e-mail or late bids be accepted or considered.

Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

Halton Region relies on this advertisement to provide public notice of this business opportunity and is not obligated to notify any potential bidders in any other manner.

**HCPG # 909-79-06**

#### **REQUEST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR TRADE CONTRACTORS**

**CLOSING: THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006**

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[www.halton.ca/shop](http://www.halton.ca/shop)

### An Environmental *Discovery* for the Bell/Chairman's Breakfast



Chairman  
Joyce Savoline

On Friday April 21, 2006, I will host the third "Bell/Chairman's Breakfast On The Environment". This year's keynote speaker, Astronaut Roberta Bondar, will explore issues of goal setting, teamwork and personal discovery, by drawing on her pioneering role as Canada's first female astronaut on the space shuttle Discovery.

The breakfast will be held at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, 5407 Regional Road 25 in Milton, between 7-9 a.m. Individual tickets for the breakfast are \$40, or corporate tables of 10 are available. Registration forms for the "Bell/Chairman's Breakfast On The Environment" are available on-line at [www.halton.ca/business](http://www.halton.ca/business), by calling Halton's Business Development Office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7514, or toll-free at 1-866-442-5866.

#### **Halton Regional Meeting Schedule:**

- April 11 9:30 a.m. - Health & Social Services Committee
- April 12 9:30 a.m. - Planning & Public Works Committee
- April 12 1:30 p.m. - Administration & Finance Committee