

Public's input sought at Local Health Integration Network meeting May 2

The Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is inviting the public's input for the development of the first Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) for Mississauga Halton.

A series of public consultations has been scheduled with the Halton Hills meeting slated for Tuesday, May 2, 7-9 p.m. at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre.

The Integrated Health Service Plan is a three-year plan, which is scheduled for completion and submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care by October of this year. This first, locally developed health care plan will provide an initial profile of health services and outline specific service improvements and service integration priorities for the Mississauga-Halton area.

The public meetings will be structured to obtain concrete ideas on how to better coordinate and integrate services for mothers and babies, children and young people, adults and seniors.

"A key principle of our IHSP planning is involving the health care user—the client, the patient and the family and the health care provider," said Michael Fenn, CEO, Mississauga Halton LHIN.

In addition to the public forums, people may also contribute to the Integrated Health Services Plan by participating in one or all of the following:

- A web-based survey at www.pwc.com/ca/MHLHIN_public
- A written submission (The deadline for inclusion in the initial IHSP is May 1.

Submissions will be accepted any time thereafter, but may not be included in the first draft of the plan.)

- A delegation presentation which may be scheduled by calling Susan Hall at 905-337-7131 ext. 202 (The deadline for registering is May 1. Delegations will be accepted any time thereafter, but may not be included in the first draft of the plan.)

Prior to finalization, the draft Integrated Health Service Plan will be circulated for review and comment.

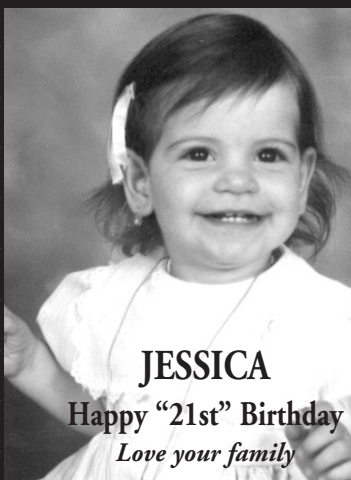
There are a number of ways to register for a meeting:

1. Complete a registration form and FAX it to 905-337-8330
2. Register on-line at www.pwc.com/ca/MHLHIN_public
3. Call: Susan Hall at 905-337-7131 ext. 202

The Mississauga Halton LHIN is one of 14 new health care organizations across Ontario responsible for overall service planning, system integration, and by 2007, the funding of key health care services within its geographic boundaries— which include South Etobicoke, Mississauga, Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills.

The LHINs planning role includes responsibility for hospitals, Community Care Access Centres (which provide home care services), community support service organizations (such as home meal services), mental health and addictions agencies, community health centres and long-term care homes.

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- FREE Compost and Wood Chips. Bring along a shovel and container for pick-up. A non-perishable food donation to the Georgetown Bread Basket or Acton Foodshare is requested for each gallon container of compost.
- Environmental Displays by the Town's Environmental Advisory Committee (TEAC), Willow Park Ecology Centre, Healthy Options for People and the Environment, Georgetown Horticultural Society, REEP (Halton Residential Energy Efficiency Project), the Litter Free Task Force and the Cancer Society.
- Colouring Contest with prizes.
- Breakfast and BBQ served by Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council - waffles, hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages and refreshments for \$1.00 each.
- Free draw to win a tree, Free Energuide draw from REEP, Litterbags from the Litter Free Task Force, Book Sale with all proceeds going to charity.
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