

Beware of home reno fraud artists

One of the most common frauds, especially in relation to seniors, occurs in the area of home renovations.

Most frequently, unscrupulous contractors attend the homes of unsuspecting individuals and provide quotes for work that may not be necessary. Although some legitimate contractors may engage in door-to-door solicitation, please be cautious of contractors who are willing to renovate your home; especially if you did not initiate the inquiry or wanted to have a renovation completed in the first place.

The following will help prevent problems related to home renovations.

1. Do not be pressured to sign a contract right away in order to take advantage of a "door-to-door" offer.
2. Make sure everything you agree to is in writing (i.e. the cost, start and end dates, and who is responsible for cleanup).
3. Get written, detailed estimates from three or four contractors and stay away from the contractor who quotes flat rates before inspecting your house. Determine if the price includes the cost of materials and labour.
4. Renovations don't automatically add value to your home. Don't be talked into unnecessary renovations.
5. Keep down payments to a minimum—10 per cent of the total estimate is fair, and never pay the full amount until the work is completed.
6. If a large amount of money is involved, you may want to have your lawyer or a friend go over the contract and explain it to you

**Const.
Chris
Borak**



before you sign.

If you have any questions about a renovation contract, it is better to not sign the document and give yourself time to have it checked before you sign it. If you authorize work to be completed for a cost that turns out to be much higher than should be charged, it may not constitute a fraud; therefore, it is essential to get several quotes, to see what a "normal" cost is before you sign the contract.

The above information and other tips with regard to home renovations can be found at the Canadian Home Builders' Association at www.hiringcontractor.com or you can contact the Ministry of Government Services at 800-268-1142 or at www.mgs.gov.on.ca

Contact me personally for crime prevention tips at 905-878-5511 extension 2470, or by e-mailing chris.borak@hrps.on.ca. Please reserve the 911 system for emergency calls only.

—Const. Chris Borak is the community support officer for District 1

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**NOTICE OF FINAL STAFF REPORT
TOWN OF HALTON HILLS
OFFICIAL PLAN**

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will consider Report No. PD-2006-0025 dated June 14, 2006 including the related Submissions Matrix dealing with the final disposition of the new Town of Halton Hills Official Plan at the **September 5, 2006** Council meeting commencing at **6:30 p.m.** Among other matters, the staff report and the related Submissions Matrix address the various written submissions received by the Town following the statutory public meeting held on June 28, 2005 pursuant to Section 17 (15) of the Planning Act. The report also recommends that Council consider adopting a new Official Plan pursuant to Section 17 (22) of the Planning Act. The new Official Plan is intended to replace the existing Halton Hills Official Plan, as adopted by By-law 82-135, as amended, and all amendments thereto, save and except for Amendment No. 104 (Norval Secondary Plan), Amendment No. 113 (Glen Williams Secondary Plan) and Amendment No. 103 (Dufferin Quarry Expansion). The purpose of the proposed Official Plan is to provide a detailed land use planning framework for the Town of Halton Hills to a planning horizon of 2021. The new Official Plan is intended to implement Provincial and Regional Plans and policies including the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement and the Region of Halton Official Plan through more detailed policies that appropriately reflect the Town's character, role and location within the Region of Halton and the Greater Toronto Area.

This is not a statutory public meeting pursuant to the Planning Act. Staff will provide a brief summary overview presentation. Should you wish to appear as a delegation regarding PD-2006-0025 you must register with the Clerk's Department. Further information regarding the new Official Plan, including Report No. PD-2006-0025 and the related Submissions Matrix is available in the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2 or on our website at www.haltonhills.ca.

DATE/TIME: September 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
FILE NOS: D08/Official Plan 121

**TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ELECTION 2006
ARE YOU ON THE
VOTERS' LIST?**

The voters' list will be posted at the Town of Halton Hills, Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, commencing **Tuesday, September 5, 2006.**

Electors should examine the list to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown.

Any individual may call the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours at 905-873-2601, ext. 2330, to make inquiries regarding their status as an elector and their school support.

**A PERSON MAY MAKE APPLICATION
REQUESTING THAT:**

1. his/her name be added to or removed from the voters' list or
 2. information on the voters' list relating to the person be amended
- between Tuesday, September 5, 2006 and Friday, November 10, 2006** at the Clerk's office or on **Voting Day, November 13, 2006** at the location designated for you to vote.

**A PERSON MAY MAKE APPLICATION
REQUESTING THAT:**

3. another person's name be deleted from the voters' list by filing an application on the prescribed form with the Clerk at the Civic Centre

between Tuesday, September 5, 2006 and Friday, September 29, 2006.

VOTING PROXIES

Any elector may appoint another eligible elector as his or her proxy. The forms to appoint a proxy are available at the Town Clerk's Office after October 3, 2006. The individual who is to be appointed as the proxy must attend the Town Clerk's Office in order to take a declaration.

Any individual may act as a proxy for only one individual. This restriction on the number of appointments does not apply if the individual is acting as a proxy for a spouse, sibling, parent, child, grandparent, or grandchild.

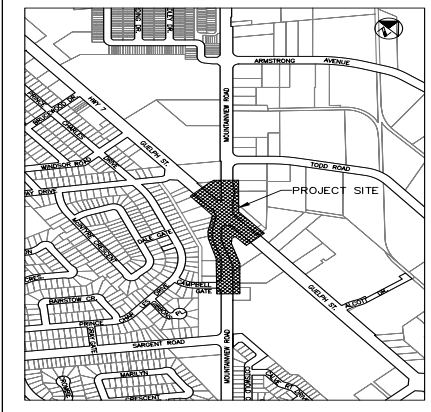
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Karen M. Landry
Town Clerk and Returning Officer 122

**NOTICE OF
CONSTRUCTION**

**GUELPH STREET/MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
SURFACE WORKS
Contract P-2005-CL-05**

The Town of Halton Hills is proposing to complete the surface works at the above-noted intersection.



The work will generally include minor widenings on Guelph Street, widening of Mountainview Road on the east side, asphalt removal/replacement, new sidewalks, concrete curbs and islands, traffic signal installations, lighting and landscaping.

The project is expected to begin in mid September with completion by year's end.

Plans detailing this project are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering, Public Works & Building Services Department office. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Ron Goddard, C.E.T., Manager of Engineering Design & Capital Works, at extension 2310. 123

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