

SPARE OUR AIR STOP UNNECESSARY IDLING

In 2005 the Town of Halton Hills enacted By-Law No. 2005-0083. The By-law prohibits unnecessary idling of vehicles within the Town of Halton Hills.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO CLEAN UP OUR AIR!

- Excessive idling can damage your engine's components, including cylinders, spark plugs and the exhaust system.
- Contaminants from vehicle exhaust are major contributors to poor air quality and smog.
- Minimize warm-up idling. Even at -18° C most cars require only 15 to 20 seconds of idling before being driven, assuming that the vehicle's windows are clear.
- Avoid high speeds and rapid acceleration for the first five kilometers so that all moving parts can warm up.
- Use a block heater to warm the engine before you start it. Reduce engine wear, improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. Use an automatic timer to turn on the block heater two hours before you plan to start the vehicle.
- When you are stopped for more than 10 seconds, except in traffic, turn the engine off. Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your engine.

Parents! When picking up or dropping off your children at school, please remember to.....

TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE WHEN NOT IN USE!



For further information on the Town of Halton Hills Idling Control By-law please call 905 873-2601, ext. 2604.

Official Plan debate set for Monday

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Halton Hills council will debate the final draft of the Official Plan—the document that will govern all planning in the Town of Halton Hills until 2021—at Monday's council meeting (Sept. 18).

The approval was deferred from the Sept. 5 meeting due to the lateness of the hour (11 p.m.)

The draft will replace the outdated 1985 Official Plan, and its primary goal is to retain the small town/rural character with a environment-first planning approach.

At last week's council meeting, POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) president Leslie Adams requested

minor wording changes to de-emphasize the aggregate industry in various policies. She called the approval of the Official Plan as one of the most important things council will do this term.

Norm Elliott, a former Acton councillor speaking as a citizen of Acton, expressed concern about the greenbelt restrictions surrounding that community that could prevent expansion for 15 years or more. He cited a potential for growth east of Acton around Fourth Line.

For more information on the Official Plan, check out the Town's website www.halton-hills.ca

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