

# Intersection reconstruction comes in \$75,000 over budget

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Once again, tenders for a Halton Hills capital project has come in over budget prompting council to approve \$75,000 over-expenditure.

Council awarded the contract for the Guelph St./Mountainview Rd. intersection to Cox Construction of Guelph for \$1.12 million.

The first phase of the project—electrical underground construction and hydro relocations—was already completed in the fall/winter of 2004-05. The second phase, which began Monday, includes minor widening on Guelph St., widening of Mountainview Rd. on the east side, asphalt removal and replacement, new sidewalks, concrete curbs and islands, traffic signal installations, lighting and landscaping.

The Province of Ontario is kicking in \$765,000 as part of the Connecting Link program (Guelph St. is Hwy. 7).

This is fourth tender in the last month to come in over-budget—previous ones were Acton skate park (\$50,000), Acton fair building (\$123,000), and Georgetown leash-free zone (\$8,000).

“I think Halton Region owes us money,”

said Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis, “We didn’t get a finished product. Doesn’t the Region have some obligation to pay some of this?”

In 2004, Halton Hills assumed Mountainview Rd. from Halton Region and at that time, Halton Region provided \$280,000 for improvements including widening for an additional lane of north-bound traffic and resurfacing of the road from the intersection to Campbell Gate.



**RICK HENRY**

Director of Engineering Public Works and Building Rick Henry said Halton Region provided the \$280,000 as one-time funding as a result of the road download, and that the money the Town has to work with.

“That was in 2004 and this is towards the end of 2006. ...Prices of construction materials have raised substantially in the past year or two and (so) we’re short,” said Henry.

Lewis said the process needs to move faster to save the taxpayers money.

But Henry pointed out that the delay came from the provincial government, which did not approve monies for the second phase in 2005, but instead, waited a year later.

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# Town to close parks temporarily after spraying of pesticides

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Changes have been made to the Town’s pesticide spraying policy that will include parks being closed temporarily after spraying.

The changes, approved by council at a recent meeting, were prompted by complaints from local residents in the spring, claiming they were not notified of spraying so they could tell their children not to enter the parks.

The new changes include:

- Restricting public access for a period during, and three hours following, a pesticide application. This will be a one-year trial. Cost of the new reader-friendly signs will be \$1,200.

• Advance notice will be given to school principals, parent councils and licensed child care centres (excluding homecare providers) when the application is occurring in their neighbourhood.


• A revised public notice allowing schools and daycare operators to send home with children.

It is the Town’s position to use pesticides only when other alternatives have not been successful or thresholds on weeds or bugs have been exceeded.

The Town has already advertised this month about the spraying of town-owned properties between Sept. 13 and Sept. 29.

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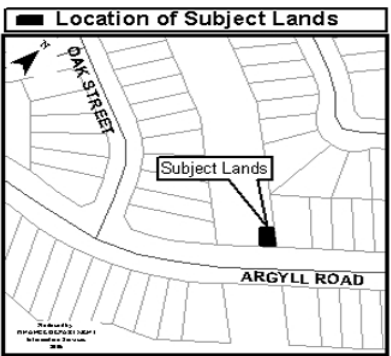
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**SALE OF PROPERTY (EASEMENT)**

NOTICE is hereby given that Council for the Town of Halton Hills will be dealing with the matter of declaring an easement interest in the following land to be surplus to its needs and proposing a transfer of the easement to Bell Canada.

**Part of Block 85 on Plan 20M-621, (Part 1 on Reference Plan 20R-16834), as shown in the sketch below.**

**Location of Subject Lands**



Anyone concerned with the proposed transfer of easement may appear before Council at its meeting to be held on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. to state any objection. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber in the Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown.

For further information, please contact: Ron Goddard, Manager of Engineering Design & Capital Works, 905-873-2601, Ext. 2310. 138

- Any branch of the Royal Bank located within the Town of Halton Hills (may be subject to a service charge)
- Payments may be left at the Halton Hills Hydro Office (no receipts issued)

**AFTER HOURS?**

- Royal Bank branches during scheduled hours of service
- Drop Box located next to main entrance of Civic Centre available 24 hours

**HOW?**

- a) By CHEQUE or CASH
- b) POST-DATED cheques are acceptable and will ensure that instalment dates are not missed
- c) INTERAC – in person at the Civic Centre
- d) By TELEPHONE: Check with your bank for further information
- e) PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN: For details please call the Tax Department at 905-873-2601, ext. 2930

**LATE PAYMENTS?**

- A late payment charge of 1-1/4 per cent per month will be charged on the first day of each calendar month until taxes are paid

**NO TAX BILL?**

- Bills were mailed June 7, 2006. Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not excuse the Owner from responsibility for payment, nor relieve him/her from liability for late payment charges. Please contact the Finance Department if you did not receive yours.

**NEW PROPERTIES?**

- Newly built properties are likely to have tax bills related to their land value assessment only until full assessment is applied and supplementary taxes are billed. Owners are responsible for taxes billed and should make provisions for the future billing of supplementary taxes.

**SENIOR'S TAX GRANT?**

- To qualify for the Senior's Tax Grant applicants must be 65 years of age, own and occupy property in the Town of Halton Hills for one year and be in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement. Applications are available from the Tax Department and will automatically be mailed to those who qualified last year.

**QUESTIONS?**

- If you have any questions concerning realty property taxes, call the Finance Department at 905-873-2601, ext. 2930, write to us at the address below or check our web site at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca)
- For assessment related questions, please call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722 or check their web site at [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca) 137

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**NOTICE TO HALTON HILLS TAXPAYERS**

The second instalment of the 2006 Final Tax Bill is due on:

**Wednesday, September 27, 2006**

**PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**WHERE?**

- Finance Department, Civic Centre (8:30 – 4:30 Monday to Friday), or

1 Halton Hills Dr., Halton Hills ON L7G 5G2  
Tel.: 905-873-2600 • Fax: 905-873-2347



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Cedarvale Park Off-Leash Opening**  
Sunday September 24, 2006  
11am - 3 pm



Vendors, displays, demonstrations, games and refreshment!

For more information contact:  
Halton Hills Dog Owners Group [www.hhdog.com](http://www.hhdog.com)  
Warren Harris, Manager of Parks and Open Space (905) 873-2601 x 2274

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