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# Town council wants CRTC to keep Weather Network on basic cable

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Halton Hills council endorsed a resolution requesting the Canadian Radio and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) keep The Weather Network on the basic cable service.

The CRTC is considering allowing cable and satellite companies to move The Weather Network to paid premium channels. Pelmorex Communications Inc., the company behind the weather station, has made an application to the CRTC to keep the weather as a basic service. The company is requesting viewers and municipalities to send the CRTC letters of support.

"Weather channel information is very important to a lot of people," said Ward 3

Councillor Dave Kentner, mover of the motion at a recent council meeting.

"We just witnessed (March 5/6— the date of a double fatality accident) a perfect example where weather information might have kept people off the roads and saved their lives and a lot of property damage."

The request came to Halton Hills council via the Ontario Good Roads Association, which has already lent its support to The Weather Network.

The association stated having the weather station on the basic cable is in the interest of public safety and is a service to municipalities in planning their winter maintenance operation strategies for upcoming storm

events.

More information is available at [www.support.theweathernetwork.com](http://www.support.theweathernetwork.com)



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### Urban Yard Waste Collection Begins

From the week starting April 9 to the week ending December 7, yard waste materials will be collected every other week on the same day as your Blue Box.

- ✓ Acceptable materials include yard and garden trimmings; pumpkins; fallen fruit from trees and tree trimmings.
- ✗ Grass clippings will not be collected with yard waste or garbage. Please "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn.

Use only paper yard waste bags, or labelled, reusable, rigid containers with no lids. Do not use plastic bags, cardboard boxes or Blue Boxes for yard waste collection.

Yard waste labels for reusable containers are available at no charge from Halton Region.

Containers must be no larger than 125 L (27 imperial gallons) or 23 kg (50 lbs).

Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m (4 ft) by 0.6 m (2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches in diameter).



### Business Development Centre

Halton Region's Business Development Centre, in partnership with Oakville Public Library, is offering a new seminar series for new entrepreneurs called Build Your Business. The series will offer "building blocks" of business information, and is designed to introduce new business owners to various business topics. Entrepreneurs can attend all the seminars in the series or just the ones they're interested in. All seminars take place in the Auditorium at the Central Library, 120 Navy Street, Oakville, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration details are below.

#### Upcoming Business Seminars and Programs

##### Starting a Small Business Information Seminar:

Mon., Apr. 2, afternoon session and Wed., Apr. 25, evening session. (\$20/person)

**Build Your Business Seminar Series:** In partnership with Oakville Public Library, this series will introduce new business owners to the following topics:

- Thurs., Apr. 26 – Starting a Home-based Business
- Thurs., May 10 – Online Resources for Small Business
- Thurs., June 14 – Expert Roundtable Discussion (\$20/person/seminar; see description above)

**Consultant on Site Program:** In partnership with Halton Hills Public Library, a business consultant will be available to meet with small business clients at the Halton Hills Library on the following dates: Thurs., Apr. 19; Thurs., May 17 and Thurs., June 21. Appointments must be booked in advance.

**Tool Box to Grow Your Business Seminar:** In partnership with RBC-Royal Bank and the Business Development Bank of Canada, this seminar on April 24 will explain how business owners must clearly present their company to apply for financing to grow their business. (\$25/person)

**Youth Entrepreneurship:** Halton Region helps youth develop their entrepreneurial skills with two programs delivered in partnership with the Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship. **Summer Company** provides financial awards, training and mentoring to help students ages 15 to 29 start their own summer business. The **Halton Region RBC Business Plan Competition** lets secondary school students showcase their entrepreneurial talents and written business skills.

**The Bell / Chairman's Breakfast:** This is an annual event hosted by the Chairman's Round Table On The Environment. The Breakfast is presented in partnership with the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and will be held on Fri., Apr. 20 at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club. (\$400/table of ten — includes sponsorship of 4 students and 1 chaperone.)

**Contact us for more information on these events and how to register.**

### Holiday Waste Collection Notice

**Due to the Good Friday Holiday, Friday's waste collection will take place on Saturday, April 7.**

Easter Monday does not impact the waste collection schedule.

Please check your 2007 "Curb Appeal" Waste Management Calendar for details in your area or the Region's Waste Management website at [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste).

#### Halton Waste Management Site

**Will be closed on Friday, April 6, 2007.**

##### Regular Operating Hours

Open Monday to Saturday  
 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

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