

Celebrating Earth Week 2007

April 20 to 28

Halton Region



Gary Carr
Halton Regional Chair

Halton residents have inherited a rich and diverse natural legacy that includes a wide range of plants and wildlife, unique features and areas of spectacular beauty, such as the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario.

Halton Region has a number of key initiatives intended to preserve our environment. Halton is pleased to work in partnership with the Town of Halton Hills and the other Local Municipalities on these initiatives.

Air Quality

- The recently released report by Halton Region and the Health Department *Air Quality, Health and the Human Environment: protecting air quality through the land planning process*, is a call to action to improve air quality and human health and slow climate change.

Promoting Agriculture

- Halton is actively involved in helping to keep our local agricultural industry competitive given the economic, land use, and labour pressures that farmers face. Simply Local is a Regional initiative to promote Halton's agricultural industry, that encourages residents to purchase products from local farms and farmers' markets.



Planning for the Future

- The Durable Halton process will help the Region to meet provincial requirements of both the Provincial Greenbelt and Places to Grow Plans, and develop a blueprint for building sustainable and healthy communities for generations to come.



Reducing the number of cars on our roads

- Halton is participating in Smart Commute, Canada's largest ever transportation demand reduction program to encourage people to consider alternative travel modes and reduce the number of single occupant vehicle trips.

Clean Drinking Water

- In addition to providing clean water using state-of-the-art technology, the Region continues to work with residents who own private wells to encourage proper maintenance of wells and testing of their well water.

Waste Diversion

- Thanks to the efforts of Halton residents, the amount of waste diverted from landfill increased to 43 per cent in 2006. Halton is continuing to encourage residents to practice the 3R's – reduce, reuse and recycle – to increase the amount of waste being diverted from landfill to 60 per cent by the year 2010.

Halton Hills Earth Day – April 28

- Halton Region will be at the Town's Robert C. Austin Public Works Yard at 11620 Trafalgar Road giving away free compost from the yard waste program and collecting used electronics (e.g. computer hard drives, stereos, VCR's) and residential tires for recycling.

Town of Halton Hills



Rick Bonnette
Mayor of Halton Hills

Halton Hills recognizes the importance of making changes in our operations in order to help preserve and enhance our precious environment. We are always striving to improve and be more efficient.

The efforts of Halton Hills and Halton to improve our environment are a complementary and effective partnership. Below is a short list of some of our environmental initiatives.

Making buildings more energy efficient

- Halton Hills is making our administrative and recreational facilities more energy efficient. These practices include energy efficient lighting, waste heat recovery systems, timers for lights in facility rooms and baseboard heaters to reduce energy consumption during times of non-use.



Public Works Environmental Initiatives

- Halton Hills has been adding stormwater treatment structures into our designs, to reduce pollutants entering our watercourses.
- Halton Hills has introduced coordinated traffic signals on three roads, reducing harmful carbon dioxide emissions and reducing fuel consumption in a range of 20 to 25 per cent on those roads.
- Halton Hills has adopted an Anti-Idling By-Law to reduce vehicle emissions.
- Round-About were designed into the Georgetown South road network reducing the number of vehicle stops which decreases emissions and noise pollution.
- Halton Hills has introduced and converted to LED energy efficient traffic signals, which use 85 per cent less electricity to produce the same light output as conventional signal bulbs.



Parks and Open Space

- The Town won a Halton Conservation Award in 2006 for its Irrigation System Monitoring, which results in lower water usage for irrigation systems.

Earth Week Events

- The Third Annual 20 Minute Makeover is scheduled for Friday, April 20th when employees and school children are encouraged to spend 20 minutes doing a quick but very effective litter pick up in their immediate neighbourhoods.
- The Community Wide Clean Up Day is set for Saturday, April 21st. Hundreds of volunteers will scour our parks, ravines and roadsides in both the urban and in rural areas. The Rain date for Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 28th.
- Earth Day April 28, 2007 – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town's Robert C. Austin Public Works Yard at 11620 Trafalgar Road.



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