

Recreation Dept. offers financial aid

Did you know that if you are currently receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement, you are eligible for discounted fees for registered programs and memberships with Recreation & Parks? Spring registration is currently underway; so don't let program fees get in the way of a healthy lifestyle.

Also, if you are currently working

and have an employer health benefit plan, you may be eligible for all or a portion of your membership fees to be paid by your insurance provider. Have you looked into your company benefits plan? For many, membership fees can be an overwhelming expense, but often times, employers offer benefits to help you on your way to a more productive mental and physical state.

If you have suffered an injury and been directed by your doctor to exercise your way back to health, your personal insurance may cover the costs of purchasing a membership. It's important to stay strong and healthy, especially after an injury. The Recreation and Parks department offers many great opportunities for low impact exercise options as well as

a unique partnership with The Power Zone Fitness Centre to cover all your fitness needs.

For information on any of our offered memberships or to inquire about your eligibility for reduced membership fees, please contact us by phone at 905-873-2601 ext. 2275 or visit us on the web at www.halton-hills.ca.



The Regional Municipality of Halton

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

HALTON-PEEL BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The Halton-Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study is a joint study between the Region of Peel, Halton Region, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, and the Town of Halton Hills. The study has been initiated to identify the long-term (2021 and 2031) transportation network required to support provincial and inter-municipal planning goals, and to serve future transportation demands within the Study Area (see map below).

Specific goals and objectives of the Halton-Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study are to:

- Support current and future municipal planning objectives by providing transportation capacity to accommodate future travel demands generated by planned growth in west Brampton and Halton Hills.
- Develop a coordinated interconnected roadway network system along the Halton/Peel boundary.
- Identify opportunities for transportation mode choices, including public transit, carpooling/vanpooling, and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes across the study area.
- Identify solutions to serve long-distance truck traffic travelling in the study area between Halton Region and Peel Region.
- Identify improvements that will serve inter-regional traffic including longer-distance, cross-boundary traffic from Halton Region (and areas west of Halton Region), travelling through west Brampton and southwest Caledon to destinations to the south and east in Peel Region, York Region, and Toronto.
- Review potential to improve connections with the existing Provincial 400-series highway network and possible future Provincial transportation facilities including the GTA West Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study in support of the Province's growth objectives as set out in the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Explore opportunities to reduce dependency on the automobile through Travel Demand Management (TDM)/transit supportive measures.

This notice signals the commencement of the Halton-Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study. This joint study will be carried out through an open public process in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process (MEA, 2000) which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act, so that the study results can serve as direct input to any subsequent EA studies that may be deemed appropriate. The Halton-Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study will define problems and opportunities, consider and evaluate alternative solutions, and identify an optimum transportation system along the Halton/Peel boundary.

A key component of the study will be consultation with both stakeholders and the general public through stakeholder group workshops and public information centres (PICs). These will be held at key points during the study and will provide opportunities for input into the study and the presentation of study findings to date, by the Steering Committee.

If you require additional information, would like to be placed on the project mailing list, or if you represent an agency, organization, ratepayers group, or special interest group and would like to be added to the Stakeholders Group list, please contact one of the individuals below:

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Please visit www.Halton-PeelBATS.ca for additional information.



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Earth Day

April 22

This Earth Day, before putting items in the garbage, think of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste.



Plastic grocery bags don't go in the Blue Box. Use a reusable bag or bin for shopping instead of accepting plastic bags. Or, instead of throwing plastic bags in the garbage, take them back to your local grocery store – many grocery stores have a bin to collect clean plastic grocery bags for recycling.

Return your liquor bottles

(glass and plastic), Tetra-Pak® and Bag-in-Box containers to The Beer Store to receive your cash deposit. This is another way to increase the amount of bottles being recycled. By returning bottles to The Beer Store you free up space in your Blue Box which means you'll have more room to recycle other materials around your home.



Household hazardous waste – paint, varsol, stains, car oils, cleaners, pesticides, and solvents – should not be poured down the drain because they can contaminate our drinking water. If you put them in the garbage, they could actually mix together and catch on fire or explode! Bring your household hazardous waste – which also includes batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs – to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site, where it can be properly refined, recycled or disposed of. This is free for residents.

If you've been spring cleaning in your closets, don't throw away unwanted clothes, books, toys, linens, paired shoes, kitchenware and undamaged furniture. Give them to a reuse charity so others can enjoy them. There's a Salvation Army drop-off located at the Halton

Waste Management Site; for a list of other reuse charities in Halton, visit www.halton.ca/waste.



Remember, every day is Earth Day!

An environmental Adventure for the Bell/Chairman's Breakfast

On Friday April 20, 2007, I will host the fourth "Bell/Chairman's Breakfast On The Environment". This year's keynote speaker, Jeff MacInnis, will deliver a "must-see" multimedia presentation using National Geographic images and television footage, so the audience "lives" the adventure and gains valuable insight into corporate and personal performance.

The breakfast will be held at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, 5407 Regional Road 25 in Milton, between 7-9 a.m. Individual tickets for the breakfast are \$40, or tables of 10 are available for \$400. Registration forms for the "Bell/Chairman's Breakfast On The Environment" are available on-line at www.halton.ca, by calling Halton Region at 905-825-6000, or toll-free at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).



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Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule
April 18 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council

