

Come Join In The... 17th ANNUAL COMMUNITY LIVING NORTH HALTON FUNDRAISER



Walk-a-thon Sunday, May 6, 2007 Rain or Shine

**Start & Finish – Gellert Community Centre - 5 km route
10241 8th Line, Georgetown**

**Registration: Begins at 10:00 a.m. Official Start: 10:00 a.m.
Closing Ceremonies: 12:30 p.m. (Start & finish at your own pace)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!!!**

All proceeds go towards the support of children and adults with developmental disabilities served through the Saturday Centre, Friday Friends and Drop in Centre in Milton, Georgetown and Acton

**Entertainment!
Food!**

**MASTERS OF CEREMONIES
Mayor Rick Bonnette of Halton Hills
& Mayor Gordon Krantz of Milton**

**Prizes!
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PICK UP YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPES/FORMS AT HALTON HILLS AREA SCHOOLS OR:

GEORGETOWN

- Halton Hills Speech Centre – 211 Guelph Street
- Town of Halton Hills – 1 Halton Hills Drive
- Young's Pharmacy – 47 Main Street South
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Georgetown Market Place
- Horizon Packaging – 12 Todd Road
- Bank of Nova Scotia – 304 Guelph Street
- Shoppers Drug Mart – 333 Mountainview Road S
- Soft Water Plus – 10 Mountainview Rd South
- JV Clothing – Georgetown Market Place
- Ollie's Cycle and Ski – 30 Main Street South
- Feet in Motion – 72 Main Street South

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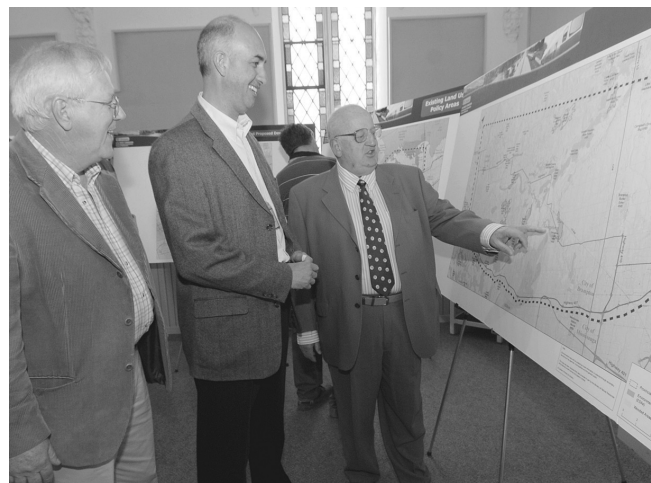
- The Chicken Shop – 8175 Winston Churchill Blvd.

MILTON

- Community Living North Halton – 725 Main Street E.
- Milton Leisure Centre – 1700 Main Street East
- Pur Fitness – 3037 Derry Road West
- Pizza Hut – 550 Ontario Street South
- Goodwill Value Centre – 550 Ontario Street South
- Bakers Dozen – 265 Main Street East(Carriage Square)
- Matt's Rib House – 500 Laurier Avenue
- Troy's Diner – 295 Main Street East
- Scotia Bank – 500 Laurier Avenue
- John Tonelli Sports Centre – 217 Laurier Avenue
- Milton Memorial Arena – Thompson Road
- Milton Sports Centre – 605 Santa Maria Blvd
- Curves for Women – 327 Bronte Street South

ACTON

- Links 2 Care – 47 Mill Street East
- Halton Hills Furniture and Appliance – 2 Main St N
- Shoppers Drug Mart – 252 Queen Street



Halton Hills Ward 3 Councillor Dave Kentner (right) had questions for Will MacKenzie (left) of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, and Neil Ahmed, of the consultant company McCormick Rankin Corporation, at an information meeting of the GTA transportation needs Tuesday night in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre.
Photo by Ted Brown

Studies to combat GTA traffic problems will take several years

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The EA will take a look at projections on population, residential and industrial growth, and transportation infrastructure, and finally, the solutions to meet the burgeoning needs until the year 2031.

Those solutions could mean increased transit, more rail lines, more air flights, more municipal and regional road networks, changes to the Province's own Hwy. 7 or even another provincial highway.

If the solution is more freight rail lines or regional roads, then the MTO will turn the study and the subsequent decision-making over to the rail line ownership or to the regional municipalities, said MacKenzie. But if it's decided the Province needs to improve its own highway system or GO Transit, the study moves into Phase 2— which means more years of review.

There no preference on any alternative right now, stressed MacKenzie.

"This is a long-term planning study, we're looking out to 2031," he said, adding the study itself could take as long as 10 years, if it goes to Phase 2.

"Because it's such a long-range project, we have to involve as much as possible (municipalities, rail lines, transit, conservation authorities, environmental groups and residents), because if we don't get right, there will be problems in the future. So we have to get it right," said MacKenzie. "We can only do that with the involvement of everyone concerned."

He urged residents to come forward with their opinions now, whether that is more transit or more highways.

"That's the only way we're going to know what the people want. We do not want to come out with something that we impose unfairly," he said. "It's an open process for everyone. It must be an open process."

Protection of natural environment, water, agriculture, mineral and cultural heritage will all be considered, as well as, putting a priority on public transit.

The EA will also take into consideration recent provincial government legislation: the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, Provincial Policy Statement, the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. As well, MacKenzie said MTO would be working closely with local governments in the next few years, particularly as Halton Region develops its Durable Plan, which involves the possible expansion of the urban boundaries of Georgetown.

"That's why we have to get through the first phase as soon as we can, but also by involving the municipalities, they know something is coming," he said.

For more information or to submit a comment, go to www.gta-west.com.

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