

# Licence plates stolen from two vehicles

Sometime between Friday and Sunday (Dec. 21-23) two licence plates (AKZX816) were stolen from a 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix parked in a Park St. apartment parking lot.

Licence plates were also taken from a 2002 Ford Taurus parked at a Mowat Cr. home sometime Monday or Tuesday (Dec. 17-18).

# Ontario Ombudsman to handle local complaints

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The Town of Halton Hills has appointed the Ombudsman of Ontario to investigate public complaints about closed-door meetings held by the municipality.

Under new rules that took effect on January 1, municipalities can choose their investigators to review complaints or choose the Ombudsman as the default investigator.

About 72 of Ontario's 445 municipalities have chosen their own investigator.

"This means that in the New Year, most Ontarians will be able to complain to us about any municipal meeting they feel was inappropriately closed to the public," Ombudsman Andre Marin said. "It's the start of a new era of local accountability in Ontario, and we're eager to let people know about it."

New provisions to the Municipal Act subject all municipal councils and most boards and committees to an investigation if their members meet behind closed doors, unless specific exceptions set out in the Act are met.

At its December meeting, Halton Hills council had considered a report that recommended three

alternatives: the Ombudsman, a private company LAS, or join with Oakville in seeking an alternative private company.

Council voted to go with the Ombudsman primarily because it's free, while there is a cost (\$300/year plus \$1,250/day) associated with the other options. The Ombudsman office charges no fee for complainants or municipalities and the Ombudsman's findings and recommendations will be made public.

The Town of Halton Hills holds closed meetings when it involves:

- the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- labour relations or employee negotiations;
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege,

More information on the new legislative changes is available on the Ombudsman's website at [www.ombudsman.on.ca](http://www.ombudsman.on.ca).

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### Invitation to Public Information Forum Comprehensive Broader Scale Environmental Study Caledon Aggregate Resource Area 9-A

**Who are invited:**

The Town of Caledon, Region of Peel, Credit Valley Conservation, and James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL) invite you to attend a Public Information Forum regarding the Comprehensive Broader Scale Environmental Study (CBSES) for Caledon Aggregate Resource Area 9-A and related lands. The Public Information Forum has been scheduled for January 22, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Caledon Ski Club, 17431 Mississauga Road (just north of the Forks of the Credit Road) in the Town of Caledon.

**What to expect:**

In order to provide information to the public regarding the CBSES, and seek public input, the Town of Caledon, Credit Valley Conservation, Region of Peel and James Dick Construction Limited, have been jointly managing a public consultation program, with input from the Coalition of Concerned Citizens. A Public Information Forum was held on January 25, 2007 regarding the draft Part A Report, and an "Objectives Workshop" was held on February 27, 2007. The focus of this third and final Forum will be the presentation of information relating to the draft Part B and draft Part C Reports that were released in June and October 2007 respectively.

Robb Ogilvie (of Ogilvie, Ogilvie & Company) is an independent public facilitator who has been retained to chair and facilitate this Public Information Forum.

The Forum will be organized as follows:

- 7:00 - 8:00 Presentations from the Forum facilitator, Town of Caledon, and James Dick Construction
- 8:00 - 8:50 Facilitated Discussion of Presentations
- 8:50 - 9:00 Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

This Forum is the third and final public consultation session dealing specifically with the CBSES. There will be a further public meeting organized by the Town in the fall of 2008 regarding the Rockfort Quarry application and the final CBSES.

**The Comprehensive Broader Scale Environmental Study:**

A Comprehensive Broader Scale Environmental Study ("CBSES" or the "Study") for Caledon Aggregate Resource Area 9-A, and functionally related lands (refer to map below), is being prepared to address the policies of the Town of Caledon Official Plan. The Study is being completed by James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL) who have applied for a quarry license on a property known as the Rockfort Quarry lands, which is located within Caledon Aggregate Resource Area 9-A. The Study is structured into three main parts: Part A: Ecosystem Characterization; Part B: Sensitivity Analysis; and, Part C: Implementation.

A revised draft Part A Report was issued in November 2006. The draft Part B Report was issued in June 2007 and the draft Part C Report was issued on October 30, 2007. Copies of these reports are available for review at the Town of Caledon and CD copies can also be obtained by contacting the Town of Caledon or the Coalition of Concerned Citizens.

**More information**

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Information is also available on the Town Caledon Website at the following link:  
<http://www.caledon.ca/townhall/departments/planningdevelopment/CBSES.asp>

Thank you for participating in this process:

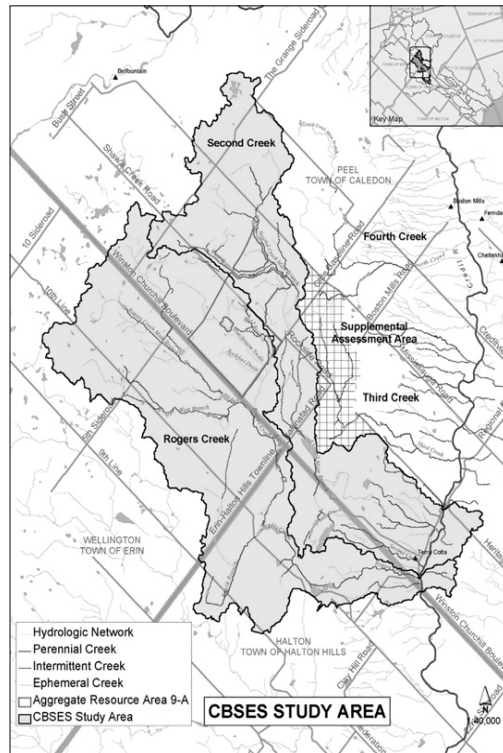
Yours truly,

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