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Prepare for Robbie and the haggis

JANET DUVAL
Special to The IFP

You don't need to be Scottish to enjoy the Robbie Burns dinner that St. John's United Church will be hosting on Saturday, January 19.

The five-course gourmet meal is sure to please every guest, most of whom will never have experienced the food, camaraderie and entertainment of this traditional candlelit feast. Included in the meal will be smoked salmon, tender roast beef, wine, and a Topsy Laird dessert laced with Drambuie. You can also sample the unusual flavours of cock-a-leekie soup, chappit tatties (potatoes) and bashed neeps (turnips), after the haggis makes its dramatic entry behind a bag piper.

"It's the perfect thing to do on a dark night in January," say organizers Drew and Bett Leverette. "We'll be celebrating the great

Scottish poet with people all around the world on this one special night. "The event will help raise funds for the church's exciting new programs and worship technology, all aimed at attracting more young families. Last year tickets sold quickly. Delighted guests enjoyed the ambience of a room lit by candles and decorated in the manner of a great hall in Scotland.

The \$50 ticket price includes wines, entertainment and the five course sit-down dinner. Guests also receive a charitable tax receipt for \$25. Gather your friends, wear a bit of plaid, or simply come as you are. Everyone is welcome.

You can buy tickets any weekday morning in January at the church office, 11 Guelph Street in Georgetown. For information you can call the church at 905-877-2531, write to office@stjohnsuc.ca or visit www.stjohnsuc.ca. You can also call Bett, 905-877-7615 to obtain tickets.



The Regional Municipality of Halton

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Sustainable Halton Our Community. Our Future. Our Plan.

Phase II

Halton Region's future – what it looks like and how it works, where and how we grow, and what we protect – depends on **YOU**.

According to the Province's *Places to Grow Plan*, Halton needs to plan for up to 780,000 people and 390,000 jobs by the year 2031. **Sustainable Halton** is a Made in Halton approach to planning for this growth.

Come to an open house to learn about what we've done so far and tell us what you think about the objectives that will guide where we go from here. These objectives are important since they will help us evaluate and assess the various options for where and how Halton will grow – these options will come out in the next stage of the project.

Please join us at one or all of the Public Information Centres listed below. **We look forward to hearing from you.**

Sustainable Halton Meeting Schedule

Evening Sessions (Presentation to begin at 7:00 pm)

Date	Location	Venue	Time
January 15	Burlington	Auditorium Central Recreation Centre 519 Drury Lane	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
January 16	Oakville	Auditorium Halton Regional Centre 1151 Bronte Rd.	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
January 24	Halton Hills	Auditorium Mold-Masters SportsPlex 221 Guelph St. Georgetown	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
January 30	Milton	Banquet Hall Milton Sports Centre 605 Santa Maria Blvd	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session (No formal presentation)

Date	Location	Venue	Time
January 31	Oakville	Auditorium Halton Regional Centre 1151 Bronte Rd.	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact either:

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More Blue and Green for a Better Planet

Windy Days Help Keep Halton Beautiful

You can help reduce litter by preventing your Blue Box materials and garbage from blowing around your neighbourhood on windy days.

Please put your Blue Boxes and garbage at the curb securely:

- On windy days, put your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. the morning of your collection day, and not the night before.
- Put your address on your Blue Box, garbage can and garbage lid.
- Stack your Blue Boxes and place heavier items such as phone books and magazines on top of loose papers. Bundle and tie papers. Fill boxboard boxes with other boxboard material.
- Flatten and tie large cardboard boxes and place securely underneath or between your Blue Boxes.
- Put garbage bags at the curb instead of garbage cans; garbage cans are more likely to blow around.
- Don't overfill Blue Boxes. If you need additional Blue Boxes, new residents can get two free of charge, other residents can get one free of charge:
Halton Waste Management Site (Scalehouse), 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton
Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville
Halton Hills Public Works Yard, 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown



2008 Budget: An investment in sustainability

On December 19, 2007, Halton Regional Council approved the 2008 Budget and Business Plan. The Budget results in a 0.6 per cent property tax reduction for Regional programs and services—lower than the guideline of 2.9 per cent set by Council in July. The property tax increase for Police services is 5.3 per cent. This represents a combined increase of 1.3 per cent, or \$16.54 for a typical household having a current value assessment of \$300,000. The 2008 Rate Supported Budget for water and wastewater services requires an increase of 6.5 per cent, or \$43.98 for a typical household.

The 2008 Budget has three themes: *Investing in Infrastructure Requirements, Towards Sustainability, and Committing to Safe and Healthy Communities.* Together we are investing in our community's continued prosperity and high quality of life. For more information about programs and services provided by Halton Region, visit our website at www.halton.ca.



Gary Carr
Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

January 16 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council