

Town ActiVan service to benefit from \$50,500 provincial government grant

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The Town's ActiVan service is the beneficiary of \$50,500 in funding from a provincial grant.

The Town was informed last month it would get the money from the Ministry of Transportation if used for capital projects to expand or renew transit infrastructure. The Town will put the money into a deferred revenue

reserve for use in any future capital projects involving the municipal transit service, ActiVan.

Meanwhile council also gave the go-ahead to spend \$5,000 a year to provide ActiVan service on statutory holidays and the Christmas season.

This past Christmas (Dec. 25-Jan.1), in a trial run, the Town's public works department hired an outside contractor— Out 'n' About Companion Services— to operate the

ActiVan service for registered users to travel to their holiday events. During this time period, 88 users rode the bus— 21 wheelchair/scooter riders, 24 riders with disabilities and 43 seniors.

That's good utilization, ActiVan Transit co-ordinator Don Clarkson noted in his report to council.

The cost to the Town was \$1,920 or \$22 per ride. Had the Town used its existing contractor, a premium rate would have been

charged with the cost soaring to \$2,800.

It costs the Town about \$19/ride on regular days.

This year, the Town will use the Town contractor on most holidays, and Out 'n' About Companion Services as needed, especially during Christmas week. As well, taxis may be used with a new taxi scrip service.

The cost to provide the new service is about \$5,000 per year, of which 75 per cent will come from the Provincial Gas Tax program.



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Tire Drop Off Day

At the Halton Waste Management Site

Saturday, April 26, 2008
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

On **Saturday, April 26**, Halton residents are welcome to drop off up to eight passenger vehicle tires (rims included), bicycle and/or wheelbarrow tires free of charge at the Halton Waste Management Site. Tires that cannot be accepted include commercial vehicle, truck and tractor tires. All tires collected will be recycled.

As in previous years, we gratefully accept non-perishable food or cash donations on behalf of Halton area Food Banks.



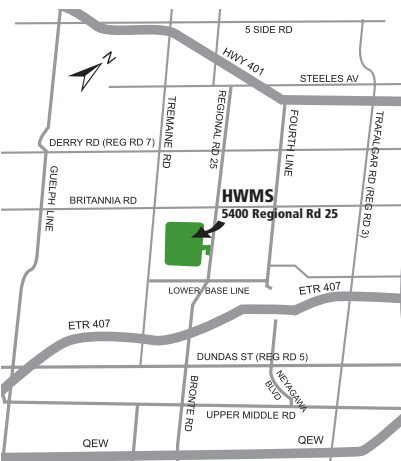
Get Your Garden Growing!

Spring Compost Give Away at the Halton Waste Management Site

Monday, May 5 – Saturday, May 10
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thanks to the participation efforts of Halton residents, about 26,000 tonnes of yard waste was collected last year and turned into rich, garden-friendly compost. Halton residents are invited to come out to our Compost Give Away to pick up some of this compost as a 'Thank You' for helping divert a usable material from the landfill, thereby extending its life!

- All Halton households are welcome to collect a maximum of seven bags (or equivalent) of compost.
- Residents are responsible for shovelling and bagging their own compost.
- Please bring your own bags/containers and shovel.
- Non-perishable food items or cash donations will also be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area Food Banks.



Spring Cleaning? We Can Help!

Bring your reusable clothing and household items to the Salvation Army Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site.

A Community Partnership



REQUEST FOR TENDERS

T-054-08

JANITORIAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE STATIONS

Issue Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Closing Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Closing Time: 2 P.M. Oakville Time

Mandatory Site Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, April 28, 2008

Time	Location
9:30 am	2 District – 1229 White Oaks Blvd., Oakville, ON
11:30 am	3 District – 3800 Southampton Blvd, Burlington, ON

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Time	Location
9:30 am	11 Division – 217 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON
11 am	10 Division – 315 Queen St. East, Acton, ON
12 noon	12 Division – 490 Childs Drive, Milton, ON

Bidders who fail to attend and register their attendance at every Mandatory Site Meeting will be disqualified from submitting a Tender.

Bid documents can be viewed or obtained on and after the issue date from Purchasing Services Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, ON, L6M 3L1, during regular business hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.. For enquiries telephone 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-442-5866 (1-866-442-5866), ext. 7011.

The cost for bid documents is \$26.25 (includes GST), payable to Halton Region, which is non-refundable. Bid documents can be shipped to bidders for an additional non-refundable handling fee of \$10.50 (includes GST). Bid Documents are also available to download from Halton's web-site at www.halton.ca/shop for a non-refundable fee of \$10.50 (includes GST).

Halton Region relies on this advertisement to provide public notice of this business opportunity and is not obligated to notify any potential bidders in any other manner.

For further information go to: www.halton.ca/shop

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2008 Environmental Awards!



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

The Regional Chair's Environmental Awards were designed to celebrate youth who, through their schools and on their own, have taken steps towards making Halton a greener place. The winners of this year's Halton Regional Environmental Awards were announced at a special awards ceremony on April 23. It was a sold-out event with Justin Trudeau as the high-profile guest speaker—but the students were the real stars of the day.

I would like to congratulate all the award winners and the students who applied for the awards program. The efforts of students like these who work to make change in their homes, schools and communities will help ensure a better environment for Halton. To find out the winners of the Environmental Awards, or to learn more about the program, please visit www.halton.ca.

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

- April 29** Health & Social Services Committee 9:30 a.m.
- April 30** Administration & Finance Committee 9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee 1:30 a.m.