

# Rail service to Acton... a possibility

GO Transit director and CEO Gary McNeil said an environmental assessment will be done to bring rail service from Georgetown into the Guelph area.

The assessment will look at extending the Georgetown to Toronto rail service to Guelph, Acton, Kitchener and Waterloo. It will identify possible rail station sites, study the impact of a rail service such as noise and vibration and identify a capital cost, McNeil said.

GO Transit officials are developing requests for proposals from consultants expected to be awarded in February, he said.

As for when rail service would be available, McNeil said it might be at least three years, which is an optimistic timeline given that they'll need to secure funding from both the province and the federal government.

The assessment will take at least nine

months to complete, McNeil said.

Guelph-Wellington MPP Liz Sandals said with any announcement about transit in the Guelph area, comes the inevitable discussion of rail service.

Most residents want to be able to head to downtown Toronto much faster, she said.

"Trains don't get caught in traffic jams, buses do."

GO Transit's environmental assessment coincides with a GTA west transportation corridor study, which the Ministry of Transportation is conducting, looking at all transportation forms west of Toronto, Sandals said.

Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong said the federal and provincial governments need to invest billions in public transit and ensure growth intensification in built-up areas to ensure there will be sufficient ridership, Chong said.

# Politicians send pachyderm packing

Halton Hills council refused to waive the Town's Animal Control bylaw to allow Georgetown KIA Supersotre to bring a live elephant to their "Trunk Sale" this weekend.

The matter was a last-minute item on the council agenda.

Ward 3 Councillor Moya Johnson brought forth the motion, not to approve the waiver.

"When we put that the bylaw together a number of years ago, we debated that issue at length and talked a lot about public safety and some of the things that people might

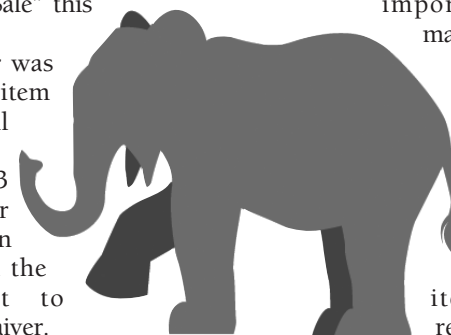
be at risk for if wild animals were allowed to be kept in town," Johnson said. "To waive our bylaw there will be some risk to the public and I think it's important to enforce and maintain our bylaw."

Johnson said the location of the animal on the KIA property may also cause a visual distraction for traffic.

The mayor said it was a last-minute item with no time to receive comments from Halton Regional Police

Service.

KIA will go ahead with its grand opening sale this weekend, minus the elephant.



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### Halton Waste Management Site's 15th Birthday

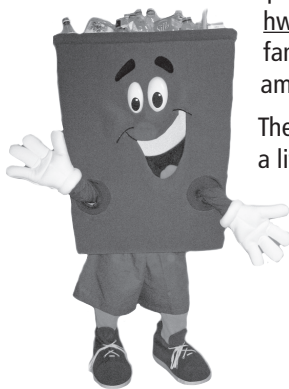
**Saturday, September 29, 2007**  
**Drop in between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Cake cutting at 12 p.m.**

- Have a guided bus tour of the Halton Waste Management Site (approximately 30 minutes)
- See a new section of the landfill under construction and how we protect soil and groundwater
- Watch the landfill machinery in action and up close
- Take part in a craft made from reusable items
- Enter a contest to name our new Blue Box mascot
- Enjoy a cash BBQ provided by the Lion's Club of Milton
- Learn how the Halton Region Solid Waste Management Strategy helps protect our environment and extend the life of the landfill



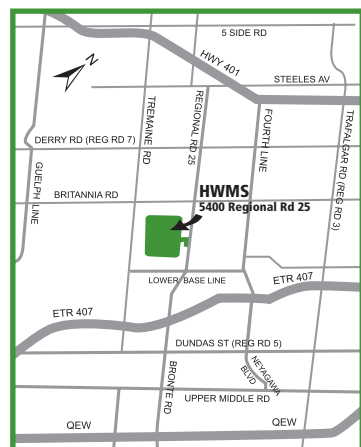
Help us make this event "waste free." Send an email to [hwms15@halton.ca](mailto:hwms15@halton.ca) and let us know how many people in your family are planning to attend. That way we can prepare the right amount of food and materials and not be wasteful.

The Halton Waste Management Site originally opened in 1992 with a life expectancy of 20 years or the year 2012. Because Halton residents have been so good about recycling, the landfill life grew to 2023. With the Region-wide implementation of the GreenCart, the landfill life will expand to the year 2030.



Halton Waste Management Site  
 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

This is a wheelchair accessible event.



### Celebrating 15 Years of Environmentally Safe Waste Management!

## Plastic Does Not Compost!

Don't put your yard waste in plastic bags, they are not accepted in the yard waste program. Plastic pots, flower markers or plant tags do not go in your yard waste. Plastic does not decompose and reduces the quality of the final compost product.

Instead, use only paper yard waste bags, or labelled, reusable, rigid containers with no lids. Yard waste labels for reusable containers are available at no charge from Halton Region.

Acceptable yard waste materials include yard and garden trimmings; pumpkins; fallen fruit from trees and tree trimmings.

Please "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn. Grass clippings are mostly water and will quickly decompose, releasing valuable nutrients back into the soil. Grasscycling does not cause thatch!

Bulk brush must be placed curbside in one pile no larger than 3 m (10 ft) long by 1.8 m (6 ft) wide by 1.2 m (4 ft) high, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter. Bulk brush must be free of loose debris such as leaves and trimmings. To assist in collection, please bundle and tie brush.

Yard waste materials will be collected **every other week** on the same day as your Blue Box until December 7.



## Festival Teaches Children Importance of Water!

From September 25 to 27 over 3,000 grades two, three, four and five students, will participate in the second annual Halton Children's Water Festival at Kelso Conservation Area in Milton.

The Festival organizing committee brings together expertise from Conservation Halton, Halton Region, the Halton Catholic District School Board, the Halton District School Board, the City of Burlington and the Town of Oakville. The Festival offers over 50 interactive Ontario curriculum based activities designed to educate Halton students on our most precious resource; water.

The Festival is a wonderful opportunity to teach our youth about the importance of our precious water resources, and promote environmental stewardship to ensure our natural legacy for future generations. For more information please visit [www.haltonchildrenswaterfestival.com](http://www.haltonchildrenswaterfestival.com).



*By Gary*

### Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

October 2	9:30 a.m. - Health & Social Services Committee
October 3	9:30 a.m. - Planning & Public Works Committee
October 3	1:30 p.m. - Administration & Finance Committee