

## Local students asked to Be a Hero in affordable housing contest

Halton Region is calling on high school students to pull out all the creative stops for its second annual Be a Hero. Be a Voice for Affordable Housing contest.

Created to help raise awareness about the need for more affordable housing in Halton, the contest is open to students in Grades 9 through 12 from the Halton

District School Board, Halton Catholic District School Board and local independent schools.

Students are invited to develop an entry using their choice of format—such as a video, song or poetry—that best captures why Halton needs more affordable housing.

Full contest details and entry criteria can be found at [www.halton.ca/beahero](http://www.halton.ca/beahero).

The grand prize winner receives \$1,000, while the runner-up gets \$500 and four honourable mentions net \$100 each. Submissions can be made until 5 p.m. on Oct. 31, with the winners announced and all entries displayed at a ceremony Nov. 19 at the Milton Sports Centre.

## Help needed for hospitals— Region

**MELANIE HENNESSEY**  
Special to The IFP

With local hospitals reaching a breaking point when it comes to capacity, regional politicians want the Province to step up and fix the system before Halton's population gets much bigger.

This was the sentiment expressed by some councillors around the table at the Region's health and social services committee meeting last week, when Oakville Councillor Fred Oliver made a motion to put a moratorium on all local development until the hospitals can catch up and accommodate the growth.

Oliver ultimately withdrew the motion to make way for a less severe one from Regional Chair Gary Carr to write to the Province asking that it improve capacity at all Halton hospitals before the region significantly increases its population.

But before this happened, committee members debated the issue.

Carr kicked things off by voicing his support for Oliver's motion. He said the Province needs to

know that Halton "can't continue to grow until we have hospitals in place."

Halton Hills Councillor Clark Somerville backed Oliver's position. "It does send the message that the status quo isn't working," he said.

However, Burlington Councillor John Taylor said the motion would be contrary to the Region's Official Plan, which plans out growth until the year 2021.

He also pointed out that a multi-year development financing plan is currently being prepared by staff and will be voted on by council in November. The financing plan is required before future development can proceed.

"I don't believe you should proceed ahead of having the financial facts," he said. "This council has always acted on fact and not emotion, and I think we're acting on emotion now."

Carr eventually suggested his own motion to write to the Province.

The committee ultimately voted to refer the motion to its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21 so that staff can come back with a report and legal assessment.



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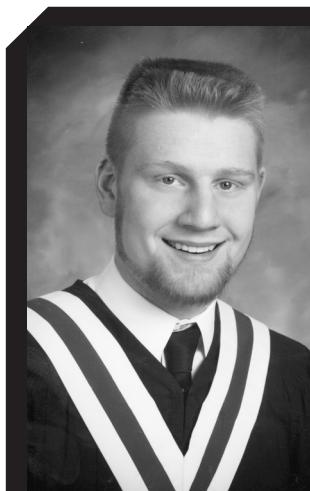
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## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

### GEORGETOWN GO STATION AREA LAND USE STUDY

Residents are invited to attend a public session to provide your input on future planning for the Georgetown GO station area.

Town of Halton Hills staff and the project consultants are hosting a Public Open House to conclude Phase 2 of the Georgetown GO Station Land Use Study. The purpose of the open house is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Vision and Land Use Alternatives for the GO station area.

The Public Open House will include a brief formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a question period. Display boards showing the land use alternatives and background information will also provide a context for the public to ask questions and engage in discussion with staff and the consultants.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

## PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

### GLEN WILLIAMS TRAFFIC STUDY

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Glen Williams Town Hall  
1 Prince Street  
Glen Williams

**Presentation of study progress:** 7:00 p.m.

The Town of Halton Hills engaged ENTRA Consultants to prepare a Traffic Study in the Hamlet of Glen Williams. The study includes a detailed review of existing traffic operations. The consultant documented traffic volumes and speeds. Truck traffic and safety issues were reviewed. Different types of traffic calming, pedestrian safety measures, truck restrictions and gateway features were assessed.

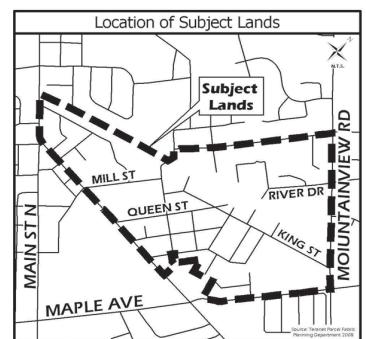
The Public Information Centre will provide you with an opportunity to review the study progress, discuss the alternative methods available and comment on improvements to traffic in the hamlet.

Interested parties are invited to drop in at any time during the above-noted hours to review and comment on the study. At 7:00 p.m., ENTRA Consultants will provide a brief overview of the project and alternatives developed to date. If you are unable to attend this Public Information Centre and wish to obtain additional information or provide written comments, please contact:

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**DATE/TIME:** Thursday October 16, 2008  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Presentation:** at 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Mold-Masters SportsPlex  
221 Guelph Street, Georgetown  
**FILE NO:** D08/GO Georgetown  
GO Station Study

To obtain further information regarding this project please visit the project webpage at: <http://www.haltonhills.ca/planning/go-land-use-study.php> or the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2 or contact: Steve Burke, Senior Planner – Policy at 905-873-2601 ext. 2254 or at [stevebu@haltonhills.ca](mailto:stevebu@haltonhills.ca). 118

### HOLIDAY CLOSURE THANKSGIVING DAY

**ACTIVAN** – 905-873-2601 - Ext. 2617  
Activan will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 13, 2008

**CANINE CONTROL** – 905-877-6235  
Halton Hills Canine Control Services is open for emergency calls.

**CIVIC CENTRE** – 905-873-2601  
October 13 - Closed

**FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTER**  
905-877-1133  
Halton Hills Fire Protection & Prevention Services will remain open with the exception of Administration.

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**  
905-873-2601  
October 13 - Closed.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES**  
(Acton) 519-853-0301  
(Georgetown) 905-873-2681  
The Acton and Georgetown Branches of the Halton Hills Public Library will be closed on Saturday, October 11, 2008.

### RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Acton Arena & Community Centre  
519-853-0020  
October 13 – Open for regularly scheduled rentals only. There will be no Recreation Skating.

Acton Indoor Pool 519-853-3140  
October 13 - Closed

Gellert Community Centre 905-877-4244  
October 13 – Closed

Georgetown Indoor Pool 905-877-7738  
October 13 – Closed

Halton Hills Cultural Centre 905-873-2681  
October 13 – Closed

Georgetown Memorial Area 905-877-9612  
October 13 – Closed

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