

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

Halton Region is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on several Regional Advisory Committees that provide information, suggestions and recommendations about specific topics. Applicants are also being sought to fill Regional appointments to the Royal Botanical Gardens Board of Directors. These positions are for a term that coincides with the current term of Regional Council, ending on November 30, 2010.

Halton Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Purpose: To advise Regional Council on accessibility related issues. Pursuant to the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001* and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* this Committee provides advice on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of an annual accessibility plan that addresses the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to people with disabilities.

Members Needed:

10 citizens-at-large
Individuals with disabilities and family members of individuals with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply.

Meetings: Monthly, on Mondays, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Gabrielle Baldazzi, Senior Policy Advisor,
905-825-6000 ext. 7485

Joint Municipal/Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee

Purpose: To advise and assist Regional Council and the Councils of the Region's four Local Municipalities on activities and programs that should be implemented to promote the reduction, reuse and recycling of solid waste, together with plans and programs for the disposal of remaining materials to minimize waste going to the landfill site.

Members Needed:

1 to 3 citizens-at-large, including one from north Halton

Meetings: Monthly, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Contact: John Watson, Waste Diversion Education Co-ordinator,
905-825-6000, ext. 7484

Royal Botanical Gardens Board of Directors

Purpose: The Royal Botanical Gardens, a registered charitable organization, is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who ensure that the Gardens fulfills its legislated mandate and that its mission, policies and strategies are appropriate and current. The Board also ensures financial responsibility and approves the Gardens' annual budget. Halton Region appoints several representatives to the Board of Directors.

Members Needed:

2 citizen representatives with financial, fundraising, and/or marketing skills

Meetings: Monthly, on Thursdays, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at RBG Centre, Burlington

Contact: Mark Runciman, Executive Director, Royal Botanical Gardens,
905-527-1158 ext. 221

Elder Services Advisory Committee

Purpose: To advise Regional Council on policy issues and services that affect Halton seniors. The Committee's goal is to promote the well-being and quality of life for seniors in the Region.

Members Needed:

2 representatives, being one from a local non-profit community service provider serving seniors and one from a private long-term care facility/retirement home

Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Sue Haggith, Community Development Coordinator,
905-825-6000 ext. 7767

Halton Housing Advisory Committee

Purpose: To provide information and advice about housing and homelessness issues to Regional Council. The Committee is responsible for developing a community vision and integrated strategy regarding housing in Halton.

Members Needed:

1 citizen-at-large from Halton Hills

Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Sally Pincock, Housing Initiatives Coordinator,
905-825-6000 ext. 4447

Regional Council wishes to ensure that its boards and committees reflect the diverse nature of its community and invites all residents of Halton to consider these opportunities. An interview committee of Regional Council will recommend qualified candidates for these positions to Regional Council.

To apply: Application forms are available on our website www.halton.ca, by e-mail to regionalclerk@halton.ca, or from the Office of the Regional Clerk, Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, during business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be received at the Office of the Regional Clerk no later than Friday, November 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Completed forms may be submitted on-line, by mail or by fax to 905-825-8838.

Susan Lathan
Regional Clerk

Walk safely for Halloween fun and fitness

This October 31st, students at McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School in Acton will start the day by walking to school as part of the Active and Safe Routes to School pilot program, joining many other schools from across Halton who are participating in the program. Whether walking children to school, or taking them out trick or treating, walking is a great

way to reconnect with your neighbourhood, spend time with your children and get some exercise.

No matter what the occasion, it's important to remember safety concerns. Before they hit the streets, make sure you know the route your children plan to follow. If you are unable to go with them, consider asking another parent, an older sibling or friend to go along. Be safe and have a happy and healthy Halloween!



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

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| November 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Planning & Public Works Committee |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Administration & Finance Committee |
| November 13 | 1:30 p.m. | Health & Social Services Committee |