



CRACKLING COLD: Temperatures dropped well below freezing this week and trees along the Dublin Line reflected the early morning light with frosty branches outlining the rural road.

What's this sustainability thing all about...

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"There's a lot research to be done to see what others have done and what the Town's approach will be. It's an exciting time – we've done a lot in the past year," he said adding there are two schools of thought when it comes to sustainability with some saying it's a never ending journey that you always work towards and others saying there is an end goal.

"We haven't decided – all of those things will be explored in the work plan which council will approve at its January 19 meeting."

During discussion of the sustainability plan at the committee level last Monday, Regional and Town ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal said they have moved a long way beyond the Green Plan, which is a solid basis for guiding the Town and community on developing and implementing "green" strategies and actions.

"What we are saying here is that to sustain our community we need to look beyond just the bottom line of economics or the environment, we also need to look at the culture and what is the place like to live in," Fogal said, adding she is very supportive of the notion of the triple bottom line when they evaluate everything

that they do.

Establish office

In August, the Town established an office of sustainability to help with the seamless integration of sustainability principles, policies and practice into the Town's everyday decision making processes.

Acting as a central coordinating body, the office will be the main point of contact for corporate and community sustainability consult with the public, Council, department heads, the staff sustainability team, the environmental advisory committee and Town sustainability committee.

The workplan of the office of sustainability has three priorities including preparing a corporate sustainability strategy, implementing the Green Plan and implementing the Town's sustainability portfolio. Full implementation of the Green Plan and the workplan of the office of sustainability will require more money than the \$150,000 already approved. Some of the money needed for consulting fees to develop a corporate sustainability strategy and Green development standards could come from \$75,000 set aside in last year's budget, but unspent.

Heads Catholic Board

At the December regular meeting of the Halton Catholic District School Board, Alice Anne LeMay, a 28 year veteran Oakville trustee was appointed for another term as the Chair of the Board, effective December 2, until the first Board Meeting in December, 2009. Bob Van de Vrande, 8 year veteran Burlington trustee, was appointed as vice chair of the Board for the same term.

The current Board of Trustees of the Halton Catholic District School Board is comprised of, Halton Hills: Rosanna Palmieri. Burlington: Arlene Iantomasi, Joanne Matters, and Bob Van de Vrande. Milton: Rev. David Wilhelm. Oakville: Anthony Danko, Pauline Houlahan, Alice Anne LeMay, Ed Vianna.

Student Trustees on the Board for the 2008-2009 term are; North Halton: Philip Cockburn from Christ the King Secondary, Burlington: Neil Bourque of Notre Dame Secondary, Oakville: Chloe Restivo of Holy Trinity Secondary.



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