



CALENDAR COVER ARTISTS: Calendar Cover Art Contest winners include from left to right, Katherine DiBattista (Burlington), Sarah Reid (Halton Hills), Soonalika Srivastava (Milton) and Elizabeth Yeoh (Oakville). Over 250 entries were received for the contest – *Submitted photo*

Waste calendars being delivered

The 2009 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar which has everything residents need to know about waste collection in Halton Region will be delivered to homes starting January 14.

The calendar is effective February 1 and includes a schedule for Blue Box, GreenCart, garbage, bulk and yard waste collection, information on the Halton Waste Management Site, dates for 2009 special events such as compost giveaway, tire recycling and important waste diversion programs like Take It Back! Halton.

The 2009 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar also features some of Halton's talented young artists who were selected as the Calendar Cover Art

Contest winners – a contest that ran in the fall of 2008 asking children from kindergarten to grade eight to create the 2009 calendar cover using the theme More Blue and Green for a Better Planet.

One child from each of

the four Local Municipalities was selected from over 250 entries to have their creative design featured on the 2009 calendar cover. Winners include Katherine DiBattista (Burlington), Sarah Reid (Halton Hills), Soonalika Srivastava (Mil-

ton) and Elizabeth Yeoh (Oakville).

"It is encouraging to see residents of all ages getting involved in Halton's waste management programs," said Gary Carr, Halton's Regional Chair. "On behalf of Halton Regional Council I would like to congratulate all four of our Calendar Cover Art Contest winners for their enthusiasm and creativity and I look forward to seeing their artwork showcased throughout the Region when the calendars are delivered later this month."

Residents can also find their 2009 Collection Calendar online by visiting the Region's website at www.halton.ca. Maps of collection areas and collection calendars for each Local Municipality are now online which identify Blue Box, GreenCart, garbage, bulk and yard waste collection dates for 2009.

Peak cap replaces OPP's wide brim

Ontarians will notice a visible change in the appearance on Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers across the province now. They have traded in their wide brim hats for new peak caps as the OPP celebrate 100 years of policing in Ontario.

"The headdress is an

important part of the OPP uniform and the peak cap will provide officers on the front line with a more durable hat" says Commissioner Julian Fantino.

An evaluation and analysis of the peak cap determined it to be a cost-effective and functional alternative to the wide brim hat.

The peak cap was first introduced to the OPP in 1930 and replaced by a wide brim hat in 1997.

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Community fund

The hamlet of Hornby will benefit from some of the \$250,000 given to Halton Hills by Trans Canada Energy (TCE) as part of its development commitments for the new Halton Hills Power Generation Plant being built in the Hornby area.

Town Councillors are debating how to spend the money to maximize the public good and one suggestion that Council is expected to approve on Monday is to earmark \$25,000 for an initiative to benefit the education, health, environment or profile and civic pride of Hornby.

Staff suggested the remainder of the money be put in a Town Sustainability Fund and used to support various community projects that further Council's objectives related to the environment and sustainability.

At the suggestion of Regional and Town Ward One Councillor Clark Somerville the fund will be called the Town Sustainability Reserve Fund.

"If we have it as a reserve fund any interest that would be earned would actually remain in that fund so it would actually help the fund grow a little bit longer while there is some money in it as well," Somerville said at last Monday's Council meeting.

Other suggestions for the TCE money include a gateway sign for Hornby, trail extensions, gateways for Glen Williams, Hornby Park concession improvements, annual scholarships for environmental studies, donations to Willow Park, investing the money and only spending the interest.

If Council approves setting up the Town Sustainability Reserve Fund, the next step would be to detail its purpose, objectives, eligibility, criteria, evaluation criteria and funding limitations.

Hydro comments

Mayor Rick Bonnette wants Council to wait until new appointee to the board of the Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation "get their feet wet" before asking for public input into the future of the utility and its subsidiaries.

After a recent operational review of Hydro, Council determined that Hydro and its affiliated companies – Southwest Energy and, Halton Hills Fibre Optics – should be retained by the Town as a community hydro company and not sold or merged.

Under the new corporate structure, the Town owns an overall holding company, Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation, which owns three subsidiaries including Halton Hills Hydro, Southwest Energy and Halton Hills Fibre Optics.

One part of the joint review called for public comment. by way of at least one public meeting, and at Council last week, Bonnette suggested that the new board appointees be given "some breathing room" and allowed to prepare a strategic plan prior to asking for public comment.

Bonnette also praised Council for unanimously approving to retain the utility.

"I think it is imperative that any small town keep their hydro utility. I think their rates have been competitive and it also gives us a lot of business opportunities," Bonnette said.

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