

Sultans of String perform at Halton Region Museum

Looking for a unique way to beat the winter blues? Consider a trip to the Halton Region Museum in Kelso Conservation Area. The Museum's monthly concert series featuring some of the finest jazz musicians from across the GTA and throughout southern Ontario continues on Sunday, March 14 with a performance by Sultans of String.

"Jazz at the Museum continues to attract a loyal following based on the talent of the featured performers," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "The charming venue and the top-notch performers make for a winning combination."

Held in Halton Region Museum's Hearth Room, the Jazz series is a fundraising event for the Halton Museum Foundation in support of the Museum's capital renovation campaign.

Sultans of String band

members Chris McKhool and Kevin Laliberte are members of the 2009 Instrumental Group of the Year. The group's recent atomic world-jazz-flamenco album "Yalla Yalla!" is a finalist in the Instrumental category in the International Songwriting Competition (ISC).

The group is also a Semi-finalist with their song "Gardens of Lebanon" in the World Music Category. Sultans of String are also up for Favourite World Artist/Group at the 2010 Indies, Independent Music Awards.

Tickets for the March 14 performance are available in advance or at the door for \$20, and include the entertainment and light snacks. To reserve your tickets, call 905-875-2200, ext. 21. (Sales are final and must be secured by a VISA number.) There is also a cash bar featuring beer from Cameron's

Brewing Co. of Oakville. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

The Halton Region Museum is located inside Kelso Conservation Area in Milton. On entering Kelso Conservation Area, Jazz series guests should mention to gate staff that they are visiting the Museum specifically as some parking is available in front of the Museum. Parking is subject to availability and will be busy during ski season at Glen Eden. Shuttle service is available from the outer parking lots to the Museum but allow time for transportation prior to the show.

The Jazz series continues through to May. For more information regarding the series and other special events, visit www.halton.ca/museum, or contact the Museum directly at 905-875-2200, toll free 1-866-442-5866 or email museum@halton.ca.



DANCE DOLLARS: The "So You Think You Can Dance-a-thon" last Thursday at Robert Little School raised approximately \$5,000 for the Halton Learning Foundation and the school's special fitness, dance and music-related programs. The gym was a black light dance party as each class, including these Grade five students, danced for about an hour - Frances Niblock photo



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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT / PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Transportation Master Plan to 2031 - *The Road to Change* PR-2414

Background

Halton Region is initiating a Transportation Master Plan - The Road to Change, to develop a sustainable, integrated transportation plan and associated strategies that consider all modes of travel (automobiles, transit, cycling, walking) to the year 2031.

Problem Statement

The Master Plan will provide the strategies, policies and tools required to meet the Region's transportation needs safely, effectively and cost efficiently.

The Process

This notice signals the commencement of the Transportation Master Plan, a study which will define existing problems/opportunities, consider and evaluate solutions, and identify an optimum transportation system to the year 2031. A key outcome of the study will be a list of transportation projects that the Region can incorporate in its 20-year Roads Capital Program. To comply with the Environmental Assessment Act, the study is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process (October 2000, as amended in 2007).

A key component of the study will be consultation with interested stakeholders including the public, interest groups and regulatory agencies. The study work plan provides for two rounds of Public Information Centres at four locations (one in each Local Municipality) and a Workshop. This notice advises the public of the first round of Public Information Centres.

Public Information Centre Locations

Municipality	Date	Time	Location
City of Burlington	Tuesday, March 23, 2010	Drop-In: 6:30 p.m. Presentation: 7:00 p.m.	Mainway Recreation Centre 4015 Mainway (Auditorium)
Town of Halton Hills	Thursday, March 25, 2010	Drop-In: 6:30 p.m. Presentation: 7:00 p.m.	Mold-Masters Sportsplex 221 Guelph Street (Hall)
Town of Milton	Tuesday, March 30, 2010	Drop-In: 6:30 p.m. Presentation: 7:00 p.m.	Milton Sports Centre 605 Santa Maria Boulevard (Banquet Room)
Town of Oakville	Wednesday, March 31, 2010	Drop-In: 6:30 p.m. Presentation: 7:00 p.m.	Halton Regional Centre 1151 Bronte Road (Gymnasium)

If you have any questions related to the study or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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Additional information related to the study and consultation process may be obtained through the study website: www.halton.ca/htmp This Notice first issued on March 11, 2010.

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Our MPP Reports

by Ted Arnott

MPP Wellington - Halton Hills



In a question in the Ontario Legislature last week, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott demanded to know when Premier Dalton McGuinty would unveil his government's hospital construction plan.

"They need to demonstrate that they actually have an honest planning process, and aren't just giving communities the run-around," Arnott said following his exchange with Health Minister Deb Matthews.

In a June 2009 interview with Premier McGuinty, the Waterloo Region Record reported that hospital expansion might be included in a 10-year construction plan, which the government was to unveil last fall.

"It's now the beginning of March of the following year," Arnott pointed out. "When does the Premier really plan to unveil his now 11-year construction plan for hospitals?"

Groves Memorial Community Hospital, in Fergus, is one of approximately 70 hospitals still waiting for government approval to proceed with redevelopment plans.

"We've been working [on the Groves proposal] for seven years, and our patients are, well, running out of patience!" quipped Arnott.

Notwithstanding the Liberal government's substantial provincial deficit, Arnott believes that planning for new hospital construction must be allowed to continue.

"We understand that there is a multi-stage approval process, and that new hospitals aren't built overnight," Arnott acknowledged. "However, we will need this new hospital in Centre Wellington in the future, and we should be making progress, every single month, toward that goal."



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