

Spiritual Heritage recorded in interdenominational/intergenerational project

The spiritual heritage of members of three Acton churches has been recorded for posterity in an intergenerational, interdenominational pilot project funded by a \$25,000 Federal grant.

Local students from St. Joseph Catholic School, students who attend a Christian School in Georgetown and Acton's Christian Reformed

Church, and youth from Churchill Community Church took part in the pilot project that taught students how to capture seniors' life stories and spiritual heritage.

Project co-ordinator Nora Zylstra-Savage said the New Horizons grant allowed them to teach students how to conduct an interview, how to turn the information into a life/

spiritual story and how to produce it in an anthology or booklet.

"The New Horizons grant was really to do outreach, community leadership/partnership things to involve seniors with younger generations," Zylstra-Savage said adding the students and seniors benefited from the process.

"It was an amazing ex-

perience for all of them—42 families were interviewed at Churchill (Community Church.) St. Joseph School has already committed to making this an annual project for its Grade 7 students and the Christian Reformed Church was the lead church for the project," she said.

Seniors at Christian Reformed Church were presented with albums of their stories at a celebration last night (Wednesday), and at the June 6 Praise in the Park service, a booklet of all of the family stories from Churchill Community Church will be

presented to the seniors and their families. An anthology of stories from St. Joseph Church will be presented to the church members who took part in the exercise designed to help students and seniors share their lives and be part of a larger community.

The value of wildlife

As wildlife become more active during the spring we unfortunately see more road kills. Especially within escarpment country where wildlife abounds in an ecosystem so unique it has been designated by the United Nations as a UNESCO world biosphere reserve. What is an ecosystem to wildlife? It's their habitat or their home. Like us they have their territorial arrangements amongst each other but they cannot recognize human boundaries like fences and roads as a territorial line that they should not cross. Nowhere in the wild are there predators that move at 80km an hour making metallic rumblings and shinning beaming lights. Animals have no way to adapt to such technology. They stand still frozen in the middle of the road because they cannot see, hear or smell fast enough to save themselves. As a result thousands of animals are killed each year by motorists.



When I first moved to the area four years ago my son (six years old at the time) was extremely anxious to see the wildlife in the area. Sadly, the majority of the animals he saw in the first year were lying dead on the side of the road. There were muskrat, beaver, opossum, porcupine, skunk, fox, coyote, deer and raccoons. When he did get a chance to see them in the wild what a sense of wonderment it would bring to him. Why does this experience mean so much to us? Why do all children love to see animals? How disappointed are we when we hike for three hours and don't see a darn thing? It's a shame that they are so scared of us. But the greater shame lies upon us until we realize that the destruction of wildlife habitat

is also the destruction of our habitat and all the good things we need to live like clean water, clean air and good soil. Hopefully one day our economic development will find a way to work with nature and not against it.

How to prevent road kills:

- Slow down! You may not only save wildlife but your own life as well.
- Drive defensively. Especially during the hours of dusk and dawn, the most active times of day for wildlife.

- Don't throw litter out the car window where animals will forage on it.

- Report road kills immediately so they can be removed before other animals come to feed on it.

- Compost or use your green bin and don't leave your garbage out the night before pick up.

- Clean your windshield and make sure your headlights are aimed for optimal vision.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

(Under Section 17 of the Planning Act)

Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 40 (ROPA 40)

"Servicing Public Uses Outside the Urban Area"

Applicant: Halton Region

Halton Regional Council, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, has scheduled a Statutory Public Meeting to provide the public an opportunity to make presentations to the Planning and Public Works Committee with respect to the proposed amendments to the Halton Region Official Plan, 2006, as set out in proposed ROPA 40, pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act.

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Location: Halton Room, Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville**

Those wishing to address the Committee should contact the Regional Clerk's office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7254, prior to June 2, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in order to be listed as a delegation in the agenda, or you may register with the Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose of this amendment is to identify the following four areas as being eligible for water and wastewater services, based on the nature of the public use and location:

- Halton Waste Management Site, 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton
- Biosolids Management Centre, 4449 Regional Road 25, Oakville
- The proposed Milton Works Yard, 5600 Regional Road 25, Milton
- Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11618 Trafalgar Road, Halton Hills.

This Amendment will also establish policies to allow the Region to consider Regional Official Plan Amendments to allow additional public uses to be eligible for urban servicing subject to criteria.

For more information about proposed ROPA 40 contact Sarah Cannon at (905) 825-6000 ext. 7686, toll free at 1-866-442-5866, or at Sarah.Cannon@halton.ca. All information may be viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays; by contacting Sarah Cannon, or by visiting the website at www.halton.ca. To submit comments, send them in writing to Sarah Cannon, Senior Planner, Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1.

To ensure all comments are considered, the public is invited to provide written submissions on proposed ROPA 40 to Sarah Cannon on or before June 16, 2010. This submission deadline will permit Regional Council to deliberate the adoption of this Amendment on July 14, 2010.

Note: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed ROPA 40 is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Halton Regional Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed ROPA 40 is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk at Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1.

Dated at the Town of Oakville, May 20, 2010.

Susan Lathan, Regional Clerk

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

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