

Police launch online reporting

The Halton Regional Police Service has made it more convenient to report certain types of crime online through their website at www.haltonpolice.ca.

The HRPS is one of first police services in Canada to introduce online police reporting, as a way of harnessing web-based technology to enhance its service to the public.

Now, rather than having to attend a Halton district police station or call the non-emergency line at 905-825-4777, people can use the new HRPS online police reporting system to report lost property, theft of property valued at less than \$5,000, theft from vehicle, and damage or vandalism to their home or vehicle. The offense must have occurred within Halton, there must be no known suspects, and it must not be a crime in progress.

“People today lead incredibly busy lives, and this is one way we can help them get back to their day as quickly as possible after their vehicle has been broken into, or their property has been lost, stolen, or vandalized,” said Chief Gary Crowell, adding, “It also is a tremendous convenience for people who may live outside of Halton, but unfortunately were a victim of one of these types of crimes while within our jurisdiction.”

The system is secure, confidential and easy to use. People are required to have a valid email address, and should disable any pop-up blockers before filing their report online. Complete instructions and an FAQ are available on the Service’s website at www.haltonpolice.ca.



WALK THIS WAY:

Students at Robert Little School celebrated Walk to School day last Wednesday with a “school bus” and encouragement from teacher Marie Burland and Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette.

— Frances Niblock photo

Town has ‘Green’ checklist

The Town has a new tool to help implement its sustainability and “green” development objectives – it’s a Green Development Evaluation Checklist for new major residential projects that is designed to ensure Energy Star standards, like high-performance windows, efficient hot water, heating and cooling systems, are used in new homes.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said the Town’s “green slant” on growth is a first, and “one heck of a first start,” and he praised staff for providing a blueprint for sustainable development at last Monday’s council meeting.

Regional/Ward two Councillor Jane Fogal said committee discussion about new water allocations led to questions about environmental and sustainable standards.

“...there was a Green Plan, but it wasn’t being implemented at this time. It was only because they were getting this water allocation that all of a sudden, we’ve got the leverage, right at this moment for these next four developments...” Fogal said, adding additional costs to homebuyers would be offset by lower energy and water bills.

It’s estimated Energy Star standards would add between \$7,000 and \$10,000 to the price of a new home.

Staff said the program requires “willing developers” to work, and already several offer upgraded insulation, low-flow toilets, air tight construction and Energy Star-rated windows that are approximately 25 per cent more energy efficient. Typically, an Energy Star home incorporates insulation upgrades, high-performance windows, better draft proofing, efficient heating, hot water and air condition systems and Energy Star qualified appliances – if supplied by the builder.

One Georgetown developer annoyed Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville by offering to build Energy

Star homes as an “at cost” option, if all builders had to build to the same standard. Somerville said unless they all build to Energy Star standards, it wouldn’t happen because “...they’re not going to push it, because they’d rather do something like granite countertops, the upgraded Jacuzzis and the other features going into the homes, instead of doing the basic ones,” Somerville said.

Acton Councillor Jon Hurst, who also praised the Town’s Sustainability Coordinator, Damian Szybalski, for the comprehensive report, said it is incumbent on new home salespersons to tell potential buyers that the added cost to their mortgage for Energy Star options will be offset by their energy savings.

The Green Development Evaluation Checklist will apply to residential developments of over three lots. Development applications now in the process will be asked how they will meet the Green checklist, recognizing some limitations, including the fact that the mandatory part of the policy is limited to requiring the applicant to review and complete the Checklist as part of the development approvals process.

Along with the Energy Star requirements, the Checklist includes requirements for developers to meet EnerGuide ratings, supply Energy Star compliant light fixtures, and include hot water recovery systems and install indoor and outdoor close-lines.

CAPTURE The HILLS

Amateur Photography Competition 2010

October 16th and 17th

Category 1:
People, Creatures, & Critters

Category 2:
Foliage & Flowers

Category 3:
Scenery & Architecture

Category 4:
Objects & Abstract

Official Rules

- ▶ Photos must be taken on October 16th and 17th within Halton Hills boundaries
- ▶ Digital photography permitted
- ▶ Open to 100 photographers *only*
- ▶ Adults and children welcome!

Entry Fee
Adults: \$25
Children: \$10

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To Do List

1. Pick up authorized film role or memory card on October 16th
2. Capture winning memories
3. Return on October 17th
4. Have fun!

Complete details and rules can be found on a separate form available at local merchants and camera shops.

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