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Cops celebrate success of sign program

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Being stranded on the roadside is often alarming, but with thousands of "Call Police" signs now in circulation, motorists can breathe a little easier.

Recently Halton Regional Police celebrated the Highway Help Program's success by presenting a ceremonial 200,000th sign to Sheridan College in Oakville. The institution has embraced the program and distributed 1,000 of the bright red safety beacons to students.

"We already offer escort service to cars on campus and these signs which we distributed provide an added measure of security when our students leave our campus," said Sheridan security head Suzanne Gilbert.

The Highway Help program is a province-wide initiative in which the reflective, red plastic sign emblazoned with the words "Call Police" alerts others while those in a bind remain secure in their vehicles.

After all, says Police Chief Peter Campbell, being stranded can be a frightening and potentially dangerous situation.

Is it safe to get out and flag down passing drivers? Should you walk to a phone? What is the safest way to get help?

Fears also exist for those drivers who may wish to stop and help a total stranger.

The sign, however, easily hooks on the driver's window so passing motorists with cellular phones can call for assistance. Dial *OPP (toll free) or

local police to get help.

"It is another tremendous community program, driven by the community," said Chief Campbell. "It is of tremendous assistance to policing."

Carol Gooding, vice-chair of the Canadian Automobile Association's South Central region, said the CAA receives between 1 million and 1.4 million requests for aid each year. (Figures on cases involving Call Police signs are not known.) This initiative, she added, makes all motorists "partners in assistance."

"We applaud your efforts and are delighted to be a part of this program," Ms Gooding told Chief Campbell.

The initiative is being co-ordinated by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

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Take notice that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Junior Achievement of Milton (the "Corporation") will be held at Halton Community Credit Union, 44 Main Street East, Milton, at 5:30 p.m. on the 21st day of October, 1997, for the following purposes:

- To receive and consider the report of the Chairman of the Corporation and the Financial Statements of the Corporation for the 12 month period ended June 30, 1997, together with the auditor's report thereon.
- To receive and consider any changes to the By-Laws governing the activities of the Corporation.
- To elect a Board of Directors of the Corporation for the ensuing year.
- To appoint auditors of the Corporation for the ensuing year at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors.
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED this 30th day of September, 1997, by order of the Board of Directors

Michael I. Shepherd
President and Chairman of the Board

Bronte Park plan out

Area residents are being asked to comment on a proposed long-term management plan for Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

Opinions can be submitted during a Monday, Oct. 29 open house at Tansley Woods Community Centre in Burlington.

Interested parties can obtain a copy of the plan and relay their comments to consultants from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

When completed, the plan will direct the management of Bronte Creek for the next 20 years.

Groups will combine

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MCIS's Childs Drive facility, but future location options are being looked at.

Cost-cutting measures such as reducing the number of executive directors from two to one will be examined over the next six months, he said.

The organization also plans to evaluate new areas to serve the needs of the community.

The process follows a year of "intense" effort involving members of both boards of directors, staff and the community at large, Mr. Clements said.

Without the amalgamation, children's programs in town would suffer and the organizations would be at risk of closing, he said.

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