

Watch your back Burlington, Oakville is right behind you

Oakville will soon overtake Burlington, according to projections contained in a new report looking at growth. According to 1996 census figures, Burlington had a population of 137,000, making it Halton's largest municipality as it ranked ahead of Oakville's 128,000.

But the Development Charges Study, a joint project involving staff from Halton's planning department and staff from area municipalities, shows Burlington's growth will soon be outstripped by its neighbours.

By 2016, Oakville's population will reach 215,000 while Burlington will lag behind at 179,000. Milton will explode to 84,000 from 32,000 while Halton Hills will grow to 60,000 from 42,000.

Burlington Councillor John Taylor said he isn't surprised at the growth patterns, which depend on water and sewer services being

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extended north to accommodate large-scale growth in Milton and Oakville.

Burlington will preserve its rural area north of Dundas Street and the proposed Hwy. 407, effectively limiting growth, Mr. Taylor said.

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Burlington's future growth will concentrate in the Tansley Planning District in the northeast urban area. The construction will

mostly occur in the Rose, Orchard and Alton communities, and the Uptown Mixed Use Centre.

Burlington is also expected to grow in terms of the number of jobs available. According to the 1971 Census, Burlington had 86,000 people with 21,500 jobs for an employment-population ratio of 0.25. Since then the population has grown 59 per cent, and the number of jobs has grown 180 per cent, to a ratio of 0.44, and it should rise to 0.49 by 2016.

Most of the non-residential growth (more than 70 per cent) will take place north of the QEW.

The south Aldershot area is actually projected to drop in population by 175 people, from the current 13,875, by 2016. The rural area is also slated to drop slightly in population. Those drops are attributable to having little available land for future expansion, and because of a declining trend in the average person per dwelling unit.

Healthy eating feature of food fair

The Halton Regional Health Department hosts its annual Healthy Eating Fair tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Glen Abbey Recreation Centre in Oakville.

A variety of exhibits,

presentations and cooking demonstrations by local restaurants, food companies and registered dietitians will offer ways to make healthy eating both tasty and easy.

Areas covered include

healthy gourmet cooking, food ideas for home entertaining and oral care for older adults.

A 12:30 p.m. 'Healthy Meal Challenge' between regional and municipal politicians will highlight

the event, which costs \$2 per family.

Proceeds go to Food for Thought, Halton's school nourishment program.

The centre is located at 1415 Third Line, just north of the QEW.

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