

# Students must do 40 hours of community service work

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A list of dos and don'ts for student community service work will soon be scrutinized by the Halton District School Board.

Under the revised curriculum, students must now perform 40 hours of community service work during high school.

The community service requirement starts with current grade 9 classes and has been mandated by the Ministry of Education.

Individual boards are responsible for approving lists of what students can and cannot do, says the board's secondary school reform facilitator.

"There are types of activities the ministry said are ineligible," said Bryn Davies, who's also principal of the Adult Continuing

Education Centre. "They deal with safety as well as whether something is truly voluntary and not being done on school time."

He said boards have been asked to add other ineligible activities and then make a list of what students can do.

A board committee looked at guidelines, then the matter was reviewed further through a joint committee with the Halton Catholic District School Board.

Mr. Davies said the document was given to trustees nearly two weeks ago and is slated to be approved or changed tomorrow.

He has also heard unofficially that lieutenant-governor's medallions will be presented to top volunteers at all Ontario high schools.

"What our young people do beyond the call is unbelievable," said Mr. Davies. "The notion of volunteering is alive and well and the Ministry of Education knows this."

## Organ donor display set up at Milton Mall

Organ Donation Ontario will set up a display at Milton Mall Saturday as part of Organ Donor Awareness Week.

The community is invited to visit with staff and volunteers as well as pick up reading material concerning the process of donating organs after death to help save the lives of others.

Organ donation cards are available at the vehicle licence office, Milton Public Library, the Halton Regional Police station, the Milton Chiropractic Centre and at Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh's office.

Anyone interested in contacting their local donor branch can do so by calling 846-3092 or visiting the official web site at [www.transplant-ontario.org](http://www.transplant-ontario.org).

It's reported that of 70,000 deaths in Ontario each year, 500 could be potential organ donors.

## Crawford Lake getting building to house groups

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Large groups visiting the reconstructed Iroquoian village at Crawford Lake will soon have a place to go when the weather turns bad.

Conservation Halton recently approved a plan to place a structure called a granny flat on the Crawford Lake property.

Bob Burchett, director of conservation land services, had told members of Conservation Halton's community relations advisory committee in early March that an enclosed area is needed to accommodate the growing number of people who visit the site.

"The existing Visitor's Centre does not have enough space to provide instructional and shelter space for any additional clientele," Mr. Burchett wrote in his report to the committee.

The granny flat is a 720-square-foot, self-contained building that has a full kitchen, bathroom and single bedroom.

The building is a perfect place for school groups and other organizations to get out of the elements to eat their lunch, he said.

It could also be used as an activity centre for events held at the conservation area and could be rented out for small group meetings and group picnics. The building would also come in handy if the Olympic archery competition came to Crawford Lake.

Mr. Burchett said some changes, including removing an interior wall, replacing the floor coverings and adding an enclosed porch and septic bed, will be required.

Pending building approvals, it's hoped the granny flat will be in place by late summer.



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