Survey shows sense of Correction momentum: Savoline

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ernment should be a priority area of focus.

"These results show there is a sense of success and momentum about Halton," said Regional Chair Joyce Savoline. "People come to Halton because they want to come here to enjoy the quality of life and services the region has to offer."

While growth was flagged as an issue where the regional government should focus its time and money, those who mentioned growth as a positive influence on the region cited benefits to the local economy and business as the main reasons. The issue of growth and development was dominated by concerns about investing in infrastructure to meet the demands that have resulted from the success of the Region.

"While our citizens are pleased with their quality of life and the services they receive, this does not mean that Halton can rest upon its laurels," Ms Savoline continued. "Rather, they have sent us a very strong message as to what is important in their communities and that we must continue to invest and pay attention to infrastructure and services to maintain that high

quality of life."

The survey also probed for what the public deemed were priorities where the regional government should focus its resources, in terms of both time and spending. Respondents indicated regional government should place its priorities on infrastructure-related matters associated with public health and managing/addressing the consequences of growth, particularly road capacity.

"These issues, roads, traffic and growth, are at-home issues," said Ms Savoline. "While I am concerned with Halton's place in the GTA, the survey shows us that our citizens want us to take care of our own backyard and spend our time, energy and money on issues that are important to them and focus less on issues such as local government restructuring."

Halton Region commissioned Ipsos-Reid to conduct a quantitative telephone survey among a randomly-selected, representative sample of 500 residents between February 20 and February 25, 2001. A sample of this size is considered accurate to within plus or minus 4.4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

Public meeting on JK to be held on Mar. 20

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ed for September, 2002.

Oakville Trustee Drew Currah noted the Halton Catholic District School Board's junior kindergarten program runs daily on a half-day basis.

But Education Director Dusty Papke said the Catholic board would probably switch to all-day, alternate-day junior kindergarten.

"They're thinking about it for the same reason — transportation costs," he said, adding the two boards have integrated transportation systems.

The board voted to have public meetings on JK after the school break.

Sessions will take place March 21 at

M.M. Robinson High School in Burlington; March 20 at Milton District High School in Milton; March 22 at Georgetown District High School in Georgetown and March 27 at T.A. Blakelock High School in Oakville. All sessions will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Junior kindergarten start-ups have been recommended for this September at the following schools in north Halton:

Brookville, J.M. Denyes, Joseph Gibbons, Limehouse, McKenzie-Smith Bennett, Park, Percy W. Merry, Robert Baldwin, Robert Little and Sam Sherratt.

Trustees will likely make decisions on how to implement JK at a board meeting March 28.

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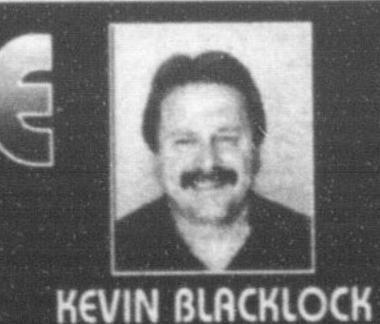
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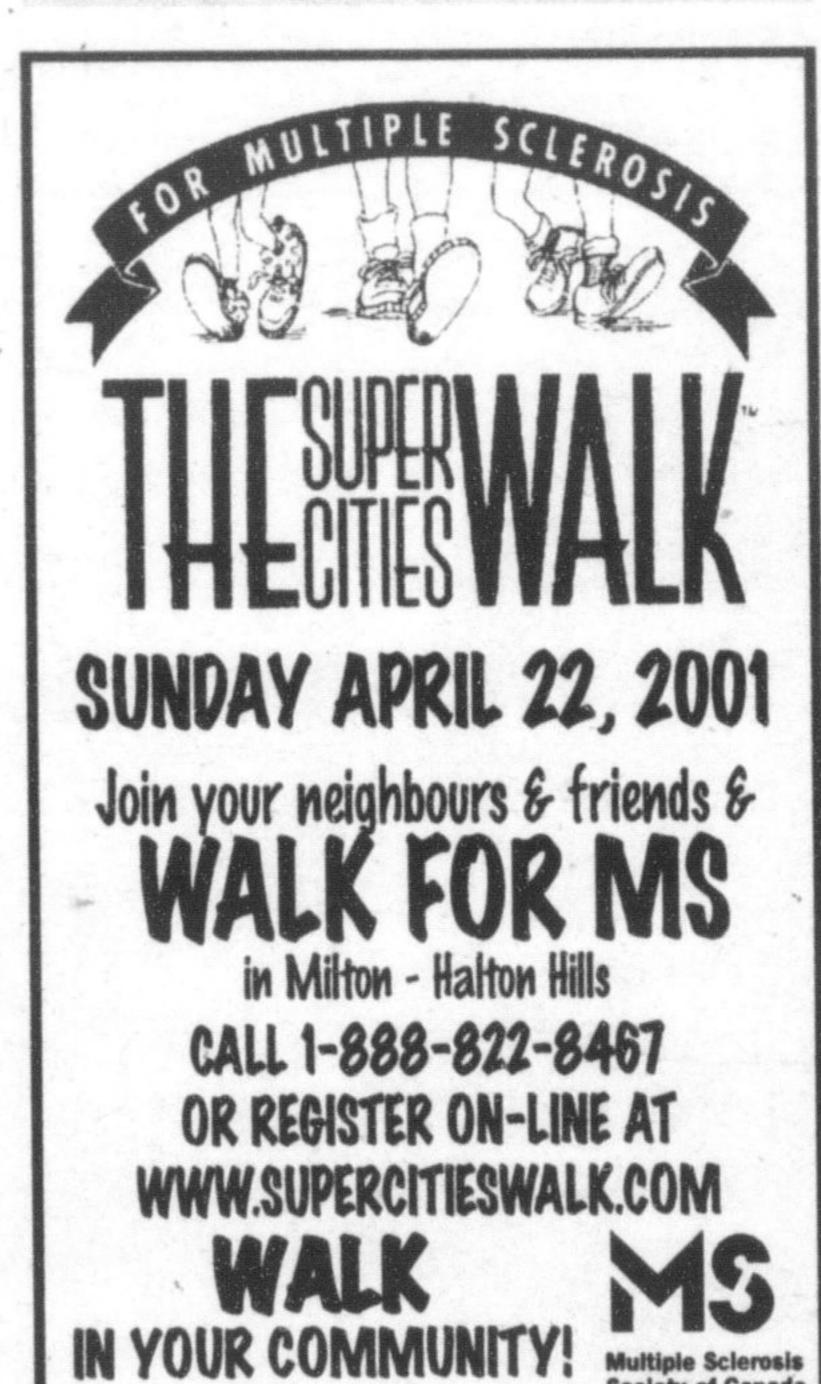
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