

Region staff are honoured for all their community volunteer work

As part of the International Year of the Volunteer 2001, Halton Region held an appreciation event to acknowledge the contributions of its staff who volunteer in their free time in their own communities.

The event took place September 18 at the Halton Regional Centre in Oakville.

Halton Region has approximately 150 staff who volunteer for various agencies and organizations such as the Halton Regional Police Tattoo, Brookville School, Canadian Blood Services, Canadian

Cancer Society and the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Staff volunteer work ranges from helping out at schools and coaching sports to collecting pledges for charities and working with Girl Guides.

"An important part of community life is the aspect of people helping people," said the Region's CAO Brent Marshall.

"We wanted to say thank you to our staff who provide thousands of volunteers hours, giving generously of their time and talents to help others."

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline said people of all ages and cultures benefit from volunteer work.

"Volunteer organizations are a vital, highly-visible component of community life," she said.

"On behalf of Halton Region, I would like to thank all our volunteers for their many hours of dedication. You are all greatly needed and even more appreciat-



Technical report expected in Nov.

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ment."

Mr. Dias further continued his opposition to the development and the noise it will create in his neighbourhood. Access to the development is planned through a community road to be build off Childs Drive.

"Frankly, I don't know how much of a buffer you can put in between where my property is and where a roadway is (proposed). The only buffer I see right now is a 10-foot fence that will bounce the noise right into my house," Mr. Dias said.

A buffer zone proposed between the new development and the existing residential area are included in the plan, Mr. Iovio explained, but at this point the buffer is purely visual.

"The landscaping won't do anything for you (in terms of noise) On the other hand, this is a very low-speed private laneway, so the noise expectation would be lower than a municipal street."

A technical staff report on the proposal is expected next month, at which time Milton council will address the plan.

