

Decision on red-light cameras deferred until Nov.

Low number of Halton motorists caught running red lights in first year of provincial pilot project

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Who would've guessed that Halton residents were such a cautious and law-abiding bunch?

Although the Region's controversial red-light camera caught 233 vehicles running red lights in its first year of operation, it mostly served to prove that Halton drivers are a pretty responsible lot.

Of the six municipalities participating in a provincial pilot program to study the red-light camera technology, Halton had the lowest rate of

charges per camera.

While the Region's one camera, rotating through four intersections, nabbed 233 red-light runners, each camera operating in Hamilton caught 2,412 red-light runners.

The provincial average for the first year of the pilot program was 1,208 charges per camera.

Patrick Murphy, the Region's commissioner of planning and public works, couldn't explain at Wednesday's committee meeting why the statistics are so much lower for Halton.

"We must have more law-abiding citizens, that's all I can say," he laughed.

Mr. Murphy did suggest the volume of traffic

at busy intersections in Halton may provide enough deterrent to stop drivers from running lights.

As a result of the low number of violators, the red-light camera may disappear from Halton in November, when the two-year pilot project wraps up.

While the five other municipalities participating in the pilot project have asked for a two-year extension of the program, Halton staff are suggesting the Region wait until November to make a decision on participating in any further use of the cameras.

Basically, said Mr. Murphy, the Region's results are contributing little statistically to the provincial database.

He added the yearly cost of \$125,000 to \$150,000, which pays for the cost of moving and monitoring the camera, laying and pursuing

charges and recording all data, might be better spent on other safety initiatives.

Participating municipalities are also required to monitor two intersections where red-light cameras aren't operating, to provide comparisons.

That requires dedication of police resources that might be better used elsewhere, Mr. Murphy said.

By next spring, the Province is expected to have the results of the pilot program analyzed, including the impact of the red-light cameras on reducing collisions.

While Halton may not choose to participate further in the pilot program, that wouldn't preclude the Region from using red-light cameras in the future, if provincial legislation permits, added Mr. Murphy.



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Community Services Department Employment Opportunities GARDENER / LANDSCAPER

The Department of Community Services requires a Full Time Gardener / Landscaper. This is a union position reporting directly to Operations Crew Supervisors. Work Schedule: Monday - Friday 40 hours per week, some overtime hours and winter shift work required.

Job Responsibilities

- Design and plan all beds, hedges, shrubs and planting areas within publicly held lands
- Supervise and coordinate all aspects of flower, hedge and shrub maintenance
- Assist with tree program including identification, maintenance and removal
- Assist in other Operations duties including outdoor rinks maintenance, sidewalk plowing etc.
- Ensure that proper safety procedures are followed at all times
- Perform manual labour requiring lifting over 60lbs.
- Qualified to operate vehicles including tractors, pickup trucks, and 1 ton dump trucks
- Employee may be required to direct activities of one or more part-time workers

Qualifications

- 2 year Community College Diploma in Horticulture or related fields with at least 2 years practical experience
- Must possess a valid G Driver's Licence
- Mechanical aptitude, knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- First Aid, CPR training
- Preferred two years minimum previous experience in a municipal environment involving parks/horticultural maintenance.

Starting hourly rate: \$17.62

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

The Department of Community Services has a position available for full-time Facility Maintenance. This position will report directly to the Supervisor, Facility Operations. Work Schedule: Shift work - 40 hours per week, rotating shifts, along with weekend coverage required.

Job Responsibilities

- Perform daily, weekly, and monthly scheduled maintenance procedures
- Perform maintenance and janitorial duties
- Report ongoing maintenance conditions to the Supervisor and recommend improvement as required
- Adhere strictly to all related health, fire and safety regulations
- Assist in maintaining an overall high standard in maintenance operations and public relations
- Maintain a high standard of public relations with patrons
- Occasional heavy lifting required
- Other duties as assigned
- Maintain a variety of Town facilities as required

Qualifications

- Applicants should have a High School Diploma
- Experience in maintenance/janitorial and swimming pool-related duties preferred
- Knowledge and experience in building systems (i.e. HVAC, plumbing, electrical and mechanical) is preferred
- G Class drivers license required

Hourly rate: \$15.72 to \$18.49

Interested applicants for either position should submit a resume by March 29, 2002 to:

Coordinator, Human Resources
Town of Milton -Department of Corporate Services
43 Brown Street, Milton ON L9T 5H2
Or fax to (905) 878-4231

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation, applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used strictly for candidate selection. While we appreciate all applications received, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AND RECONSTRUCTION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, as amended, that the Council of the Town of Milton, at its meeting to be held in Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, on March 25, 2002, beginning at 7:30 pm will consider the passing of by-laws for the temporary closing and reconstruction of the following roads:

1. Mountainview Drive from Ontario Street North to Highside Drive
2. Elm Avenue from Woodward Avenue to Highside Drive
3. Thompson Road North from Steeles Avenue to Main Street East

Plans detailing these projects are available for viewing during normal business hours at Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Community Services Department.

Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws, and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Office in writing, no later than Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Any inquiries should be directed to the following:

Phillip Antoniow, C.E.T., Projects Coordinator
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43 Brown Street
Milton, ON L9T 5H2
Tel: 905-878-7252 (ext. 2161)
Fax: 905-878-6995
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REQUEST FOR BID

The following bids include drawings:
Mountainview and Elm Road Reconstruction, 02-182
Thompson Rd Reconstruction Main to Steeles, 02-157

Sealed Bids on forms supplied by the Town of Milton will be received by the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing until 11:00 a.m. local time on:

April 10, 2002

Specifications and forms may be obtained at the Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario, Corporate Services Department, Purchasing. During normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a bid document fee of: \$27.00 (\$25.23 + \$1.76 GST) for regular bids or \$54.00 (\$50.46 + \$3.54 GST) for bids with drawings. Payment can be made with cash, cheque, Interac or Visa/Mastercard.

Any inquiries regarding this tender may be directed to the Purchasing at (905) 875-5404. If you would prefer that this bid be couriered to you please complete the Request for Bid Document form on the Town's website: www.town.milton.on.ca Plan takers and current and upcoming bids are also posted on the website.

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Portable Toilets, 02-038Q
Power Tools, 02-039-Q

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