

# New residents to get blue boxes or bags

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Funding approval for a program titled 'Blue Max' would see new Halton residents receive a blue box or bag upon their arrival.

Halton's planning and public works committee approved \$62,500 for the purchase and distribution of 10,000 blue boxes and 5,000 blue bags during its Wednesday meeting.

"When we're sending out these blue boxes that we're proposing, we're not just sending out a blue box. The blue box is a vehicle to get information to people as well," explained Patrick Murphy, Halton's commissioner of planning and public works. "We view it as sort of a welcome box."

Included in the 'welcome box' will be information relating to waste reduction,

recycling, composting and collection scheduling, as well as detailed information about other waste programs in the region.

If approved by regional council Wednesday, packages will be hand-delivered to new residents as their subdivisions come online with collection procedures.

Packages will also be made available to new residents living in existing urban areas.

"I think we need to get out there and introduce these people to all our programs," offered Councillor Barry Lee. "A lot of these people moving in don't even know they live in Halton. There is an education process here that needs to be administered."

A distribution budget of \$12,000 is included in the proposed funding.

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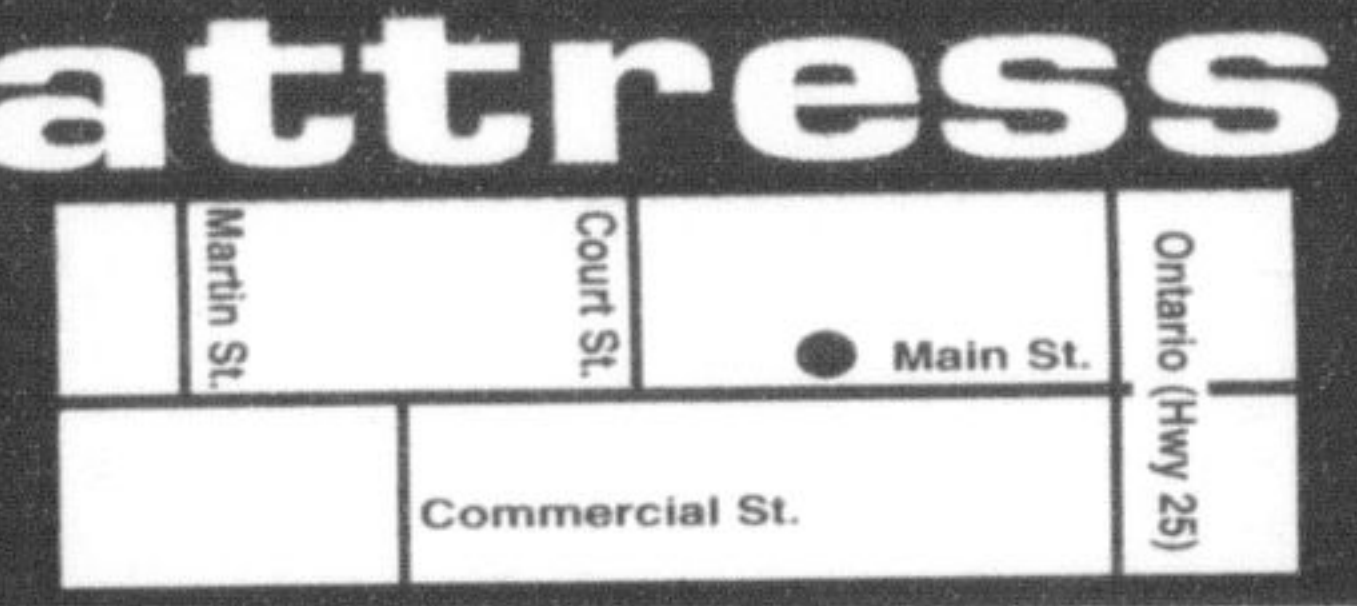
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