

Halton Region

A Partnership That Works!

Notice to members of the public wishing to serve on the Halton Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

In compliance with the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001*, (ODA) Halton Region is creating a committee that will focus on the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to people with disabilities. The Halton Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (HRAAC) will advise Regional Council on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of an annual accessibility plan.

The ODA will be proclaimed into full force on September 30, 2002. The purpose of the ODA is to improve opportunities for people with disabilities so that they can fully participate in the life of the province. The ODA also requires that each municipality prepare an annual accessibility plan that will address the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to people with disabilities. Each municipality with a population of 10,000 or more must establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Halton Regional Council invites applications from members of the public who are interested in serving on the Halton Region Accessibility Advisory Committee. Council is seeking two volunteers from across the region to serve on the committee in the capacity of Member-at-large. The majority of the members of the committee must be people with disabilities. People with disabilities and family members of people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be residents of Halton.

The main purposes of the Committee are:

- To advise Council on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its annual accessibility plan
- To advise Council on other accessibility related issues within the Region

An Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Halton Room at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville. Information will be available about the role of the Halton Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, and about the new ODA. All are welcome.

How to apply to the Committee:

- Application forms will be available:
 - At the Open House
 - For pick-up from the Halton Region Clerk's Division at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, or request that a form be faxed to you by calling (905) 825-6225, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) ext.6225, or TTY (905) 827-9833.
 - On the Region's Web site at www.region.halton.on.ca.
- Application forms are available in large print.
- Applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2002.

For more information, please contact Kathryn Karcz, Senior Policy Advisor, Halton Region, (905) 825-6000 ext.7485, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) ext.7485, or TTY (905)827-9833.

Be a Part of Halton Region's Official Plan Review

Halton Region
2002
Official
Plan
Review

This fall, Halton Region is seeking input from the public on its Official Plan. We will be hosting a series of open houses and workshops throughout the Region, and we look forward to hearing your ideas on the future of Halton.

What is the Official Plan?

Every municipality in Ontario is required to develop an Official Plan which outlines a community's vision for its future and guides decisions on development, transportation, environmental protection, and more.

Halton Region's Official Plan is now under review. This is an opportunity for residents and businesses to play an important part in ensuring Halton Region continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

What is important to you about Halton Region? How should we address the challenges our Region is facing?

Your participation is vital. Please drop in to one of our open houses or visit our website to learn more about the Official Plan Review.

www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan

Official Plan Review Event Schedule

Open houses have been held on September 23rd in Burlington and September 24th in Milton

October

Wednesday 2nd

6:00pm Open House
(Halton Hills Council Chambers, 1 Halton Hills Dr, **Georgetown**)
7:00pm presentation

Monday 7th

7:00pm Open House
(Hugh Foster Hall, 43 Brown St, **Milton**)
7:30pm presentation

Tuesday 8th

6:00pm Open House
(St Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 1280 Dundas St, **Oakville**) 7:00pm presentation

Tuesday 15th

6:00pm Open House
(Holy Rosary School, 261 Plains Rd E, **Burlington**) 7:00pm presentation

Wednesday 16th

6:00pm Open House
(St Dominic's School, 2405 Rebecca St, **Oakville**) 7:00pm presentation

Thursday 17th

6:00pm Open House
(St Joseph's School, 147 Mill St, **Acton**) 7:00pm presentation

A children's activity area will be provided at each open house.

Call us or visit our website at www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan to download a copy of the Directions Report: *The Greening of Halton - Smart Growth, Smart Choices and other technical papers*. These documents are a starting point for a public dialogue about the important issues in our community. For more information contact Isabel Telford at EXT. 7195

Halton Region Is Prepared

Halton Region officials will be staging a "mock emergency" on Thursday October 3rd at Allendale from 9:45 am until 11:45 am.

The event is designed to test emergency plans, policies and procedures for responding to a multiple casualty incident. The exercise will be conducted in real time and will involve the following local emergency groups: Allendale staff, Milton Fire Department, Halton Regional Police Services, Halton Emergency Medical Services, Halton Region Spills Response Team, Halton Regional Health Department and Halton Healthcare Services Group.

Emergency preparedness is an integral part of our business and conducting "mock emergencies" enables us to test the systems that are already in place to ensure that we are capable of handling any emergency that may arise.


Halton Regional Chairman



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