

Country Heritage Park receives Community Impact Award

Country Heritage Park was one of 10 organizations to receive the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Community Impact Award September 26.

The awards were given to organizations whose Ontario Trillium Foundation-funded projects made the most significant and lasting impact in

their communities in the last three years.

"We're absolutely thrilled," said Reg Cressman, general manager of the Town Line park.

"Just to be selected was pretty humbling. It's quite an honour and we are humbled by the recognition. There are so many worthwhile

organizations worthy of this award."

Country Heritage Park, formerly the Ontario Farm Museum, attracts visitors and tourists from around the world who are interested in Ontario agriculture history and the evolution of rural life and food production.

Over the past year, 13,000 students visited the

park and participated in farming activities as well as came in contact with animals.

Mr. Cressman said Country Heritage Park believes many urban children who visit the park have a better connection with the land, which creates a greater understanding and appreciation for the environment.

Halton Region

DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW NON-RESIDENTIAL DISCOUNT POLICY PUBLIC MEETING

The Development Charges Advisory Committee has met regularly with staff and consultants since June 2001 to examine the costs and benefits of providing reductions/exemptions for non-residential development charges. The results of the analyses are provided in "The Halton Development Charge Background Study for the Review of the Non-Residential Development Charges Discount Policies." This study will be available from Halton Region on October 29th at the numbers listed below.

Halton Regional Council recently endorsed a staff recommendation to eliminate the 25 per cent retail development charge discount and reduce the industrial/commercial discount from 50 per cent to 25 per cent. The reduction to the non-residential development charge discounts requires an amendment to By-law 117-99.

The Development Charges Act requires that at least one public meeting be held prior to the passing of a development charges by-law, or any amendments to the by-law.

Public Meeting

The public meeting will be held:

Date	Time	Meeting	Purpose
Wednesday, November 13, 2002	1:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Committee	To present amendments to the non-residential development charge discounts.

The meeting will be held in the Halton Room, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting and to make representations. Interested persons should note that the development charge proposals may change as a result of the meeting and any further staff reports. The final proposal and By-law to amend Development Charge By-law 117-99 will be presented to Administration & Finance Committee at its regular meeting of **Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the Halton Room.** The final By-law amendment will be presented to Council for approval on **Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.**

For Further Information

Copies of the Halton Development Charge Background Study for the review of the Non-Residential Development Charges Discount Policies will be available to the public on **Wednesday, October 29, 2002**, and can be obtained at the office of the Regional Clerk at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1.

Any questions should be directed to Mark Scinocca (ext. 7043) at 825-6000, Toll Free 1-866-442-5866, Regional Municipality of Halton, Corporate Services Department, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1.

If you wish to appear as a delegation at any of the meetings, including the Public Meeting, please call Ms. Pat Crimmins, Deputy Clerk, Ext. 7256, at the same numbers.

A Partnership That Works!

Be a Part of Halton Region's Official Plan Review

Halton Region
2002
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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 register for a workshop or visit our website to learn more about the Official Plan Review.

www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan

Official Plan Review Event Schedule

October

October 26, 2002

Halton's OP Review workshop

8:30am to 12:00pm.
In the Cafeteria,
Halton Regional Centre,
1151 Bronte Rd,
Oakville

Completed Open Houses

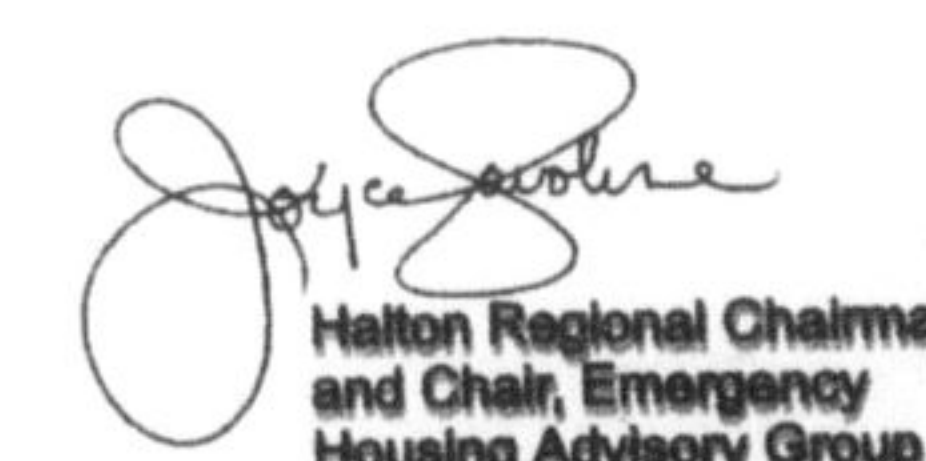
- September 23rd in Burlington
- September 24th in Milton
- October 2nd in Georgetown
- October 7th in Milton
- October 8th in Oakville
- October 15th in Burlington
- October 16th in Oakville
- October 17th in Acton

An additional evening workshop will be held in November. Details regarding this workshop will be announced soon.

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 / telfordi@region.halton.on.ca

An Invitation to Join the Emergency Housing Advisory Group's Second Public Meeting

The Emergency Housing Advisory Group was assembled to assist the Region of Halton, The Salvation Army and the Town of Oakville to develop criteria for locating and operating a homeless shelter in Oakville. Part of the group's mandate is to seek input from the community. The first Public Meeting held on Sept. 19th yielded extensive input and direction for the Advisory Group. The resultant report on recommended criteria for locating and operating an emergency shelter in Oakville will be presented at the second **Public Meeting on Thursday, October 24th in the Auditorium, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road at 7pm (registration is at 6:30 pm).** Individuals interested in attending are invited (but not required) to pre-register by phone at 905-825-6000 ext. 7998 or by E-mail at advisorygroup@region.halton.on.ca. Pre-registration is required if childcare is needed. I hope to see you there.


Halton Regional Chairman
and Chair, Emergency
Housing Advisory Group



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