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A window on condensation

(NC)—If your home's windows are covered with frost or ice or are dripping with condensation, many people assume it's a sure sign that they are not energy efficient. But window condensation may be just a symptom of a different kind of problem.

There's no doubt that windows with air leaks waste energy and make it nearly impossible to keep your home comfortable, and there is no doubt that those windows frost over badly in the winter. But condensation can still collect on your windows even if you've bought the most efficient units on the market.

Condensation may mean that the windows were improperly sealed and insulated when they were installed or that your humidifier must be adjusted to keep the air in your house at a steady relative humidity of 35 to 55 percent. It may be as simple as getting into the habit of using the exhaust fans in your kitchen and bathroom or making sure that the fans are vented properly.

Whatever the cause, it is important to face your home's condensation problems head-on. Condensation is a sure sign that you are spending more than you should on home heating and cooling. And moist air feels colder than properly humidified air, making it a lot more difficult to be comfortable during the long winter months.

Too much humidity can also make your home a breeding ground for fungus, mould and dust mites that can cause asthma, allergies and other health problems.

The good news is that unbiased, professional advice is just a phone call or a quick Web search away. Natural Resources Canada manages the EnerGuide for Houses Program to provide a wealth of unbiased, expert advice on every aspect of home energy efficiency. This advice comes from a trained EnerGuide for Houses energy advisor who will address any condensation problems by testing your home for air leaks, evaluating the efficiency of your windows, estimating your home's current energy use and suggesting the most affordable ways to save money and make your living space more comfortable. Think of it as your own personalized window on condensation and energy efficiency.

Every time we use energy from fossil fuels such as coal, oil or gas, we produce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. EnerGuide for Houses was also developed to help protect our environment and help Canadian homeowners do their bit to protect our environment by reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by one tonne per year - the One Tonne Challenge. To learn more or to find an advisor near you, visit the EnerGuide for Houses Web site at energuideforhouses.gc.ca, or call 800 387-2000 toll-free (995-2943 in the National Capital Region).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN STUDY

The Region of Halton has initiated a Transportation Master Plan Study to develop a dynamic integrated transportation strategy that considers all modes of travel. This study will provide Halton Region with the strategies policies and tools needed to manage traffic safely effectively



strategies, policies and tools needed to manage traffic safely, effectively, and cost efficiently and to offer a range of transportation choices to meet the needs of Halton residents. Ultimately, the Halton Transportation Master Plan Study will result in a more liveable community that supports the mobility needs of residents, businesses and visitors in both the rural and urban areas of the Region. This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (June 2000), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study will define transportation opportunities, identify and evaluate alternative solutions (including alternative travel modes) and identify an overall transportation network to serve Halton Region for the next 20 years.

The first of three rounds of Public Information Centres (PICs) was held in June 2003 in each of the Region's local municipalities at which time input was received from the public on the Transportation Vision, the master plan process and evaluation criteria.

The study team is currently conducting a review of alternative transportation solutions including transit and roadway alternatives for the Regional road network and will be presenting the preliminary evaluation results at the second round of Public Information Centres (PICs), which will be held in each of Halton Region's local municipalities at the following locations and dates:

Municipality	Date	Time	Location
Town of Halton Hills	September 30, 2003	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Town of Halton Hills, Council Chambers 1 Halton Hills Drive
City of Burlington	October 9, 2003	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Travel Lodge Burlington on the Lake - Nelson Room, 2020 Lakeshore Road
Town of Oakville	October 15, 2003	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Region of Halton - Cafeteria 1151 Bronte Road
Town of Milton	October 16, 2003	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School - Cafeteria 1600 Main Street East

A presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m., followed by a workshop. Local staff will be present to discuss the status of transportation studies and initiatives currently being undertaken by the local municipalities. If you have any questions related to the study or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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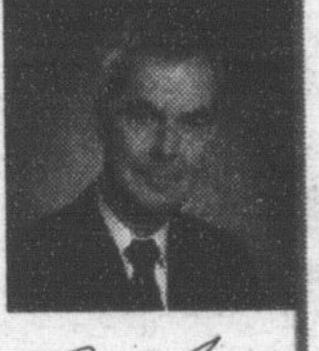
Additional information related to the study and consultation process may be obtained through the study Web site at: www.region.halton.on.ca/ppw/planningroads/transp/masterplan

This Notice first issued on September 18, 2003.

Halton Region Celebrates Introduction of Infrastructure Services in Halton Hills and Milton

This year we will be commencing the delivery of water and wastewater services along the 401 Corridor of Milton and Halton Hills. New services will be provided to Halton Hills and 4.4 km of additional watermain will be constructed westerly along the James Snow Parkway to accommodate the Milton Business Park. As a result of this construction, more than 500 acres of

employment lands will be opened up for development. Thanks to the ongoing partnership between the Region and the Municipalities and the support of Halton Regional Council, local landowners and businesses this initiative will facilitate additional investment opportunities in the 401 Corridor



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Halton Regional Meeting Schedule:

September 30 - 9:30 a.m. Health and Social Services Committee

October 1 - 9:30 a.m.
Planning and Public Works
Committee

October 1 - 12:30 p.m. Homelessness Forum

October 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Administration and Finance
Committee

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