

Halton Region gets full accreditation from health council

Halton Region has been awarded full accreditation status by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA).

The accreditation is particularly significant as Halton's Supportive Housing Programs and Adult Day Programs were included along with the Allendale Long Term Care facility, which is located in Milton and is operated by Halton Region.

Accreditation is part of services for seniors' ongoing quality management program.

It's a voluntary process in which independent, trained surveyors review the Region's services and facilities, evaluating them against national standards.

Surveyors here for three days

The surveyors spent three days with Halton Region staff in late September.

They toured the Region's facilities and interviewed management, staff and members of regional council as well as residents, clients and community partners.

Halton's services for seniors division scored well in the areas of responsiveness and client/community focus.

"The accreditation process, involving a review by an independent monitoring organization, demonstrates that Halton's services for seniors programs are high quality, and I am very pleased that our assessment of our services has been recognized by others," said Adelina Urbanski, Halton's commissioner of social and community services.

Region extends public consultation process for sewage plant expansion

Halton Region has announced the next round of consultation on the expansion of the mid-Halton sewage treatment plant in Oakville.

The Province requires an evaluation of conceptual designs, implementation concepts for achieving the capacity expansion, a full evaluation of environmental impacts and mitigation measures.

"Major facilities such as our sewage treatment plants require years of planning, followed by the construction of each phase. During this next phase, Halton remains committed to keeping the

community informed about the plans for mid-Halton and any changes that are implemented," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

Recognizing the community's interest in the plant expansion, Halton Region has opted to extend the public consultation beyond the statutory provincial requirements.

Two public meetings will be scheduled in January and March.

Regular communications through project updates, a project web page and a dedicated e-mail address

(midhalton@region.halton.on.ca) and phone number (905-825-6000, ext. 7354) will be used as communication vehicles throughout the process.

The public will also receive a response to their written comments. Information on the public meetings will be communicated through newspaper advertising, the Region's web site and the Mid-Halton phone line.

The 31-year-old plant, located on North Service Road, will service future expansion in Oakville, Milton and areas along the Halton Hills Hwy. 401 corridor.

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