

# Several residents think growth could be better spread around the province

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ic opportunity due to people migrating to the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Several other residents at the meeting echoed these thoughts, suggesting that growth be better spread around the province.

One of the most memorable presentations of the night came from Lana Drmbic-Zappia, a 14-year-old Hornby resident, who pleaded that the Province save local farm land.

The local youth even gathered more than 200 signatures on a petition to slow down growth.

"If we keep building roads and houses, there won't be any farms in Halton," she said. "Farms are so important to us. They're the backbone of our existence."

Besides Milton, other areas in Halton that were identified under the growth plan are downtown Burlington (emerging urban centre) and downtown Oakville (priority urban centre).

Ms Evans clarified that the Province doesn't mean for the historical section of Oakville to be

developed, but the area north of it.

A finalized copy of the provincial document is expected later this year. Some key highlights of the discussion paper are:

- It aims to deliver money for infrastructure only to areas in the Greater Golden Horseshoe region the province deems for growth, thus discouraging developers even further from pursuing rural lands.

The Horseshoe encompasses the area from Niagara, through the GTA out to Simcoe and Peterborough counties.

- Alternative means of transportation are listed as the way of the future, with residents in designated urban centres using transit and high-occupancy vehicle lanes for car pooling.

- An investment in transit systems and vehicle fleets, along with creating an integrated ticketing system that would allow someone to travel seamlessly through the Greater Horseshoe region are initiatives outlined for taking more cars off the road.

- With the goal of concentrating development into one area, the discussion paper suggests people would be able to regularly walk or bicycle to work.

The final paper will guide land-use planning, urban development, housing, local services, transportation and environmental infrastructure and economic development.

To view the plan or send your comments to the Province via the Internet, visit [www.places-togrow.pir.gov.on.ca](http://www.places-togrow.pir.gov.on.ca). Deadline for submissions is September 24.

Regional council will consider staff's report on Halton's response to the Ministry at tomorrow's planning and public works committee meeting and at regional council September 22. For more information visit [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca).

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school," she said.

She said the addition will make room for about 245 more students at the new school, which hasn't been named yet.

"It's temporary to accommodate the population bulge," she said, adding that the addition will probably remain at the school for eight to 10 years.

Halton District School Board Chair Mary Chapin said the board is trying to build new schools as quickly as it can to accommodate new students, but it all comes down to a funding formula — all local schools must be filled to 100 per cent capacity before money is generated to open new schools.

"Some of our schools are bursting at the seams, but we're building as fast as the funding formula permits," she said.

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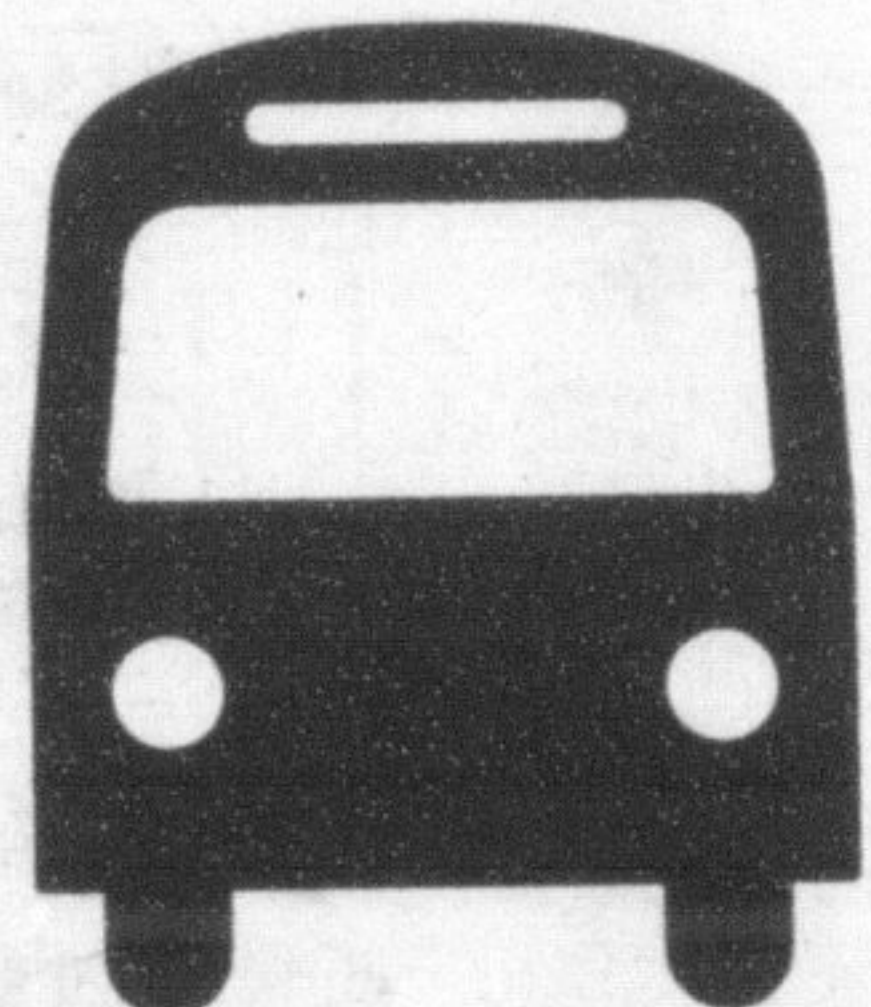
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Starts August 16, 2004

First five weeks are FREE!

New Service Includes:

- Three bus routes
- Scheduled bus stops about every 30 minutes
- Service from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Flexibility for students to go in late, leave early or stay after school (Note: The morning/afternoon high school bus route has been discontinued.)
- Transfers between routes at the Milton GO station

### Accessible Transit Service

There are no changes to this service for riders with disabilities.

### Transit Maps & Tickets Available at:

- Milton Town Hall - 43 Brown Street
- Leisure Centre - 1100 Main Street East
- Sports Centre - 605 Santa Maria Blvd.
- Seniors' Activity Centre - 500 Childs Drive
- Milton Public Library - 45 Bruce Street
- Lottery Kiosk at Zellers, Milton Mall

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Book a ride: 905-873-3753 (Laidlaw)  
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### Transit Fares

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Please show your valid GO pass/ticket & pay just 50 cents per Milton Transit trip.



## Exchange of Old Milton Transit Tickets

Effective Monday September 20, 2004 your old Milton Transit tickets for the former Dial-A-Bus and morning/afternoon school bus will no longer be accepted. You may exchange your tickets (and pay a slight difference) to obtain new tickets from Milton Transit Ticket Agents until December 31, 2004.

New tickets will be available from Milton Transit Ticket Agents as of Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Exchange Details for Old Transit Tickets (until December 31, 2004)	
Child/Student	10 old tickets + \$2.00 = 10 new tickets
	1 old ticket + \$0.20 = 1 new ticket
Adult	10 old tickets + \$4.00 = 10 new tickets
	1 old ticket + \$0.40 = 1 new ticket
Senior	10 old tickets + \$2.00 = 10 new tickets
	1 old ticket + \$0.20 = 1 new ticket

### Ticket Agent Locations

Milton Town Hall  
Milton Leisure Centre  
Milton Sports Centre

Milton Seniors' Activity Centre  
Milton Public Library  
Lottery Kiosk at Zellers, Milton Mall

### More Information

Phone: 905-815-2020

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Web: [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca)



## Changes to Milton Transit Schedules

There have been changes to the bus schedules for the new Milton Transit Service as indicated below:

The following Route 2 bus stops at the hospital have now been discontinued:

- 6:13 a.m.
- 6:38 a.m.
- 7:13 a.m.
- 7:48 a.m.

Watch the newspaper for future Milton Transit schedule changes or visit the transit page on our website at [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca)

### Questions?

Call 905-815-2020

(Information Line operated by Oakville Transit)

## Talk of the Town Quarterly Newsletter

Talk of the Town Quarterly Newsletter was delivered to every household and business in Milton the week of

September 7, 2004.

If you did not receive a copy, please visit [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca) (See "Publications") or pick up a copy at any Town facility.