

Thompson Road widening to start earlier than planned

The Town is looking to widen Thompson Road between Derry Road and Louis St. Laurent Avenue, with construction potentially starting this summer.

While the project was originally scheduled for 2009, Town Director of Engineering Services Paul Cripps said it's been moved up to be done in conjunction with development in the area and also because the condition of the road is deteriorating.

"The road is really under a lot of stress right now," he said. "It's exhibiting signs of wear and tear."

Mr. Cripps said when finished, the stretch of road will be five lanes wide — two lanes for each direction of traffic, plus a left turn lane down the centre. He said

trees will also be planted down the boulevards.

He added staff hopes to get construction started in August, and it will then take about eight weeks to get the majority of the work done.

"We hope to have it complete before winter sets in," Mr. Cripps said.

During construction he said through traffic will be maintained, with at least one lane being accessible. He noted after hours the Town will do its best to make sure two lanes are open for traffic.

A public open house was held last week on the project. Mr. Cripps said generally the feedback staff received from the small crowd was "the sooner, the

better" for construction.

"People are really anxious for the road to be rebuilt," he said.

A bylaw to authorize construction on Thompson Road between Derry Road and Louis St. Laurent Avenue will go before Milton council Monday. The bylaw will also allow for periodic traffic restrictions from August 1 to September 26.

Mr. Cripps said based on the feedback staff has received so far, he'd be surprised if anyone came out to the council meeting to speak against the project.

Plans for the work can be viewed by appointment at the Engineering Services department at 555 Industrial Dr.

Proposed bylaw calls for restaurants to make inspection reports public

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The Champion

All restaurant owners throughout Halton could soon have to make their health department inspection reports available for the public to see.

The Region is looking to make 'Dinewise' — its current program where restaurants voluntarily disclose the results of their inspection reports — mandatory for Halton food establishments.

At its meeting Wednesday, regional council directed the director of legal services to prepare a draft bylaw making Dinewise compulsory.

A copy of the draft will be circulated to all restaurant operators in Halton for comments.

Regional and Burlington Councillor Rick Craven praised the concept at the health and social services committee meeting last week.

"I think this is a really good item for us," he said, "What we're trying to do now is reach out to the hospitality community. It helps everybody understand the importance of food safety."

A report from Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal said a sampling of restaurant operators were surveyed by phone last year on making Dinewise mandatory.

Of those currently participating, 84 per

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cent showed support for making the program mandatory, while only 65 per cent of non-participants were in favour.

The report also said of residents surveyed on the same topic, 78 per cent wanted to see Dinewise become mandatory, with 81 per cent saying that making information about food safety inspections available would influence their decision about where to eat.

Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline previously wrote to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care requesting that the ministry look into developing a standardized inspection report posting system across the province.

Ministry staff has since indicated this won't be dealt with in the immediate future.

Dinewise began in 2003 and now has about 550 voluntary participants. Those taking part post a certificate of inspection in a highly visible location in their restaurant, and customers can then ask to see the latest inspections reports. A list of these restaurants is available at www.region.halton.on.ca/health.

Staff will report back in October on the comments received from local restaurant operators and provide recommendations regarding mandating Dinewise.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, that the Council of the Town of Milton at its meeting to be held in Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, on July 18th, 2005 beginning at 7:30 p.m. will consider the adoption of a bylaw(s) authorizing construction and temporary road closure for the following construction project as noted below.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Thompson Road (Derry Road to Louis St. Laurent)

The temporary closure will be in effect from August 1st, 2005 until September 26th, 2005. Such a bylaw will allow for periodic restrictions to through traffic. Local access will be maintained throughout the construction.

Plans detailing the project are available for viewing by appointment at the Engineering Services Department located at 555 Industrial Drive (second floor).

Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws, and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard must notify the Clerks Department in writing, no later than 10:00 a.m., July 18th, 2005.

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