

# Region program helps youths start own businesses

Are you a young person thinking of starting your own business?

Then you may want to check out the Halton Region Business Development Centre's Summer Company Program — an initiative designed to help youth create their own businesses and career opportunities and provide them with cash rewards.

The deadline for submissions to the program has been extended to April 30.

"The Summer Company Program inspires young people to consider owning and operating their own businesses as a career," said Halton Director of Business Development John Ayling. "We're pleased to be able to equip tomorrow's entrepreneurs with the tools they need to succeed now and in the future."

Participants in last year's program — like Shawn Bennett, owner and operator of Preserving Memories Always — say

they gained valuable experience that will help prepare them for success in today's competitive business world.

"I had always been interested in starting a business, but the task seemed overwhelming. I had no idea where to begin. The Summer Company opportunity convinced me to give it a try," said Bennett. "I definitely see being an entrepreneur as a very realistic and exciting future possibility for myself."

Melanie Cross of Melanie Cross Jewelry Designs also had good things to say about the program.

"The Summer Company Program was very helpful and it was one of the best experiences of my life," she said. "I ended up accomplishing all of my personal objectives. I can see myself following this as a possible career choice. I would love to be my own boss."

The Summer Company Program, developed by the Ontario government, provides hands-on business training

and mentoring and awards of up to \$3,000 to help enterprising young people start up and run their own summer businesses.

The Region's business development centre co-ordinates the program and delivers it through business mentoring groups made up of volunteer advisors from the Halton business community.

Participants have the opportunity to meet regularly with their group for support and advice and are required to attend a minimum of 12 hours of business training.

Students aged 15 to 29 are eligible to apply. They must provide proof that they're returning to school in the fall in order to qualify.

For more information contact the Halton Region Business Development Centre at (905) 825-6000 or visit [www.halton.ca/business](http://www.halton.ca/business).

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**4th Line Rehabilitation**  
**(Louis St. Laurent Blvd. to Britannia Rd.)**  
**and Thompson Road Reconstruction**  
**(Louis St. Laurent Blvd. to Britannia Rd.)**

The Town of Milton's Engineering Services Department has prepared plans for the rehabilitation of 4th Line from Louis St. Laurent Boulevard to Britannia Road and the two lane reconstruction of Thompson Road from Louis St. Laurent Boulevard to Britannia Road. The plan for the 4th Line addresses road base and pavement deficiencies. The Thompson Road plan provides for the complete reconstruction of both traffic lanes and roadside ditches.

In conjunction with this project, Halton Region will carry out intersection improvements at Britannia Road including traffic signals.

The project is being design in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule A, for Municipal Road Projects.

A Public Information Centre has been arranged for:

**Date:** Wednesday April 19, 2006  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Boyne Community Centre (2287 Britannia Rd., just east of RR #25)

The purpose of the Information Centre is to provide area residents, property owners and the general public the opportunity to review the proposed design. You are invited to attend, provide comment and discuss concerns that you may have with representatives from both the Town of Milton and Region of Halton. This will be an informal meeting and you are invited to drop in at your convenience between the noted hours.

If you are unable to attend and wish to provide comments, please forward them no later than April 28, 2006 to:

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**Destiny Milton 2: Shaping Our Future**

**Feedback Session**  
**Draft Strategic Plan Framework**  
 Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7:00 pm  
 Milton Lions Club Hall  
 (Above Milton Memorial Arena)  
 77 Thompson Road

**Steps to participate...**

- 1. Pre-register by calling:**  
 905-878-7252, ext. 2603
- 2. Read the "Destiny Milton 2 Draft Strategic Plan Framework" available at:**
  - [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca)
  - Town Hall Victoria Park (43 Brown St.)
  - Town Hall Annex 555 (555 Industrial Dr.)
  - Milton Sports Centre (605 Santa Maria Blvd.)
- 3. Attend and share your comments.**

**What is Destiny Milton 2?**  
 Destiny Milton 2 is a strategic planning process that is intended to identify what the priorities of the Town are with respect to quality of life and service delivery. The product will be a Strategic Plan, which will include a community vision and a series of goals, directions and initiatives. Once finalized, the Strategic Plan will help guide municipal decision making in the Town in both the short and longer term.

**What has happened so far?**  
 Over the past year, the Town has been working to obtain input through holding public and stakeholder meetings and carrying out a statistically valid survey of 600 residents. Town Council and staff have used this information to develop a draft Strategic Plan framework, on which they are now seeking input.

**Public input is now being sought**  
 Read the "Destiny Milton 2 Draft Strategic Plan Framework" and attend the feedback session to share your thoughts on the draft document.

**Can't attend the feedback session? Please submit your comments no later than May 12, 2006**

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