



REASON TO SMILE: Samantha Cascanette (left), 8, beams with pride as she takes in Canada Day festivities at the Milton Fair Grounds. Meanwhile, Julie Kern, 9, enjoys the entertainment on stage.

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The Regional Municipality of Halton

Halton Region's GreenCart Demonstration Program Now Accepts Certified Compostable Plastic Bags



The GreenCart is like a Blue Box for your kitchen scraps. Kitchen scraps (including meat and bones), paper towels, coffee grounds and more are now being collected at the curb in the GreenCart from five demonstration neighbourhoods across Halton, instead of in a regular garbage bag.

The GreenCart demonstration program is off to a great start! In the first six months 172,660 kilograms of food and compostable paper waste was diverted from the landfill, the equivalent of 32,394 bags of garbage. Keep up the good work!!

We Listened! There was an overwhelming positive response to a compostable plastic bag trial in the Burlington demonstration areas and Halton is happy to announce that residents in **all** demonstration areas can use certified compostable plastic bags in the GreenCart demonstration program.

An information package including a sample of certified compostable plastic bags will be delivered to your residence during the month of July. If you do not receive your sample bags by **July 31, 2006** please give us a call.

When purchasing compostable plastic bags, look for this logo!



Acceptable certified compostable plastic bags

Product Name	Manufacturer	Retail Location
BioBags®	BioBag Canada, Inc.	Lee Valley – Burlington
BIOSAK® Compostable Brown Bags	W. Ralston (Canada) Inc.	Longo's Fortinos
Great Value Compostable Kitchen Garbage Bags – Eco Film™	AL-PACK Enterprises Ltd.	Wal-Mart – Region-wide

Note: Regular non-biodegradable plastic bags, including clear green plastic bags, are still **not** accepted in Halton's GreenCart program.

Business Development Centre

We want your business to succeed. The following programs and services are available to help your business.

Youth Opportunities

- Business Plan Competition
- Summer Company

Exporting

- Seminars
- Business Consultant
- Networking Alliance

Start-up

- Seminars
- Business Consultants
- Business Registration
- Resource Library
- Public Use Computers

Business Retention, Expansion and Site Location

- Seminars
- Mentorship Program
- Site Location Assistance
- Workforce Development
- Regional Innovation Networks

Upcoming Seminars, Workshops and Events

Starting a Small Business Information Seminars: Mon., July 17 (afternoon session) and Wed., July 26 (evening session).

Access to Professionals – Ask the Expert: The following professionals will be at Halton Region to answer your business questions on Tues., July 11. Appointments need to be booked in advance.

Marketing – TBA Legal – William Thatcher Accounting – Bill Williams

Premier-Ranked Tourist Destination Project Official Launch: A project developed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism to help regions across Ontario distinguish themselves in the tourism marketplace will be launched in Halton Region on July 11. For more information, contact Jessica Morgan of our office.

Exporters: Do you want to expand your export business? If you are exporting only to the U.S. we invite you to join The Export Alliance, a program designed to effectively assist companies in exporting to markets beyond the U.S. For more information and to apply for this program Javier Lopez of our office.

Contact us for more information on these events and how to register.

Smart Commute Halton—Providing Smart Transportation Choices

To help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality, Halton Region is introducing *Smart Commute Halton*. This is a new demonstration program for employees of the Halton Regional Centre and the Woodlands Operation Centre designed to reduce single occupant vehicle trips to and from work by offering supports and incentives for carpooling and other alternate modes of transportation.

Another Smart Commute Halton initiative is a web-based ride matching service called the Carpool Zone. This ride matching service works like a searchable database of classified ads to help residents find people to carpool with so they too can help reduce traffic congestion, smog and greenhouse gas emissions.

Smart Commute Halton is part of Halton's Transportation Demand Management Program and Halton's Transportation Master Plan. For more information, please visit www.halton.ca/smartcommute



Chairman
Joyce Savoline



A. Brent Marshall
CAO

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Monday, July 10 - 9:30 a.m. - Budget Review
Wednesday, July 12 - 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council