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IN MEMORY: Eleanor McMahon is consoled by niece Erin McMahon at the memorial for her husband, OPP Sgt. Greg Stobbart of Burlington, who was killed June 6 when he was struck by a vehicle while cycling on Tremaine Road. About 300 cyclists escorted by Halton Regional Police and the Caledon OPP took part Sunday in the First Annual Share the Road Bike Ride held in memory of Stobbart. The 60-km ride to raise awareness of the need for drivers and cyclists to share the road safely started at the Milton GO Train station and made a brief stop at the accident scene just north of Derry Road. Three cyclists have been killed on Tremaine Road over the last few years. The ride was organized by the Mattamy Homes/Aquila Racing Club in conjunction with Racer Sportif.

Halton has lowest unemployment rate

Study compares Halton to other GTA-area municipalities

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Halton has the lowest unemployment rate in the GTA, according to a study recently completed by the Region and its four municipalities.

The document, called 'Landscape by the Numbers: A Social Atlas of Halton', was presented to Halton's planning and public works committee Wednesday. It profiles the region's

demographics and compares them to those in surrounding municipalities.

"The comparisons portray a rich and diverse range of social characteristics among the municipalities in Halton, much of which is influenced by urban development, migration patterns and geographic position," the atlas explains.

"One may say there is an uncanny relationship between the social and physical landscapes in Halton."

Amongst its findings are that Halton has the lowest percentage of: visible minority groups, adults with less than a high school education and 'blue collar' workers.

The atlas also says when looking at Halton's four municipalities:

- Oakville and Burlington have the highest concentrations of university educated and high-income households.
- Oakville has the greatest proportion of visible minorities and highest income levels and unemployment rate.
- Burlington has the largest amount of seniors.

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Roadwork moves to next stage

The next phase of construction has begun for two new major roads through the Town and Region's Accelerated Transportation Program.

Work commenced last month on both James Snow Parkway from Derry to Britannia roads and Louis St. Laurent Boulevard from Fourth Line to James Snow Parkway.

The projects were advanced from 2009 and 2010 respectively and are scheduled for completion next summer.

"These roads are being built in advance as a result of a co-operative partnership with Halton Region, Mattamy Homes and the Town," said Mayor Gord Krantz.

"This program is an excellent example of different levels of government and the private sector working together

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