



The Regional
Municipality of Halton

Business Development Centre

Halton Region has a comprehensive export program to assist companies in starting or expanding their export businesses. More than 800 companies from different sectors have benefited from this program through our seminars and workshops and by meeting our expert to discuss their needs. Whether you are just thinking about exporting or need to find new markets for your products or services, we can help. Contact us for further information.

Register for the **Starting an Export Business Seminar** on March 22 – see details below.

Upcoming Seminars/Workshops Include:

Starting a Small Business Information Seminar: Mon., Feb. 5, afternoon session and Wed., Feb. 28, evening session. (\$20/person)

Business Basics Seminar Series: In partnership with Burlington Public Library, this series is geared to the entrepreneur looking for the basics in starting their business. The series will be presented at Central Library. Participants can attend any or all of the seminars. (\$20/person/seminar)

Wed., Feb. 21 Canada Revenue Agency: Tax Essentials (BONUS: no fee for this seminar)

Wed., Mar. 21 Jump-start Your Marketing Plan

Wed., Apr. 18 Managing Your Success

Consultant on Site Program: In partnership with Halton Hills Public Library, a business consultant will be available to meet with small business clients at the Halton Hills Library on the following dates: Thurs., Feb. 15; Thurs., Mar. 15; Thurs., Apr. 19. Appointments must be booked in advance.

Starting an Export Business: In partnership with Oakville Public Library, this seminar is for business owners who are thinking about exporting. The seminar, scheduled for Thurs., Mar. 22, will introduce you to some of the key tools, resources, programs and services available to potential exporters.

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

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NDP nomination meeting Tues.

The Halton NDP Riding Association will hold a nomination meeting Tuesday night to decide who will represent it in the next federal election.

The event at the E.C. Drury Food School at 7:30 p.m., will see Pat Heroux, Chris Marquis and Rob Wagner vie for the position.

Heroux is a retired mother of five and grandmother of eight. In her working life, she was a health-care aide at Allendale and was active in the Ontario Public Service Employees Union at the local and provincial levels. She said she would like to see true electoral reform, better coverage for the disabled and better medical coverage for seniors.

Marquis, a Kilbride native who sought the local nomination last time around but lost to Anwar Naqvi, was the NDP candidate in the Dufferin-Caledon riding during the 2006 election. If elected, the political science stu-

dent said he looks forward to representing the people of Halton and fighting for a green, prosperous and just society.

Oakville resident Wagner currently works for the City of Hamilton as a parks co-ordinator and is also the owner of a small on-line media business. On his agenda are the environment and the war in Afghanistan, which he said needs to be re-evaluated.

Each of the candidates will give a prepared speech at the meeting and then answer questions from members.

All NDP members living in the Halton riding are entitled to vote for a candidate. Members who were in good standing last year but haven't renewed their membership for 2007 can do so at the meeting and then vote.

Balloting will continue until one candidate receives a majority of votes.

Thompson Rd. work is fast tracked

Local residents can expect to see a Thompson Road widening project get underway soon now that council has approved fast tracking the work.

Monday night, council endorsed phasing construction on the thoroughfare between Main Street and Derry Road so that only non-traffic-impacting work can start about two-and-a-half months earlier than anticipated.

The widening from two lanes to four was slated to get underway in August following the opening of two lanes of James Snow Parkway.

Now, the project is expected to go

out for tender in March. If everything goes as planned, work would then start in May and wrap up around June 2008.

Prior to James Snow Parkway opening, things that won't affect traffic flow on Thompson Road will be completed, such as the creation of a noise barrier wall and a temporary road widening to keep Thompson open throughout construction. Once James Snow Parkway is operational, more intense work that'll impact traffic will start.

Town council recently approved \$17.5 million for the construction in the 2007 budget.

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