

Upcoming Wine and Cheese Show truly an event to savour



There'll be lots of vintages at the Toronto Wine and Cheese Show.

It's once again time to treat your taste buds, with the annual Toronto Wine and Cheese Show just around the corner.

Toronto's International Centre, on Airport Road, will once again be the site for the popular event — put on by Premier Consumer Shows and slated for next weekend — where an international array of fine wines, beers and spirits will be showcased.

They'll be complemented by tantalizing foods prepared by chefs from

some of Toronto's leading restaurants.

The show is also the stage where an esteemed panel of judges reveals their chosen winners in the annual Niagara wine competition, in which more than 250 vintners compete in 17 different categories.

The Vintages Classics Tastings area provides consumers with an opportunity to sample some of the most highly-regarded wines in the world, while cooking demonstrations and wine and cheese matching seminars help round

out the weekend festivities.

"We attract everyone from age 19 to 75 who enjoys food, cheese, wine and beer," said show manager Marti Milks. "Perhaps the common denominator among them is the mutual appreciation for a fine day of eating, drinking and learning."

The event runs from March 23 to 25.

For more information about the show, visit www.towineandcheese-show.com.



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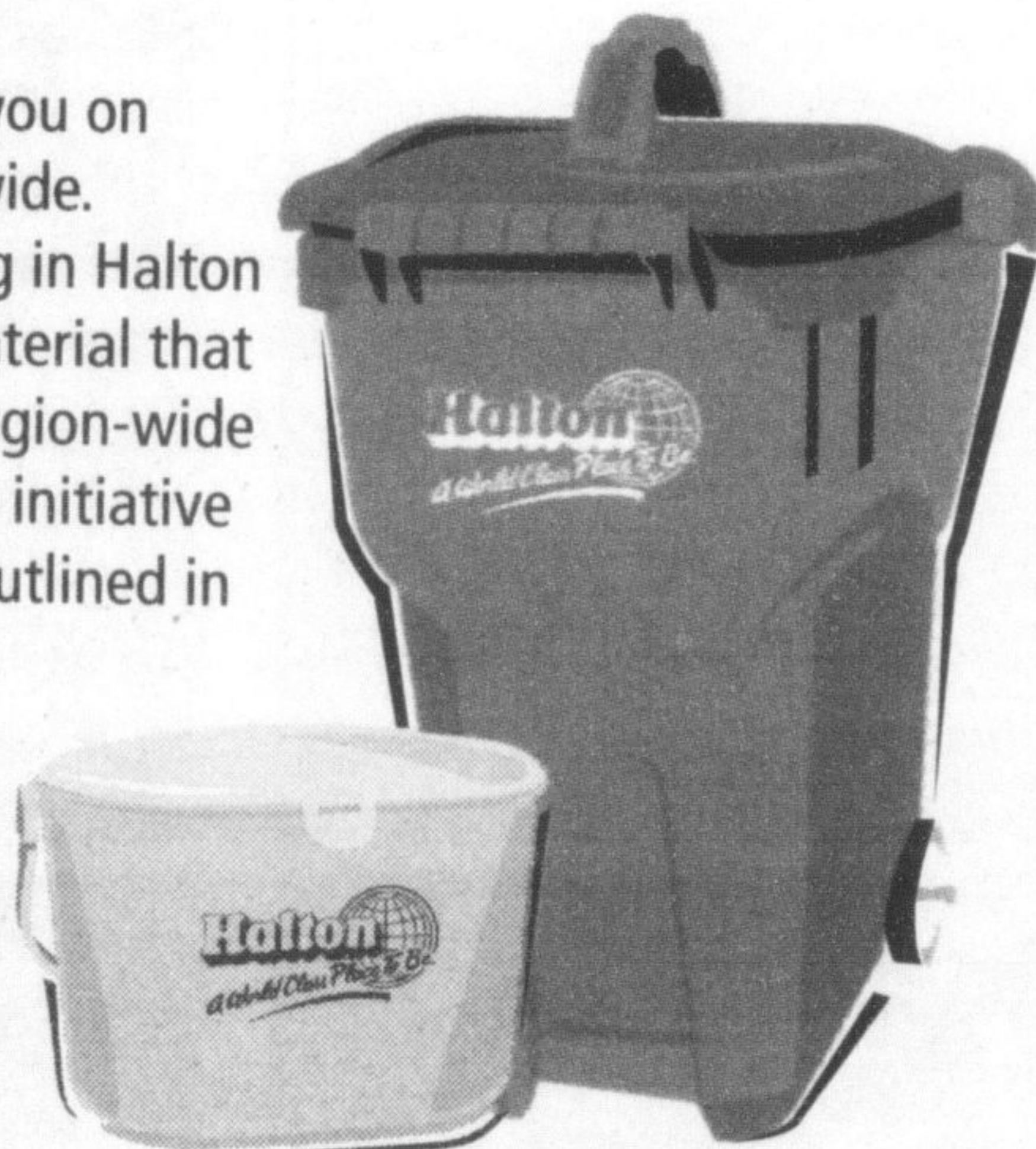
NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

We Want to Hear from You

GreenCart Open Houses

Why: Halton Region is seeking feedback from you on implementing the GreenCart program Region-wide. Approximately 45% of the average garbage bag in Halton is made up of food scraps and other organic material that could be turned into compost. The proposed Region-wide implementation of the GreenCart program is an initiative to help achieve the 60% waste diversion goal outlined in Halton's 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy. This 60% diversion goal will assist in extending the life of our landfill.

When: Four Open Houses are being held to gather feedback on the proposed Region-wide implementation of the GreenCart program.



Date	Location
Monday, March 26, 2007 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Gellert Community Centre 10241 8th Line, Georgetown
Thursday, April 12, 2007 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Milton Sports Centre 605 Santa Maria Blvd., Milton
Monday, April 16, 2007 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Glen Abbey Community Centre 1415 Third Line, Oakville
Thursday, April 19, 2007 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Burlington Seniors Centre 2285 New Street, Burlington

What: The GreenCart is like a Blue Box that is used for your kitchen scraps (including fruits and vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, rice and breads), paper towels, coffee grounds and more. These materials can be collected at the curb in the GreenCart, instead of in a regular garbage bag.

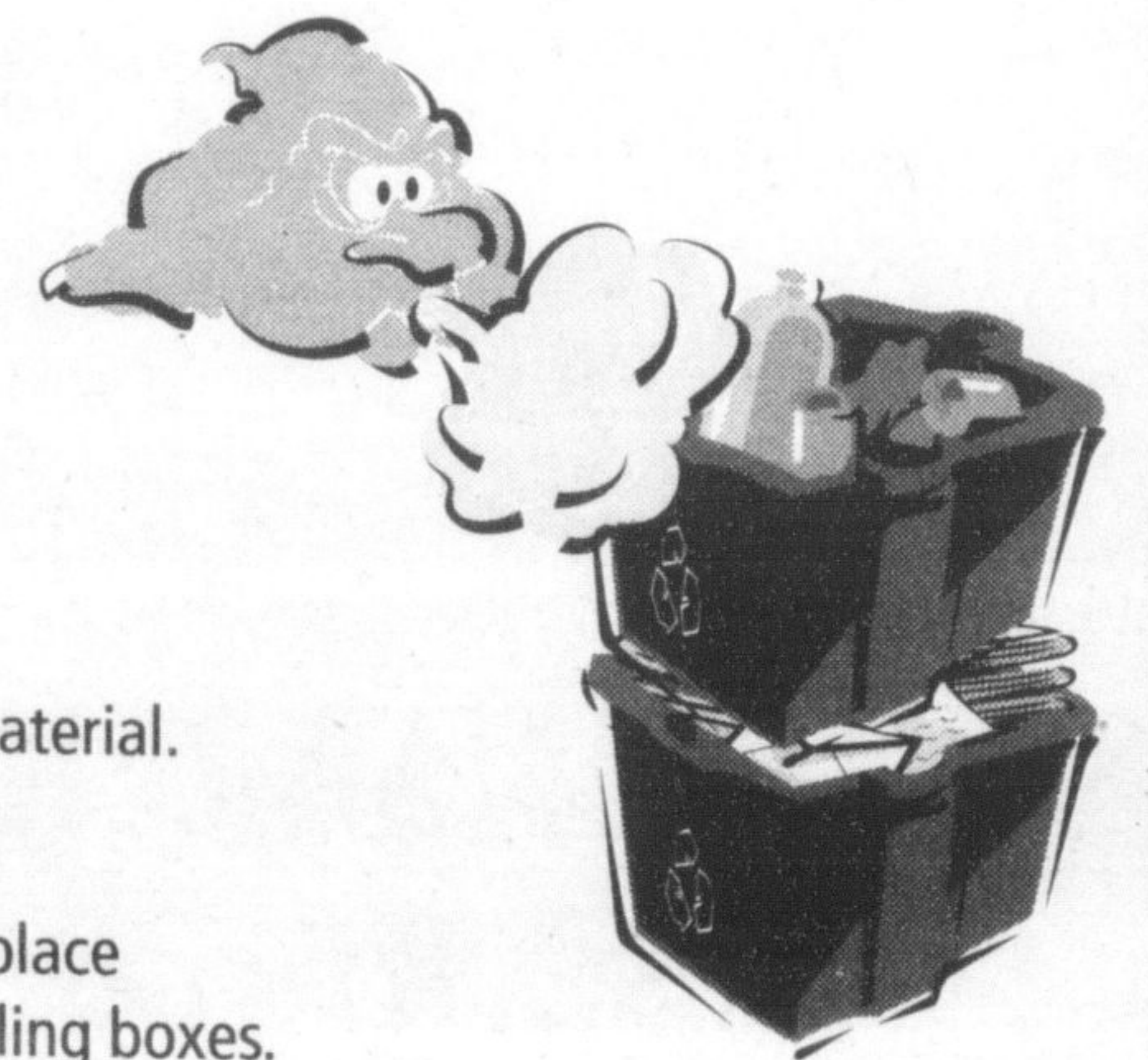
More Information: Copies of Report PPW46-07 "GreenCart Demonstration Program Evaluation" are available at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, and online at www.halton.ca/greencart.

If you are unable to attend the Open Houses and would like more information, or you'd like to provide comments on the proposed expansion of the GreenCart program, please contact greencart@halton.ca, or telephone 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866), or TTY 905-827-9833.

Waste Tips Keep Halton Beautiful on Windy Days

You can help reduce litter with some simple steps to prevent your recyclables from taking flight on windy days. Please ensure your Blue Box materials are placed curbside in a secure manner.

- On windy days, place your Blue Boxes out for collection on the morning of collection day, by 7:00 a.m., instead of the night before.
- Secure your recyclables. Stack your Blue Boxes on top of one another to prevent papers from blowing away.
- Fill boxboard boxes with other boxboard material.
- Place heavier items on top of lighter items.
- Flatten and tie large cardboard boxes and place securely underneath or between your recycling boxes.



Community Open Houses Halton Region's 2007-2010 Draft Strategic Plan

Halton Region's 2007-2010 Strategic Plan will set out Regional Council's vision for the next four years. We want to hear from you about Regional Council's draft themes and goals. Your input will be shared with them for their consideration as they finalize the Strategic Plan over the coming months.

Monday, March 19, 2007
5:00-7:00 p.m. (Presentation at 6:00 p.m.)
Halton Regional Centre, Auditorium,
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Tuesday, March 20, 2007
7:00-9:00 p.m. (Presentation at 7:30 p.m.)
Halton Hills Cultural Centre, The Gallery,
9 Church Street, Halton Hills (Georgetown)

Wednesday, March 21, 2007
7:00-9:00 p.m. (Presentation at 7:30 p.m.)
Hugh Foster Hall, 53 Brown Street, Milton


Thursday, March 22, 2007
7:00-9:00 p.m. (Presentation at 7:30 p.m.)
Burlington Public Library, Centennial Hall,
2331 New Street, Burlington

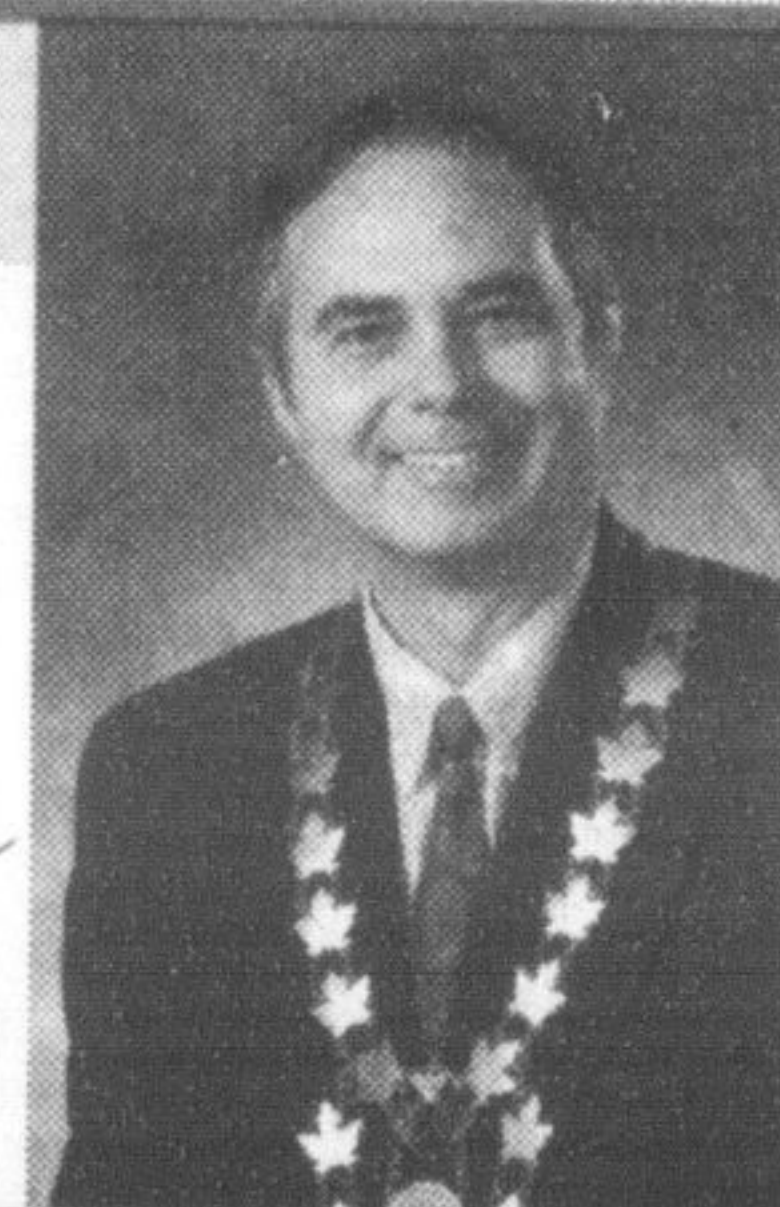
Additional information on Halton's strategic planning process is available at: www.halton.ca/strategicplan

Your voice is needed to achieve Fairness for Halton

"The Places to Grow: A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe" is the Province's vision for how and where municipalities will grow over the next 25 years. Without the necessary financial tools and commitments, Halton Region cannot meet the objective of the Province's Places to Grow Plan. The Mayors of our four local municipalities and I believe it is unfair to expect Halton taxpayers to absorb the costs associated with a growth plan mandated by the Province.

I urge you to share your thoughts by writing your local MPP and MP to advocate for fairness for Halton. A postcard is available on Halton's website, www.halton.ca, which can be e-mailed directly to your MPP and MP.


Gary Carr
Regional Chair



Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

March 20
9:30 a.m. - Health & Social Services Committee
March 21
9:30 a.m. - Planning & Public Works Committee
March 21
1:30 p.m. - Administration & Finance Committee
March 28
9:30 a.m. - Regional Council