

Partial outdoor watering ban remains in effect

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While the Region says residents have been doing a good job conserving water since restrictions were put in place last month, a partial ban on outdoor water use remains in place.

The mandatory odd/even restriction — which means homes and businesses that have street addresses ending in odd numbers can water their lawns on odd-numbered days and those with even-numbered

addresses can get out the hose on even days — went into effect July 10 to conserve water for fire protection and essential household needs.

Halton Environmental Services Director Kiyoshi Oka said although people have been doing well in adhering to the restrictions, "It has been extremely dry and remains extremely dry."

"We're still asking for the public's assistance in using water wisely," he said.

Oka noted that staff continues to monitor the situation on a daily basis to see when the

restriction can be lifted.

When asked if this is the longest water restriction Halton has ever had, Oka said the municipality doesn't really track that kind of information. But, he noted there has been local summer-long odd/even restrictions in the past.

Currently, lawn watering is only permitted between 6 and 9 a.m. and 6 and 9 p.m. The Region is reminding residents that lawns only require one inch of water per week and rain gauges can help monitor the amount of water a lawn receives naturally.

The municipality is also asking everyone to continue minimizing their outdoor water use and refrain from washing their driveways and sidewalks.

Sod laid or seeded within the past 60 days is exempt, while trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens can be hand-watered as needed.

For more information on the water use restriction visit www.halton.ca. Water conservation ideas and advice are available at www.halton.ca/waterconservation.

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Civic Holiday Waste Collection Notice

Please Note Collection Day Changes

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 Civic Holiday Collection Moves to Tomorrow	7 Collection Moves to Tomorrow	8 Collection Moves to Tomorrow	9	10 Collection Moves to Tomorrow	11

Due to the Civic Holiday, waste collection services the week of August 6 will take place the day after your regular collection day.

Please place your waste at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.



Please check your 2007 "Curb Appeal" Waste Management Calendar for details in your area or the Region's Waste Management website at www.halton.ca/waste

Halton Waste Management Site will be closed on Monday, August 6

Regular Operating Hours
Open Monday to Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

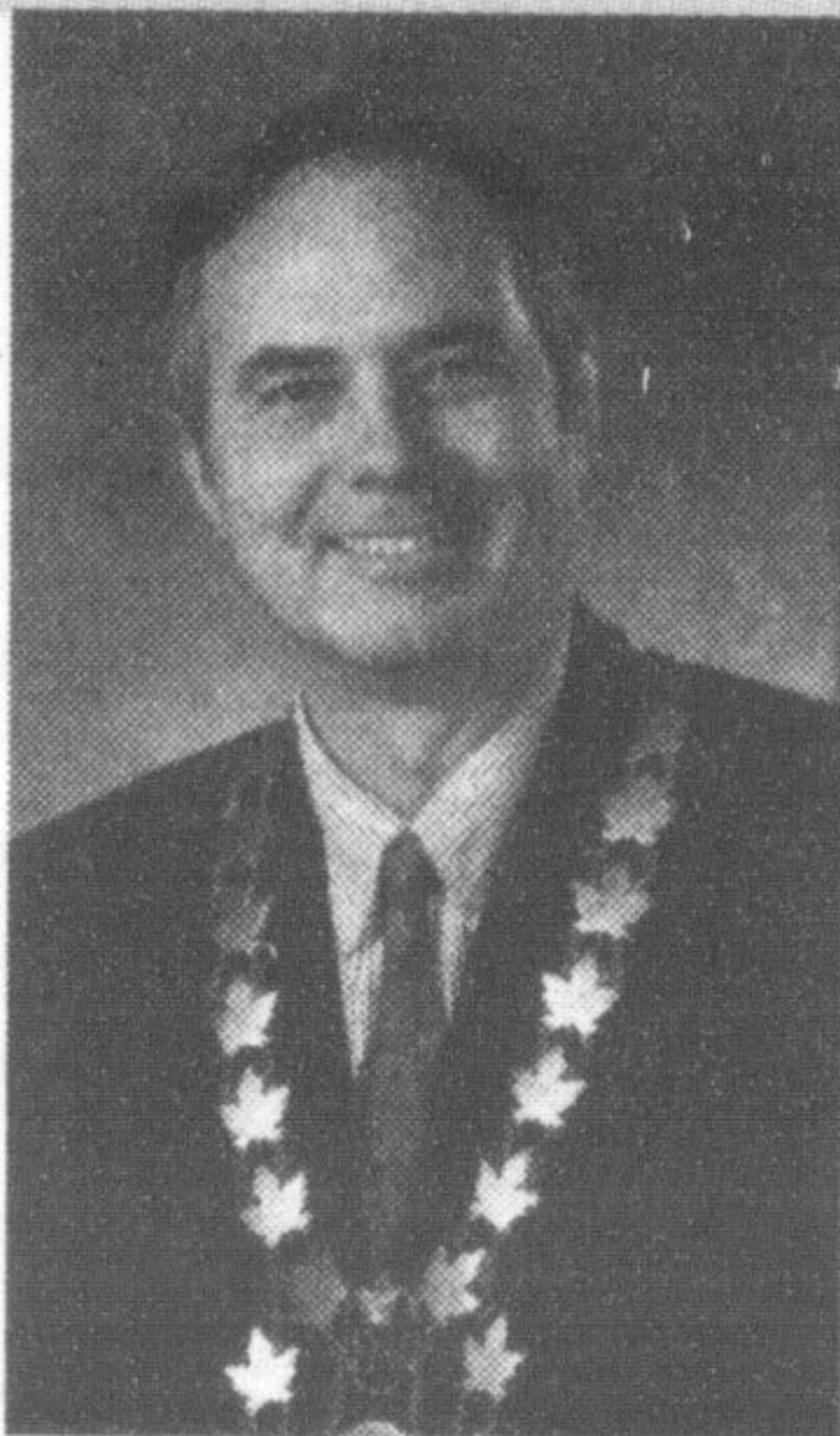
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Help Conserve Water and be Water Wise

Water is a precious resource that many of us take for granted. In fact, an average Canadian resident uses about 120,000L (26,396 gal.) of water per year. This is enough to fill two full size swimming pools per person!

We would like to encourage everyone to be Water Wise and find ways to conserve water in their daily lives. Please avoid unnecessary water use whenever possible, a little conservation by all of us could make a significant difference.

To learn more about water efficiency contact Halton Region to obtain your complimentary copy of the Household Guide to Water Efficiency or visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation for additional conservation tips.



Gary Carr - Regional Chair

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Upcoming Business Seminars and Programs:

Starting a Small Business Information Seminar: Wed., Aug. 22 evening session, Mon., Sept. 10 afternoon session and Wed., Sept. 26 evening session. (\$20/person)

Build Your Business Seminar Series: In partnership with Oakville Public Library, this series will introduce new business owners to the following topics:

Thurs., Sept. 13 – Networking Know-How
Thurs., Oct. 11 – Online Resources for Small Business
Thurs., Nov. 8 – Web Logs: Blogging Basics
(\$20/person/seminar)

Essentials of Entrepreneurship Seminar Series: In partnership with Halton Hills Public Library, this series will offer new business owners information on the following topics:

Wed., Sept. 26 – Starting a Small Business
Wed., Oct. 17 – Your Business Plan Made Easy
Wed., Nov. 28 – Market Research
(\$20/person/seminar)

Starting an Export Business Seminar: In partnership with Burlington Public Library, this seminar is for business owners who are thinking about exporting. The seminar, to be held Wed., Sept. 19, will introduce you to some of the key tools, resources, programs and services available to potential exporters. (\$20/person)

Management Boot Camp: One-day event on Tues., Oct. 2 featuring Donald Cooper, MBA, is geared to business leaders and managers from small to medium-sized enterprises who want to improve customer value, management effectiveness and profitability. (\$85/person – includes breakfast, lunch plus workbook and templates from Donald Cooper)

Steps to Success Seminar Series: In partnership with Burlington Public Library, this series will offer business owners information on the following topics:

Tues., Oct. 2 – Starting a Home-based Business
Tues., Oct. 16 – Getting Started with a Web Site
Tues., Oct. 30 – Evening of Success: Guest speaker and expert panel discussion
(\$20/person – Oct. 2 and Oct. 16; No fee – Oct. 30)

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 Georgetown Branch Library on the following dates: Thurs. Sept. 20, Thurs. October 18 and Thurs. Nov. 15. Appointments must be booked in advance.

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