

Funding to be allocated over next 3 years to help seniors

The Province is investing over \$60 million in the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) as part of its Aging at Home strategy.

Over the next three years the funds will flow to the local LHIN to help seniors live healthy, independent lives in their own homes.

Initiatives could include enhanced home care and community support services like meals, transportation, shopping, snow shovelling, friendly home calling, adult day programs, homemaking services and care-

giver supports.

"We are truly pleased with the government's commitment to improving the lives of seniors in the Mississauga Halton LHIN," said Bill MacLeod, the local LHIN's CEO. "This focus on community-based care will help advance our Integrated Health Service Plan priorities on seniors' health and wellness and give seniors the support they need to achieve greater independence and better health so they can remain in their own communities, close to friends and loved ones."

Ontario Health and Long-

Term Care Minister George Smitherman explained the Province's goal with the Aging at Home strategy is to offer new lifestyle choices that are reflective of how seniors truly want to live.

"As our population ages, we need to look for innovative solutions that are more responsive to their needs and allow seniors to continue to live in comfort and with respect in their own homes, ideally for the rest of their days," he said.

Funds for the local LHIN come as part of a province-wide \$700-million investment.

Region looks to add ambulances

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Somerville, who questioned what can be done to rectify the situation.

Dr. Nosal said the key is to increase the number of peak demand ambulances in Halton.

The Region's budget team will consider the staffing needs required to bring on another peak demand unit for 12 hours a day, seven days a week during the 2008 budget process.

King also pointed to the value of emergency response units (ERU) — a fully-equipped SUV or mini-van staffed by a single paramedic that costs 60 per cent of what an ambulance would. It's used to provide life-sustaining emergency care while waiting for a transport ambulance staffed by two paramedics to arrive.

He said that between January 2006 and June

2007, ERUs were able to arrive before an ambulance for over 1,700 local emergency calls.

"I believe it's the way we should go in the future," he said.

Staffing requirements for a dedicated ERU program will be considered during future budget processes.

Despite the delays at the hospital, Halton's EMS response time has been below the mandated standard since 2001 due to an aggressive deployment strategy that results in paramedics spending the majority of their working hours on task, Dr. Nosal's report said.

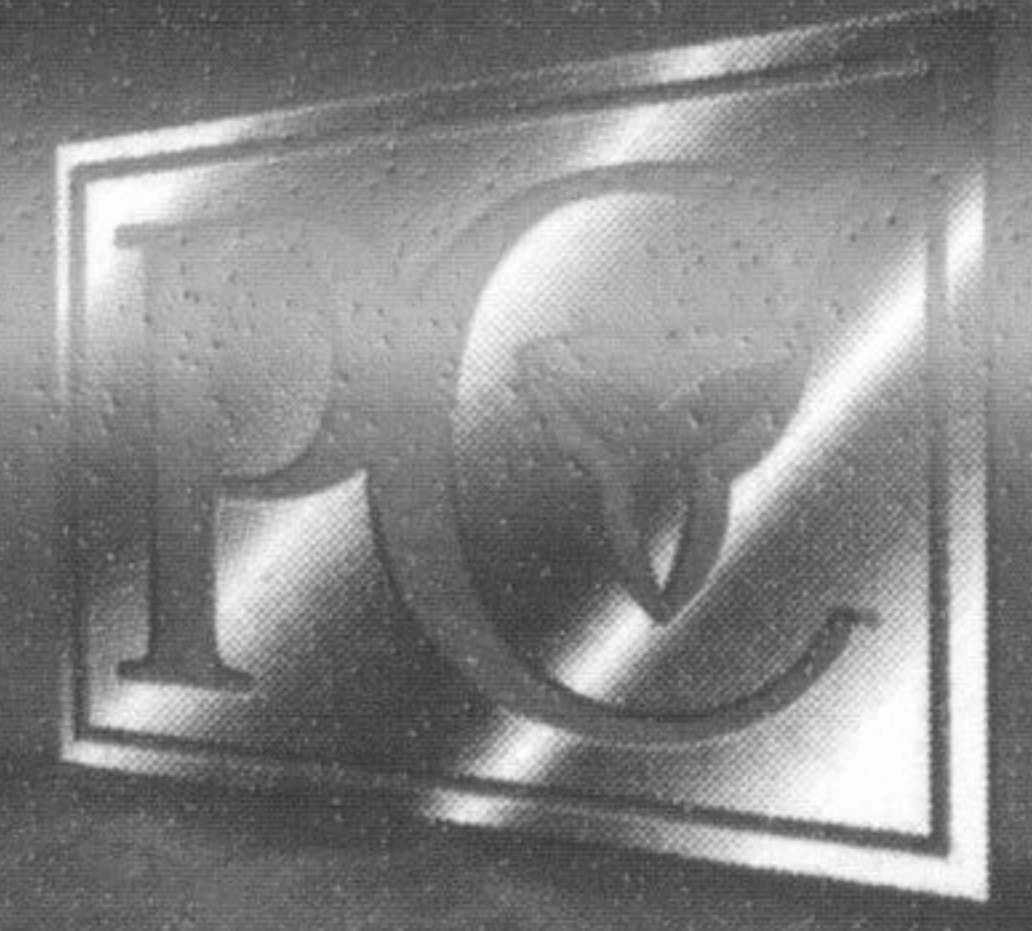
The committee received the report for information purposes.

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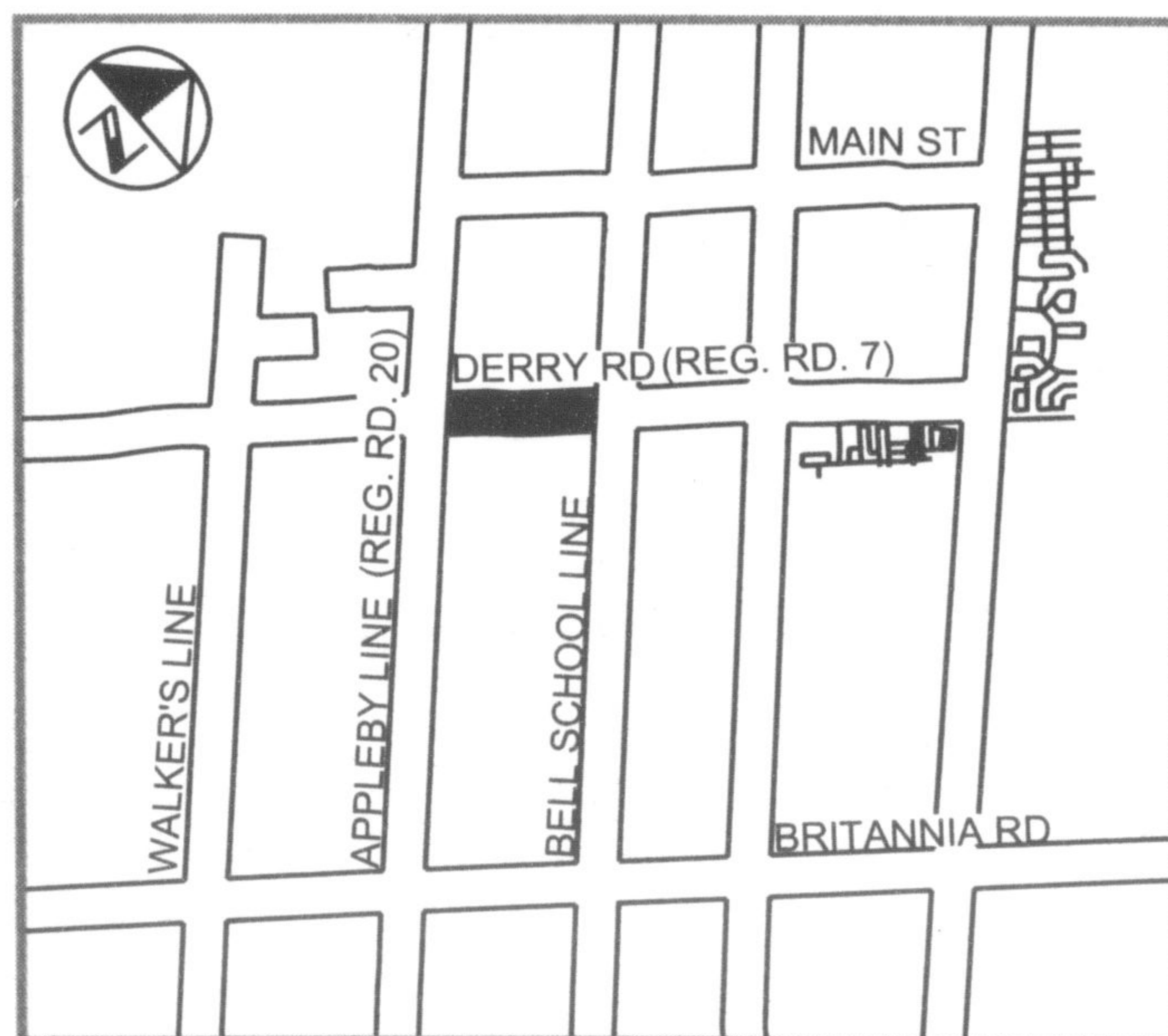


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WATERMAIN REHABILITATION ON DERRY ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD 7), TOWN OF MILTON



CONTRACT NUMBER: W-1496C-07
SCHEDULED START DATE: OCTOBER, 2007
SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE: DECEMBER, 2007
CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR: JENNIFER TRIMBLE, EXT. 7690

INVITATION TO TENDER

T-077-07

FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE CODE SERVICES
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ISSUE DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2007

CLOSING TIME: 2:00 P.M. OAKVILLE TIME

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