

Eco festival set for April 9

For Halton residents looking to learn more about their local environment and ways they can support it, a golden opportunity is just around the corner.

It comes in the form of the 11th annual Halton Eco Festival, a free one-day environment fair for sustainable living that's set for Saturday, April 9 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Oakville's Glen Abbey Recreation Centre.

Organized by the Oakville Community Centre for Peace, Ecology and Human Rights (OCCPEHR) and sponsored by 10 Halton-area organizations — including Halton Region and Conservation Halton — the event features a wide variety of information booths, focusing on environmental-friendly initiatives across the region.

Areas covered include renewable energy, health and wellness, home and garden, food and natural products, just to name a few.

"The Halton Eco Festival is for people who care about the environment, are looking to discover ways to live a more healthy life and would like to reduce their environmental impact and thrive in a more sustainable Halton Region," said event chair Mervyn

Russell. "Visitors will enjoy an interactive, informative and fun event featuring a wide range of eco-friendly products and services that will help them to make sustainable choices for themselves and their families."

Represented by Waste Diversion Co-ordinator John Watson, Halton Region will be handing out free Blue Boxes and informing visitors about its various recycling projects, while Conservation Halton Communications Advisor Norm Miller will man an extensive display highlighting the many resources and projects that residents can learn about and get involved with in order to protect their local watershed.

Others represented at the event include Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, Nincompoop Farms and the Burlington Reuse Environmental Group.

For more information about Halton Eco Festival — or to register as an exhibitor — contact OCCPEHR at (905) 849-5501 or info@oakvillepeacecentre.org.

Visit www.oakvillepeacecentre.org/haltonecofestival for updates about the event.

Help available for sexual abuse victims

Help is close at hand for victims of sexual abuse.

Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services (SAVIS) of Halton is now offering free drop-in counseling for women 16 years and up who are survivors of sexual violence.

Held Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

at the agency's Hopedale Mall office in Oakville.

The sessions are confidential and non-judgmental, operating from a feminist and anti-oppression perspective.

For more information, call SAVIS at (905) 825-3622.



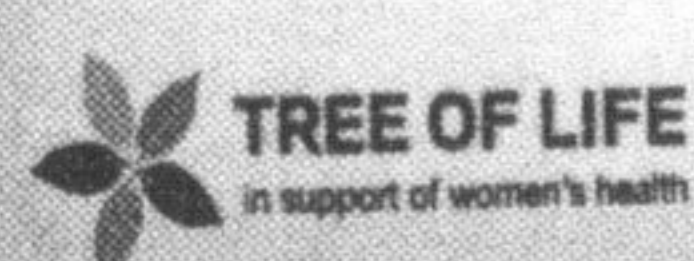
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

Transportation Master Plan to 2031 – The Road to Change PR-2414

Background

Halton Region has initiated a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) – *The Road to Change* to develop a sustainable, integrated transportation plan and associated strategies that consider all modes of travel (automobiles, transit, cycling, walking) to the year 2031.

Problem Statement

The Master Plan will provide the strategies, policies and tools required to meet the Region's transportation needs safely, effectively and cost efficiently.

The Process

This Transportation Master Plan is a study which defines existing problems/opportunities, considers and evaluates solutions, and will identify an optimum transportation system to the year 2031. A

key outcome of the study is a list of transportation projects that the Region can incorporate in its 20-year Roads Capital Program. To comply with the Environmental Assessment Act, the study is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process (October 2000, as amended in 2007).

The first round of Public Information Centres were held March 2010 to present the study background, vision, guiding principles, and problems and opportunities. Thereafter, a preferred transportation strategy was determined taking into consideration comments that were received from the Local Municipalities, regulatory agencies and the public. A second round of Public Information Centres has been arranged to review the preferred transportation strategy and receive comments from the public.

Public Information Centre Locations

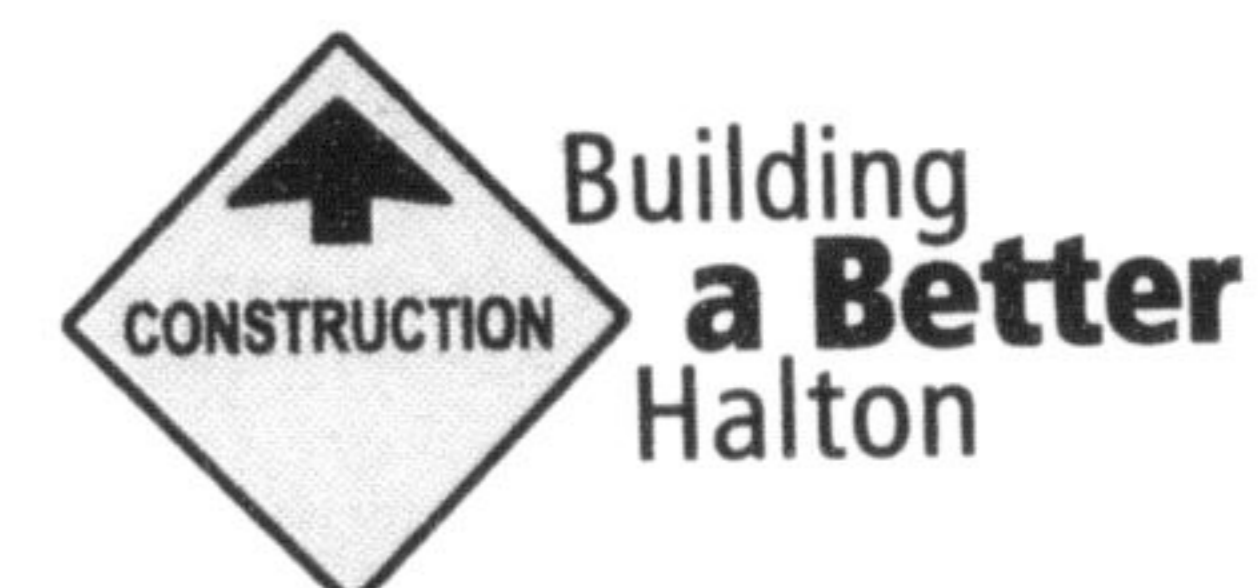
MUNICIPALITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TOWN OF MILTON	MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011	DROP-IN: 6:30 P.M. PRESENTATION: 7:00 P.M.	MILTON SPORTS CENTRE (BANQUET ROOM) 605 SANTA MARIA BLVD
TOWN OF HALTON HILLS	THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011	DROP-IN: 6:30 P.M. PRESENTATION: 7:00 P.M.	MOLD-MASTERS SPORTSPLEX (HALL) 221 GUELPH ST
CITY OF BURLINGTON	TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011	DROP-IN: 6:30 P.M. PRESENTATION: 7:00 P.M.	MAINWAY RECREATION CENTRE (AUDITORIUM) 4015 MAINWAY
TOWN OF OAKVILLE	THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011	DROP-IN: 6:30 P.M. PRESENTATION: 7:00 P.M.	HALTON REGIONAL CENTRE (NORTH AUDITORIUM) 1151 BRONTE ROAD

If you have any questions related to the study or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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Additional information related to the study and consultation process may be obtained through the study website:
www.halton.ca/htmp.



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Support the Environmental Efforts of Halton's Youth

The Regional Chair's Environmental Awards program recognizes students who demonstrate their environmental leadership through initiatives in their school or in their community. Tickets and table registration opportunities are still available for this year's awards breakfast, which is taking place at the Burlington Convention Centre on Thursday, April 21. Geoff Green, Canadian environmentalist and founder of Students on Ice will be the keynote speaker at this year's event. To purchase a seat or table at this exciting event, call Halton Region by dialing 311 or 905-825-6000, or visit www.halton.ca/environmentalawards before **March 28th**.



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

March 22, 9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Cte
March 23, 9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Cte

March 23, 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Cte

Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

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