

Bentley acknowledges more courtroom space needed

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appearances and the overall legal process for accused individuals.

Sakran said he met earlier with various court workers at the Milton courthouse to get their feedback on the justice system.

"Several people mentioned they would like a new courthouse; many would like additional space."

Bentley acknowledged Halton, particularly Milton, like other growing regions of Ontario, will need new courtroom space but

he wasn't committing to any future plans in that area.

However, he did talk about some of the initiatives in Justice On Target, a strategy he announced in June 2008.

It set a four-year target to reduce by 30 per cent the provincial average number of days and appearances required to complete a criminal case.

The Ministry of the Attorney-General website says that in 1992 it took an average of 4.3 court appearances to bring a criminal charge to completion.

By 2007, the figure had more than doubled to 9.2 appearances.

Over the same period, the average time

needed to complete a charge went to 205 days from 115 days.

Bentley said Justice on Target is reversing that trend.

He said it's establishing better communication between Crown attorneys, their assistants, defence lawyers, the accused and judges and justices of the peace.

As an example, he noted that if accused people need to enquire about Legal Aid, representatives are now available at most courts to help them determine more quickly if they are eligible for the legal financial aid and how to apply for it. "With Justice On Target, if you deal with the minor cases (quicker) it frees up more time for the major cases."



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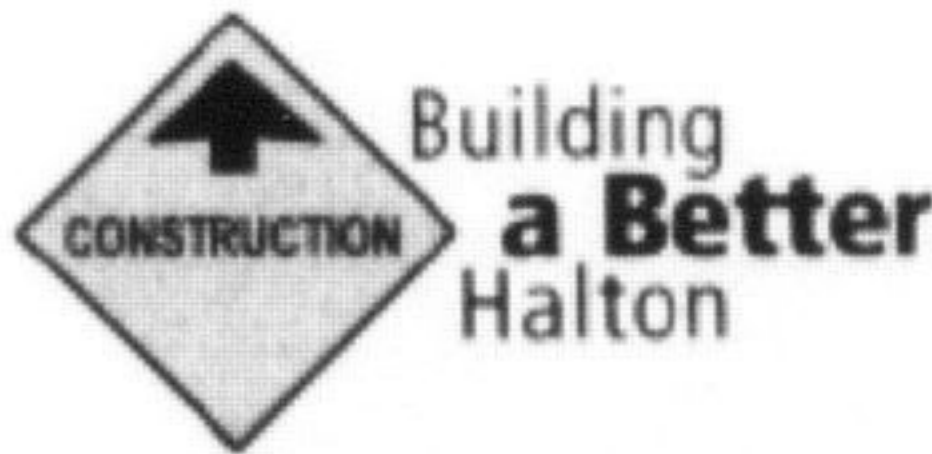
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