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You could be in a hot spot without having a household smoke detector

By **KAREN SMITH**
The Champion

The importance of having functioning smoke detectors in your home is the theme of Fire Prevention Week, which kicks off Sunday.

The Milton Fire Department will host open houses at two of its Milton stations during the special week, which runs from Oct. 6-12.

The open houses will feature displays as well as auto extrication demonstrations using the "jaws of life," said Mark Cross, Milton firefighter and department spokesman. He said residents will be encouraged to have smoke detectors installed in working order in conjunction with the theme, "Let's Hear It For Fire Safety: Test Your Smoke Alarms."

Studies have shown that 50 per cent of Ontario fire deaths — 142 last year — could be avoided if working smoke alarms were installed, he said.

"The price of a \$10 smoke detector or a \$3 battery is a small price to pay for you and your family's safety," Mr. Cross said. "A good time to replace those batteries is when the clocks change or on your birthday."

Most of the 500 Canadians who are killed in fires annually also die in residential blazes, he said. More than 50 per cent of the homes don't have functioning smoke alarms, or are not equipped with alarms at all.

"Smoke detectors are crucial to you and your family's safety in the event of a fire,"



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MARK CROSS

Mr. Cross said. "Smoke detectors provide early notification of a problem before your exits become blocked by smoke and fire. Detectors should be installed on every level of your home and inside the bedrooms if you sleep with your doors closed."

Despite rain

Town says work on schedule

Despite heavy rains over the past few weeks, most public works projects in Milton are still on schedule, town councillors learned Monday evening at the general committee meeting.

While Public Works Director John Matthews has recommended the delay of a tree planting project on Mill Street until the spring — due to recent weather conditions and some poor quality trees received on the Martin Street project this past spring — most other work is still within respec-

Most house fires are attributed to unsafe smoking practices, faulty wood stoves or dangerous heating practices, he warned.

Such fires can be prevented, he said, by always emptying ashtrays into the toilet — never into a wastebasket — having your wood stove installed and serviced by a qualified technician and keeping combustibles away from heat sources.

Central station on Steeles Avenue will be open to the public all week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an evening open house Thursday, Oct. 10 from 6:30 to 8:30.

The Derry Road fire station will be open Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We invite all members of the community to drop by, pick up some fire safety brochures, tour the fire hall, enjoy the displays and have any of your questions or concerns answered."

time limits.

Projects currently underway, and expected to be completed this month include Martin Street reconstruction, asphalt overlay for Maple Avenue, MacKenzie Drive and Bell Street, Bell School Line/14 Sideroad reconstruction and Fourth Line reconstruction.

Halton regional projects in Milton are also on schedule. They include watermain replacements for Barton and Bowes and Sarah, Charles and Queen Streets.

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION FOR URBAN AND RURAL SERVICING GUIDELINES AND HIGHWAY DEDICATION GUIDELINES

The Regional Municipality of Halton is seeking public comment on two new Draft Guidelines concerning the "servicing" of development in Halton. These new Draft Guidelines have been developed in accordance with new policies of Halton's new Regional Official Plan and are intended for use when considering the approval of new planning applications.

Halton's Draft "Urban and Rural Servicing Guidelines" primarily deals with the exemption of certain classes of Urban Area properties from the need for full municipal water and wastewater services. It also deals with the Regional Health Department requirements for the Private Supply of Water (Private Wells) and the Private Disposal of Sewage (Septic Tanks and Tile Fields) in Halton's Urban and Rural Areas.

Halton's Draft "Highway Dedication Guidelines" primarily deals with the exemption of certain development proposals in certain locations, eg. Hamlets, from the need to dedicate lands for road widening purposes or to provide such dedication different from that which is specified in the Regional Official Plan.

Public Information Sessions on both Draft Guidelines will be held on:

1. Tuesday October 8th 1996 at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the (North) Auditorium of the Halton Regional Administration Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville; and
2. Thursday October 10th 1996 at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Hugh Foster Hall, Victoria Park Square, King Street, Town of Milton (Municipal Offices).

Copies of the new Draft Guidelines will be available at the Public Information Sessions or can be obtained from the Regional Municipality of Halton Planning and Public Works Department, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, or by calling Ms. Kathy Kiehl at Ext. 7200 at:

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- 639-4540 (Aldershot residents)
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