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Community Based Government... What's YOUR Vision?

What is "Community Based Government"?
How does it work?
What are the possibilities for a Community Based Government for the City of Burlington?
If we had a Community Based Government, what could we achieve?

Here's your invitation to learn the answers to these, and other related questions about Community Based Government. Provide your input on how such a model might work for the City of Burlington.

You're Invited...

The City of Burlington invites expressions of interest from members of the community who are interested in participating in a workshop to explore the concept of Community Based Government.

When: Saturday, February 15, 1997
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Tansley Woods - A Centre for Learning and Leisure
1996 Itabashi Way, Community Room

The Details


Workshop facilitator:
Bill Staples, Canadian Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA Canada)

Panel Presenters:
Pierre Filion, School of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Waterloo, Kate Connolly, City of Cambridge; Bea McDonough, Burlington Resident; Walter Mulkewich, Mayor, City of Burlington.

Get Involved...

For more information about this workshop, or to register please contact Marilyn Lagzdins, Planning Department at 335-7871, or by E-mail at: lagzdinsm@city.burlington.on.ca. A limited number of spaces are available.

Please register by Monday, January 27, 1997.



In hit and run

Police know the car type

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

The vehicle that struck two cars, including a police cruiser, and then fled last week was a Pontiac Bonneville SE.

Halton Regional Police determined the type from car parts left at the scene of the January 9 hit-and-run crash.

"We found debris and followed it up with General Motors," said Acting Staff Sgt. Mark Martin. It is also described as a 1992 to 1995 dark green four-door car with damage to a headlight and tail light, police said.

A Halton police cruiser travelling northbound on Hwy. 25 was struck from behind by the Bonneville on the Hwy. 401 overpass shortly before midnight.

The car then continued northbound, sliding into the southbound lane and striking another car.

Meanwhile, the cruiser spun around and became immobile and the Bonneville fled the scene southbound on Hwy. 25.

Constable Clemencia Pineda and the driver of the southbound car, Richard Ellwanger of Mississauga, suffered minor injuries. No passengers were in either vehicle. The cruiser sustained \$2,000 damage; while \$6,000 damage was caused to the citizen's car.

Police are interested in hearing from witnesses or anyone who may know the identity of the hit-and-run driver or the whereabouts of the car.

Call Halton police at 825-4747, ext. 2115 or Crime Stoppers at 825-8477. The Milton OPP is also investigating the accident and can be contacted at 878-2307.

Krantz leery about 'averages'

from LOCALLY on page 1 taking on the additional responsibilities but any additional staff or other costs would have to be factored into the bottom line.

"We've got a big pot of money to work from," he said, referring to the property tax dollars, currently going to pay education costs and now freed up to cover program shifts in health, welfare, child care and transit. "I have no sense that a reduction in taxes might occur, but I do have confidence that it will be a wash."

Finance Minister Ernie Eves has said the program changes will be a shifting of expenses to make government simpler. He predicted a 10

per cent cut in property taxes in three or four years, after the program changes have had a chance to settle.

Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh said the announcements are just the beginning of a nine-week campaign by the provincial government to provide all the details of proposed changes.

"A lot of this relates to Bill 26, the enabling legislation passed last year," said Mr. Chudleigh. "It shows that all of this is part of a master plan to reorganize government and reduce its cost."

He predicted the bottom line is there will not be an increase for Halton property taxpayers. He said

the changes are not simply tinkering with the system, they reflect wholesale change, but he added because of changes already made in Halton on property tax assessment, there will likely be little impact felt by local taxpayers.

Mr. Krantz was concerned with the assertion that on average the financial changes will neither add to nor subtract from property taxation on a province-wide basis.

"I worry about averages," he said.

"If I stuck my head in the freezer and put my legs in the oven, my belly button should be the average. However there could be some serious damage."

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