

Halton Highlights May 2014

Thanking doctors for keeping Halton healthy

If you or a loved one is sick, it impacts every area of your life. It's easy to take our health for granted when we're well, but if we get sick, we are so grateful for having access to top-notch medical care in our community.

As we celebrate Halton Physician Appreciation Week (April 28-May 2), Halton Regional Council wants to thank all the dedicated physicians who choose to practise in Halton. Because of their tireless

efforts, Halton is a safe and healthy community and a great place to live. Thank you to all our physicians for making such an incredible difference each and every day.

Now in its 11th year, Physician Appreciation Week in Halton was originally established in 2003 by the Halton Physician Recruitment program. Today, attracting new physicians to establish medical practices in Halton continues as a priority in Halton's Citizens'

Priorities Action Plan. The Physician Recruitment program addresses both current physician needs and the needs of the future.

A collaborative effort with all four Local Municipalities, local hospitals, clinics and community representatives, the initiative is well on its way to meeting the goal of a family doctor for every Halton resident.



Keeping you informed by highlighting what makes Halton a great place to live.
Gary Carr, Regional Chair

Committing to future family doctors through McMaster partnership

Halton's Physician Recruitment program also continues to provide support to the Halton McMaster Family Health Centre in Burlington. The Family Health Centre is part of the 2009 Halton McMaster partnership which saw Halton Region and the City of Burlington provide ten-year funding to McMaster University to help establish a variety of programs in the Region. In June 2013, the first group of Halton McMaster Family Health Centre family medicine residents completed their training and from those five residents, three are now establishing practices in Halton.

Currently, eight first-year residents and six second-year residents are at the Burlington-based Family Health Centre site and Halton is excited to work with them as they graduate to establish practices in the Region.

First Responders' Day: May 1

Prevent. Protect. Prepare.

The Province of Ontario has designated May 1st as First Responders' Day to celebrate the sacrifices and hard work of First Responders who have devoted their lives to public service.

Prevent, protect and prepare are the three 'P's for all of us to keep Halton Region the safest community in Canada for years to come. Thank you to all our first responders and the residents of Halton for making safety and preparedness a priority.



Emergency Preparedness Week: May 4-11

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that encourages residents to take steps to be prepared for a range of emergencies. During the week, emergency preparedness displays will be posted throughout the Region.

Be prepared... take the steps

1 Know the RISKS

Halton Region is vulnerable to a variety of natural and human-caused hazards. For any incident make sure you know the general precautions you should take.

2 Make a PLAN

Make an escape plan, communications plan (who you call for help: be sure to have two contacts and one who doesn't live in the same area) and learn about sheltering in place, evacuations, and driving in hazardous conditions.

3 Get a KIT

Be prepared! Make a kit for your house, car, pets or service animals.

Ensure that you have a three-day supply per person in your household. In an emergency, it is important for people to be able to survive for the first 72 hours without assistance. This allows first responders and emergency crews to focus on high priority situations first.

Halton.ca/beprepared

Looking for a family doctor?
We've found some!

**Halton.ca/
newphysicians**

Meetings at Halton Region

1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville L6M 3L1

May 19 Offices closed for Victoria Day
May 20, 9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Cttee
May 21, 9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Cttee
May 21, 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Cttee
May 28, 9:30 a.m. Regional Council



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