

Residents of Peel embrace organic recycling program

Peel Region's Organics Recycling Program is celebrating its first anniversary.

The program, which launched in April 2007 to all households in Peel that receive curbside waste collection services, has diverted more than 31,000 tonnes of organic material from disposal. That is enough organic material to

fill 12 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

"Many residents have embraced the program since day one, and because of their recycling efforts the Region has diverted an enormous amount of organic waste from disposal," observed Councillor Elaine Moore of Brampton, chair of the environment, transportation and planning

services committee of Regional council. "Everyone's participation in the program makes a difference, and collectively we are helping to make Peel an environmentally sustainable community."

Organics recycling is an important component of the Region's Long Term Waste Resource Management Strategy, which aims to divert

70 per cent of waste from disposal by 2016. As a result of the program, the Region's waste diversion rate increased from 45 per cent in 2006 to 50 per cent in 2007.

"Approximately 50 per cent of households that received a green bin are participating in the program," commented Andrew Pollock, director of waste management for the Region. "We encourage all households to get involved in the program by placing their food waste and soiled paper products in their green bin. It's easy to do and the environmental benefits are substantial."

Participating in the Organics Recycling Program reduces the amount of garbage residents set out at the curb each week, which reduces the Region's dependency on landfill for disposal.

"Landfills are a costly and unsustainable solution for dealing with food waste," Pollock said. "When food waste is sent to landfill it produces greenhouse gases as it decomposes. However, when food waste is placed in the green bin, it is converted into a compost product by the Region of Peel."

Compost is a valuable soil conditioner, which improves soil structure, holds moisture and adds

important nutrients. It can be used as a soil enhancer for gardens, as mulch, or for top dressing lawns.

For information on

purchasing the Region's compost, visit www.peelregion.ca/waste or call the Region at (905) 791-9499.

Visitor's Guide and Map aimed at attracting tourists

The Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association are hoping people in the GTA realize what this region has to offer tourists.

The Association officially launched the seventh edition of its annual Visitor's Guide and Map recently, with the plan being to have it distributed to some 50,000 homes throughout the GTA. They were inserted into copies of the Globe and Mail and distributed through several postal codes within the GTA.

The Guide features editorial content on the tourism opportunities in the area, which the Association

hopes will draw more people to the area.

"We are all beneficiaries of the wealth that visitors bring to the region," commented Kelly Myles, marketing committee chair of the Association. And we get the best bang for our buck by working together."

"The Visitor's Guide, Map and Hills of Headwaters Web site are examples of what we can do when we work collaboratively," she added. "The tourism dollars spent at our local restaurants, stores, galleries, theatres, golf courses, accommodations and conservation areas

supplement local spending and help to sustain and grow our local businesses and the quality of life we can all enjoy."

"We're one of the best kept secrets," commented Association Chair Annette Turturici, who pointed out copies of the Guide went out in last Wednesday's Globe and Mail, and they were getting reactions within hours.

Councillor Doug Beffort observed there are some eight million people in the area who are close enough to travel here and spend money, but they have to be attracted. "The Hills of Headwaters is our vehicle," he remarked.



Councillor Doug Beffort joined representatives of the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association last Friday as the Tourism Guide and Map was launched locally at Teen Ranch. He is seen here with Michele Harris, Natalie Daniel of the Town of Caledon Economic Development and Communications Department, Annette Turturici and Wendy Sheedy.

Notice of Application of Larvicide for Mosquito Control in the Region of Peel

From May 5 to September 30, 2008, the Region of Peel under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health will conduct a program to control mosquito larvae (immature mosquitoes) in stagnant water in order to prevent their development into carriers of West Nile Virus. The program will be carried out in the City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon.

The larvicide Methoprene (product name – Altosid Pellets Methoprene 4.25%, registration number-21809 and/or Altosid XR Briquettes 2.1%, registration number-27694) or the larvicide Bacillus sphaericus Strain 2362 (product name – Vectolex WSP (50 BsiTU/mg) - registration number 28009) will be applied to municipal roadside catch basins.

The larvicide Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti) H-14 (product name – Aquabac 200G (200 ITU/mg), registration number-26863 and/or Aquabac xt (1200 ITU/mg), registration number-26860) will be applied in granular or liquid form to selected bodies of surface water such as ditches and ponds, depending on the

results of testing for the presence of mosquito larvae. Signs will be posted at surface water locations where larvicide is applied.

Methoprene, Bti and Bacillus sphaericus are registered larvicides approved for use by the Federal Government. Larviciding applications will be carried out under permit from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. The larvicides will be applied by licensed applicators of Canadian Centre for Mosquito Management Inc. under contract to the Region of Peel.

For further information about West Nile Virus and other mosquito reduction initiatives in the Region of Peel, please call Peel Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.peel-bugbite.ca. Caledon residents call toll-free at 905-584-2216.



HAGAN TREE SERVICE

Est. 1979
• PRUNING • PLANTING • REMOVAL • STUMPING
AWARD WINNING
LANDSCAPE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
FULLY INSURED - CONSULTING

NEW TECUMSETH
1-905-936-2876
416-230-3184

BOB HAGAN, I.S.A.
CERTIFIED ARBORIST

MOODY CONSTRUCTION & TOPSOILS

CALEDON EAST, ONTARIO
Superior Quality Shredded Topsoil

TRIPLE MIX BLACK MULCH NATURAL MULCH



SPRING HOURS

Monday - Friday
8 am - 5 pm
Saturday
8 am - 2 pm
Closed Sundays

NO PICK-UP

DELIVERY ONLY TO
Caledon East,
Bolton, Palgrave,
Cedar Mills,
Caledon &
Surrounding Areas

To order call
905-584-2788

TOWN OF CALEDON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE

SNEATH ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE 'B' CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Town of Caledon has commenced a Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for improvements to the site of Sneath Road Bridge located over the Humber River on Sneath Road, south of King Street, near Bolton.

The existing single lane, 17.8 metre span wooden deck with open abutments bridge has been identified as being deficient with respect to physical condition, barrier protection and load capacity. The bridge is currently closed.

The EA study will define problems and opportunities, consider and evaluate alternative solutions and design concepts and present the evaluation process to interested or affected individuals and agencies. Upon completion of the study an Environmental Study Report will be prepared and placed on the public record.

A Public Consultation Centre is planned to provide further information to the public on the project and to receive comment from interested persons. No formal presentation will be made. Representatives from the Town and R.J. Burnside and Associates will be available to answer questions.

The public is invited to attend a Public Consultation Centre on:

Date: Wednesday, May 7th, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Room D, Albion Bolton Community Center,
150 Queens St. South, Bolton

Following the Public Consultation Centre, further comments are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until May 10th 2008. With exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record.

For further information, or if you are unable to attend the PCC but wish to provide your comments, please contact one of the following:

Town of Caledon
Mr. Bruno Knoepfli, C.E.T.
Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Rd
Caledon, ON, L7C 1J6
Phone: (905)-584-2272
Fax: (905)-584-4325

R. J. Burnside & Associates
Mrs. Helen Jenkins, P. Eng.
15 Townline
Orangeville, ON, L9W 3R4
Phone: (519)-941-5331
Fax: (519)-941-8120
Email: orangeville@rjburnside.com