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## Volunteer training on how to be an effective working volunteer.

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So Now You are on an Executive Board or Committee...Now What?

*Let the town train you how to be an effective volunteer.*

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**Halton Hills:** With our Mayor trying to give away money for secret college campus ambitions, money that corporations have given us in what some say; to tolerate their polluting of our environment, as well as our Town Council's constant misappropriation and mismanagement of our tax dollars, volunteering is an essential need in our community.

The Mayor appoints our volunteer committee members. Committees provide council with directional support in the decisions council makes in how they're going to spend our tax dollars. So let's say, hypothetically; the mayor wants to spend a million and a half taxpayer dollars donated towards the improvement of our community services, on a college campus -- for example, [the landscape college campus the Herald reported earlier](#). All the mayor would need to do, is get council support to form a committee, which he then gets to appoint the committee members who, meet 'the' criteria, and bingo, the mayor's former college alumni colleague could potentially end up with a taxpayer funded -- landscapers' community college that, the corporation of which he's the head of, could profit from.

The town recently posted a media release indicating; they want to "train" our non-profit organization, community group and sport team volunteers.

The news release indicates; "as a volunteer with a local sport team, non-profit organization or a community group, you may find yourself being expected to take on new tasks without having had any applicable training. For this reason, a one day workshop '*So Now You are on an Executive Board or Committee...Now What?*' teaches how to be a productive and effective working volunteer, **one that can be relied upon** to make a meaningful contribution.

You may find yourself responsible for promoting the services of a community group or dealing with the media. 'Building Media Buzz', presented by Susan Sommers, one of Canada's leading marketing experts, shows how to get great publicity like the pros do even on a limited budget. Attract the right kind of media attention, develop the right kind of media contacts and enhance your organization's image to build profits and increase awareness and support of your organization."

In partnership with the Region, Halton Emergency Medical Services offers Infant/Child First Aid & CPR Training along with the prevention of the most common childhood injuries, is being lectured by a Halton Region paramedic. This workshop will provide valuable information as where you'll learn simple tips and techniques to effectively manage the first few vital minutes of a medical emergency involving young children.

To become a volunteer for the Town's Parks & Recreation Department, call: 905.873.2601 ext. 2259. There are many other agencies, groups and services in Halton who could use the services of volunteers. To learn more, visit [Volunteer Halton](#) for information on how you might be able to help others in our community, or call: 905.878.0955

Register for the "Halton Hills training programs" the easy way – online with Rege at [www.haltonhills.ca](#) or by phone with Tele-Reg at 905.873.2498. PIN's are required for access to both systems. Registrations can also be faxed to Recreation & Parks at 905.873.1587 or dropped off at the Halton Hills Civic Centre, Gellert Community Centre or the Acton Community Centre. For information on the Town of Halton Hills Community Activity & Service Guide, visit the Town website at [www.haltonhills.ca](#), or call the Program Hotline at 905.873.2601, ext 2275. Visit the Region's [Social and Community Services web page](#) for more information on social and community services offered through Halton Region, or call; 1.866.442.5866 for more information.