

HPV debate put on hold

Debate as to whether the Halton Catholic District School Board should reconsider its ban on allowing public health nurses into its schools to administer the HPV vaccine will have to wait for another day.

Burlington trustee John Morrison had intended to re-open discussion on the issue at last night's (Tuesday) board meeting but was told he had not brought forth his intention at the right time at the previous meeting.

The procedural mix-up prompted Morrison to bring up the issue at the appropriate time during the Oct. 15 meeting and now the HPV policy item will be on the agenda at the Nov. 5 meeting.

Morrison is hoping to rescind the current policy banning public nurses from giving the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine on board property.

The ban has been in effect since September 2008.

HPV is a common virus that is usually spread during sexual activity through skin-to-skin contact with an infected person.



Contest winner

Liz Holmes of Acton accepts a \$200 gift certificate for the Georgetown Market Place from *Independent & Free Press* managing editor John McGhie after her entry was judged the winner of the newspaper's 40th anniversary contest. Holmes, a teacher, said a photo of her son Michael, taken in 2004 with Halton Hills Fire Department mascot Sparky adorns her classroom and is used by her in discussing fire safety with her students. To read her winning entry check out our limited edition anniversary section in today's paper.

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