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The group will collect data about the threat and the youth involved from several sources, such as interviews, reports, parents, staff and eyewitnesses.

If the group determines the level of risk is low then in-school supports may be deemed most appropriate.

However, if the risk is determined to be medium or high, the process moves to the next stage of the VTRA.

Insp. Jackie Gordon said this stage would see the protocol partners work together to create an intervention plan where supports, such as counselling, would be put in place in an effort to

prevent the youth from carrying out the threat and continuing down their destructive path.

During this stage, the potential victim(s) is also considered in the development safety plans.

The third stage of the process involves evaluation and monitoring where adjustments are made to the intervention plan in order to ensure the youth is receiving the support he or she needs.

"It is a great initiative. It is not a response to some things that just went on in the United States and school shootings," said Fletcher.

"It is a proactive way to assist us in

dealing with some of these cases that may otherwise just be dealt with informally. There is a formal process now."

Dr. Angela Saunders, clinical director of ROCK (Reach Out Centre for Kids), said having this type of plan in place is important.

"It's nice to have this many people in the community who are all on the same page because between us all we have a huge amount of skill in this community. We have a ton of resources," she said.

"The police have done something here that is really quite unprecedented as far as pulling so many people together at the table and getting us all to work in the

same direction. This is a protocol that is going to allow us to all bring the best of what we have to offer to the same place, at the same time, when it is needed, all to serve a youth."

Gordon said over the past two years about 250 school and community members have been trained on Violent Threat Risk Assessment thanks to a 2011 grant of \$41,000 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Corrections.

The funding has also enabled Halton to establish an economical way to sustain training.

The protocol is expected to be ready for implementation March 4.

Artists launch petition after losing Gallery space

By **LISA TALLYN**
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A petition in support of local artists being able to share space on the walls of the Gallery at the Cultural Centre (now named the Helson Gallery) has been launched.

Local artist Laura Kingsbury said anyone interested in signing the petition can do so at Artisans' Attic Gallery and Gifts 73 Main St. and additional copies should be distributed throughout town shortly.

Kingsbury and other artists are upset they won't be able to show their works on the walls of the Gallery as it's been dedicated to permanently house the Fred Helson Art Collection. Helson of Georgetown donated that artwork featuring works of Canadian historical artists to the Town last November.

The Town is looking at movable display units to be used in the Gallery where

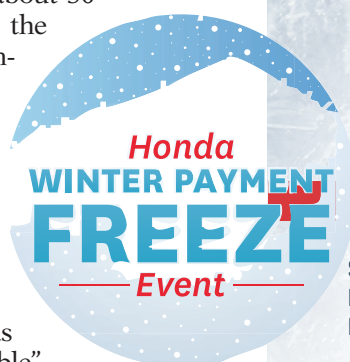
local art could be displayed.

Kingsbury said about 30 artists came out to the 2013 Cultural Symposium hosted by Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable on the weekend and the Gallery issue was discussed.

She said it was decided "there was no space comparable" to the Gallery (walls).

Kingsbury said it was decided "to move forward, there was a motion passed to seek permission to have artist representation in the hiring of the new curator."

At press time, neither Beatrice Sharkey nor Laurent Thibault of the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable were available for comment.



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