

Motion voted down

A motion by Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh to review Ontario's Victims' Justice Fund was voted down by the Provincial legislature.

Chudleigh, who serves as the PC Critic to the Attorney General, said he was "disappointed in the McGuinty Liberals."

"This was an opportunity for MPPs to show Ontario families how the Legislative Assembly supports their interests," he said.

The motion asked the Standing Committee on Justice Policy to undertake a comprehensive study on the revenues and expenditures from the Victims' Justice Fund. The fund is collected from court-imposed fines and used to assist victims and their families. Victim ser-



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vices include a support line, rape centres, witness assistance programs and a domestic violence court program.

In a 2007 and 2008 report the Liberals were criticized for carrying significant surpluses in the fund. Chudleigh's motion would have allowed the Justice

Committee to examine the fund's revenues.

Recently the provincial Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which provides payments for funeral costs and psychological trauma for crime victims and their families, was criticized in the media for failing to provide parents of murdered children with financial compensation.

A March 14 *Toronto Star* article revealed that a parent must witness the death of their child, or come upon the crime scene for the province to pay.

"A PC government will address the needs of crime victims. We will not allow the existing barrier in victims' services to go unaddressed..."

—with files from the *Toronto Star*.

Halton good for immigrants

For the third year in a row, Halton Region has been rated as one of Canada's Best Employers for new Canadians.

The distinction was made based on the Region's commitment to initiatives that help recent immigrants integrate into Halton's workforce.

The award recognizes employers offering programs to assist new Canadians in making the transition to a new workplace and life in Canada. Halton Region participates in several mentoring programs and internships to help foreign-trained professionals gain

Canadian experience and develop skills to enter the labour market.

"To meet future labour market needs and maintain a competitive workforce, we do as much as we can to ensure the success of those who come to us through international immigration" said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr.

"Newcomers contribute to our economic, social and cultural development and it is in everyone's interest to help them settle into a healthy and prosperous life in Halton."

Halton Region provides

career-track, paid internships to internationally-educated job seekers through the Career Bridge internship program, hosting interns in asset management, communications, human resources, planning and transportation services areas. Halton also participates in placement programs with Halton Multicultural Council and the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton. The rating was determined by Mediacorp Canada Inc., a publishing firm that manages the Canada's Top 100 Employers project.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark Brown, Chair of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce the addition of STEVE BRIGHT to the Chamber team. Steve joins the Chamber as a Policy Analyst.



Bringing 17 years of wide-ranging public affairs and communications experience to the Chamber, Steve worked previously with Bank of Montreal, TSX Group, two consultancies and a not-for-profit organization. Working closely with Chamber President John Sawyer, Government Relations and Advocacy Committee Chair Wendy Rinella, and our members, Steve will manage the Chamber's advocacy initiatives.

The Oakville Chamber is the voice of business in Oakville. Oakville's business community has a critical role to play in Oakville's present and future. Through our tax dollars, businesses finance a livable Oakville. To ensure our voice continues to be heard by all levels of government, we are expanding our capability to meet our members' advocacy needs.

We're excited about having Steve on board to help us with this work.

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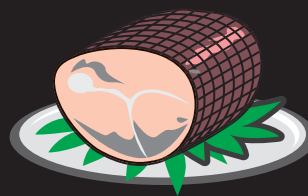
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