

## Seek nominations for service to children

The presentation of the third annual Children's Service Pin Award is to recognize an outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution towards improving the quality of life for young children in Halton Region.

The pin will be presented by the Halton Branch of The Association for Early Childhood Education, Ontario at General Wolfe High School in Oakville on Thursday, October 21, 1982. There will be a dinner for members and friends at 6:30 p.m. with the pin presentation to follow.

The recipient of this pin will also be honored as a guest, at the Provincial Children's Service Pin Award Dinner, being held on Friday, October 22, 1982 at the Sheridan Centre.

Nominations can be submitted by individuals, organizations, associations, agencies, and institutions in Halton.

If interested in nominating a local citizen for the Children's Service Pin, please contact one of the following people for a nomination form:

Gillian Burns 878-8751,  
Mary Burke 827-1083,  
Willie Dequinder 632-1453.

## Halton Hills council to examine revamped purchasing bylaw

Halton Hills council will get a look at a revamped municipal purchasing bylaw later this month.

Clerk administrator Ken Richardson reported to council last week that a review of the Town's purchasing bylaw has been underway for some time and the report should be available for general committee examination this month.

Town purchasing procedures became an issue again when a local auto dealer complained to Mayor Peter Pomeroy that he wasn't invited through an ad being placed in the local papers to bid on supplying an emergency vehicle.

Mayor Pomeroy lowered the boom on staff and noting this was the second time local firms hadn't been invited to tender for vehicles, warned this blunder must not happen again.

There was going to be a resolution passed at council directing staff to make sure local firms can bid for all Town supplies, but last Wednesday night councillors went along with Richardson's plan to review the entire purchasing bylaw.

Richardson noted the staff review of the bylaw started before the recent incident.

Councillor Harry Levy expressed regret at being absent when the issue was raised last month and noted he keeps a close eye on the accounts to make sure local firms are patronized by the municipality.

He noted sometimes the town can't buy locally because it tenders jointly with the region and other area municipalities to secure a better price.

Halton Hills has in recent months called for tenders 23 times and 21 have been advertised locally. "Ninety-one per cent is a good average," Levy declared.

He said the businessman who complained to the mayor was making "mountains out of molehills," and added the auto dealer's comments should be taken with "two grains of salt." Noting this same dealer didn't submit a bid the last time Halton Hills did advertise a tender locally, Levy suggested the firm couldn't have beat the \$15,000 price from out of town.

Pomeroy said he couldn't agree with Levy. He said he has learned that the staff doesn't buy locally unless the local price is substantially lower. In all cases local firms must be given the chance to quote.


In the recent incident over the emergency vehicle the deputy fire chief talked at length with the auto dealer about the specifications but wound up not being able to bid," Pomeroy said.

Levy said they could argue the issue further, but there was no point, they both realized there were "grey areas." He said he hoped the purchasing bylaw review would clarify the situation.

Treasurer Ray King said one change being proposed by staff is that all tenders will be advertised locally. In the past only tenders for items which staff thought could be supplied locally were advertised in Halton Hills. This meant the advertising decision was made by staff on their judgement, which could be "faulty" or "lacking."

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## Duenk pit approved

Bot Construction will mine the Duenk property at Lot 25, Concession Five, for gravel for reconstruction of the Fourth Line.

Last Wednesday night Halton Hills council approved the plan to remove 11,000 tonnes of granular A from the property.

Head of the Town's Wayside Pits Committee Russ Miller reported the firm will have two years to rehabilitate the land where the mining takes place. In addition the 100 foot setback from the road requirement has been dropped for this permit.

The pit operation will run Mondays to Saturdays from 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

## Cyclist injured

A cyclist was seriously injured on Hwy. 7 last week when the bicycle she was riding was struck from behind.

Sandy Jardine, 21, of Riverview, N.B. was riding on the north shoulder of Hwy. 7, just north of Park Lincoln, when she was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by William Doble of R.R. 2 Acton, according to reports from Milton detachment, Ontario Provincial Police. The accident occurred at about 3:15 p.m.

Jardine was rushed to hospital with head injuries and several cuts and scratches. She was discharged from hospital last week.

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