

Tendering new building "improper"

To The Editor Of The Herald:
This letter is to inform the public of the improper and unfair method used by the Committee for the Development of New Municipal Administration Properly and Buildings in accepting tenders submitted regarding the addition to the Works Garage on the 7th Line, Georgetown.
On May 14, 1976, I submitted a tender for the masonry work to be done on the Works Garage. Accompanying my tender was a certified cheque in the amount of \$1,881.00.
The instructions to bidders regarding tenders provided that:
"Tender proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond supplied by a Surety Company approved by the Owner or a certified cheque in the amount of ten percent (10) of the tender amount which amount will be forfeited to the owner if the party tendering shall fail to enter into a contract with the Owner."
The instructions further provided that:
"The successful tenderer

will be required to furnish a fifty percent (50) Performance Bond supplied by a Surety Company approved by the Owner, these Bonds to include corrections after completion."
At the Committee Meeting on May 14th, 1976, the bid of A.V. Tennant General Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$19,500.00 was accepted although I had submitted a bid in the amount of \$18,810.00.
The reason given to me for the rejection of my bid was as follows: The Committee stated that only those bids accompanied by a fifty percent (50) Performance Bond would be considered. Quite clearly, the instructions to bidders provided that a Performance Bond would only be required in the event of a bid being accepted. I feel that it is most unfair and improper for the Committee to change the conditions of bidding without allowing individuals, such as myself, an opportunity to submit a bid in accordance with the new requirements.
I would like to point out that the tender accepted for the

roofing and Sheet Metal Work was \$3,290.00 higher than a tender submitted by another reputable firm whose bid was accompanied by a certified cheque.
I would further point out that at least one successful bidder on the Works Garage project was accepted without submitting a Performance Bond.
I have done a great deal of work for the town during the past fifteen years and feel that the quality of my work is beyond reproach.
I strongly protest the unfair manner in which the tenders were handled. As a taxpayer, I resent the additional expense incurred as a result of this particular method of accepting tenders.
In addition, I would point out that I have carried on business in the Halton Hills area for the past twenty-five years. To my knowledge, the successful bidder for the masonry work is not a local business man.
Yours very truly,
Bob Reynolds & Son,
Masonry Limited,
6811 Georgetown, Ont.

Visit my home Barrack asks

To The Editor of the Herald:
Three times Mr. Archie Brown and myself have appeared before Council in an effort to rectify problems concerning several building infractions and fire hazards contained in my house on 5 Sideroad. Three times we have been rejected without reasonable explanations.
It is my belief that, in these

particular circumstances, it is most difficult to make a fair decision on reports and discussions alone; therefore, as a ratepayer, I am issuing an open invitation to Mayor Tom Hill and Members of Council to inspect my house any evening or weekend if it is convenient to all of them.
In order not to impose any expense on the Council or

me people of Halton Hills, transportation will be arranged. All I ask is two or three days notice in order to prepare.
I trust the gentlemen concerned will do me the courtesy of a reply.
Yours truly,
Mrs. H. Barrack

'Chaotic condition without exams'

To The Editor:
On June 26, 1975 Halton school board trustees Len Crosier and R. E. Gordon presented a notice of motion calling for region-wide

examinations of pupils to achieve higher standards and more uniformity in education. At the request of program superintendent John Buch the board tabled the motion for a

report. Last April 8 recommendations were brought to the board from the executive
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