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Council okays 'green' checklist for developers

By **LISA TALLYN**
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Halton Hills council approved a Green Development Evaluation Checklist for new residential development at a recent council meeting.

Town staff is to apply the checklist to all new major residential development in town and developers are to review and complete the checklist that consists of 23 criteria and comply to it to the fullest extent feasible.

A key feature is a target for all homes to be constructed to the Energy Star standard, said Damian Szybalski, the Town's Sustainability Co-ordinator.

"Homes built to the Energy Star Standard are approximately 25 per cent more energy efficient than those built to minimum provincial codes," said Szybalski.

Other criteria in the checklist relate to water conservation and quality, transportation, indoor air quality, innovation and other green features and communication and monitoring.

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Police get the 'lowdown' on unsafe trucks

Halton Police Constable Al Stennett checks the air brake lines on a tractor trailer gravel truck at the Truck Safety Blitz that was set up at the Fourth Line entrance to Dufferin Aggregates Acton quarry last week. The police were invited by Dufferin to run the blitz and have unsafe trucks removed from the road until they are made roadworthy. Six out of eight trucks failed an inspection and police seized one set of licence plates and 18 provincial offences notices were issued. *Photo by Ted Brown*

Horse rider turns fear of being accidentally shot into popular business

By **TED BROWN**
Staff Writer

It's not often someone gets an idea for a new business while trail riding on a horse.

But Jane Hyndman of Limehouse did exactly that.

Two years ago, Hyndman was riding her horse on a trail when she spotted a hunter off in the distance, made visible because he was wearing his orange hunting vest.

She suddenly realized that she could see him, yet it was unlikely he could see her, as she and her horse were earthy colours, and blended into the forest.

"It scared me," said Hyndman. "I realized there was nothing about me that stood out. He could easily mistake a horse or rider for another animal."

That same day, she started looking for a means of standing out in the forest.

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