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CtK third in E-Waste Challenge

Students in Christ the King Secondary School's Green Club recently participated in the Think Recycle's 1st Earth Day E-Waste Collection Event Challenge along with 22 schools from across southwestern Ontario. The CtK students ended up collecting the third-most amount of electronic waste collected at 21,787 lbs., nearly filling a trailer in the school parking lot with their haul. They won \$500 for finishing third in the contest and also earned \$1,089 (five cents for each pound collected) that will be used in green initiatives such as retro-fitting water fountains with refillable bottle stations and the completion of the school's outdoor classroom. Pictured above (front, from left) are CtK students Josh Beaune, Jayme Petryschuk, Jessie Oreskovic, Jessica Allen, Chloe Whitham, Kylie Robins, Jennifer Krause, Torie McDermot. Back: Sydney Martel.

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ANNUAL MEETING



Halton Healthcare

Halton Healthcare Services Corporation
2010/11 Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 16, 2011
Oakville Conference Centre
2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville

Wine & Cheese Reception
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony
7:00 p.m.

The accomplishments of Long Service Staff
and Physicians will be celebrated.

By-law changes will be recommended.
Audited financial statements will be available at the meeting
or by calling 905-815-5114.

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Georgetown Hospital
Milton District Hospital
Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital

Trustee wants WiFi out of schools

By **DOMINIK KUREK**
Metroland Media Group

Milton Trustee Nancy MacNeill has put forward a recommendation that would remove WiFi technology from all Halton District School Board schools.

The trustee is hoping the schools will return to using wired technology, stating fears that long-term exposure to wireless radio waves could have adverse health effects on students.

The recommendation was up for a vote by trustees at last night's (Wednesday's) school board meeting.

MacNeill contends there have been no long-term studies conducted into this, as the technology is still new, introduced in 1999. She believes the school board must be forward thinking to provide the best education to its students, but it must not compromise the health and safety of its pupils.

However, when asked to comment, the board's chief information officer, Bruce Smith, told trustees the board has been using WiFi in its schools for several years. In fact, in the most recent budget, the board spent more than \$1 million to bring WiFi to its facilities.

He said the World Health Organization and Health Canada, among other bodies, have found no adverse health effects caused

by the wireless technology.

"Typical levels from cell towers are thousands of times lower than exposure limits," he said.

Smith added the electromagnetic waves that transmit WiFi signals are similar to those of radio and television broadcasts, wireless and cellular cell phones and light itself.

He said the board's newer schools have been built with WiFi technology. To provide the traditional wired connections in the classrooms would require capital expenses for those schools, said Smith.

"We would be greatly limiting the technology in our schools until we could figure out a way to wire connect them," he said.

Smith there are curriculum needs for WiFi to be in the classrooms, such as for assistive technologies for the younger grades.

If WiFi is removed from schools, Smith said there would still be electromagnetic signals in the classrooms, from such devices as cell phones.

MacNeill was not convinced. She has concerns about health implications on young children.

"It is our responsibility to check into this," she said. "The World Health Organization states 'at this time'. They don't have all this information at this time."

Renaissance Festival

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