

Halton Place hearing adjourned after news of three-party deal

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A planned lengthy hearing in Milton, focusing on Halton Place's appeal of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC) refusal to grant a development permit, was adjourned on its first day (yesterday)— to be rescheduled likely early next year.

Seven days had been set aside for the hearing dealing with an appeal by Timur Leckebusch, owner of Halton Place, of the NEC decision not to grant a permit that would allow an unlimited number of horse shows with charity fundraisers and social gatherings, and permit horse owners, riders and trainers to stay in their own trailers overnight at Halton Place.

The adjournment came after news of a settlement between three parties to the hearing— Halton Region, Town of Halton Hills and Halton Place. The Niagara Escarpment Commission and neighbour Michael Shantz are the other parties to the hearing, other neighbours are named as participants, including Jack Pemberton.

Jeff Wilker, lawyer representing the Town and Halton Region, outlined some details of the settlement to the hearing officer.



A rider takes part in a past equestrian event at Halton Place. *File photo*

He said instead of the unlimited number of horse shows sought by Halton Place, it has now agreed to six regular events and two minor events during the equestrian season May 1-Oct. 31.

Wilker said a regular equestrian event is defined to have a maximum of 600 horses over the entirety of the event. He said there's an agreement between the Town, Region and Halton Place that if there's a specific signature event with a potential for more horses Halton Place could apply to the Town and Region to permit that.

Minor events are described as 300 horses maximum.

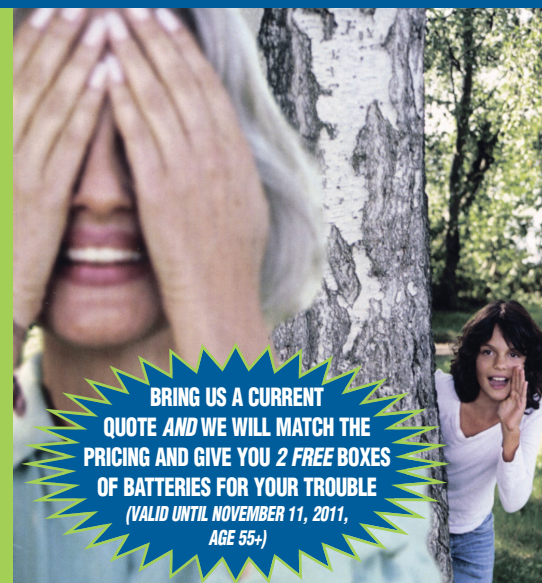
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