

Town Digest

ActiVan extension

Tyler Transport has been issued a one-year extension to run the Town's ActiVan transit service for the people with medical or cognitive disabilities, and those over 65. Since its inception in 2009, Town staff said the ActiVan service has grown "significantly" to 1,595 riders and three vehicles.

The proposed ActiVan program budget – which also includes taxi script and ad hoc taxi services – is \$318,000 with 75 per cent of operating costs coming from the Provincial Gas Tax program. Staff said the 2012 budget was overspent, mainly because two of the existing ActiVans are old and cost more to maintain, those vehicles will be replaced through the capital budget next year.

In recommending a one-year extension of the ActiVan contract with Tyler Transport, staff said they are satisfied with the levels of service and have received a number of complementary comments in particular with respect to the drivers and their willingness to assist riders. The one-year extension will allow Town staff to complete a Master Plan for ActiVan in 2013.

Third quarter stats

The 118 building permits for new houses issued by Town so far this year is a "significant" increase according to the latest Infrastructure Services report. The total number of building permits issued in the third quarter – 798 – generated \$1.5-million in revenue.

Third-quarter public works stats showed the Town removed 197 dead trees, and its contractor removed 236. One hundred and sixty-four bare root trees were planted and 62 bagged and balled trees were plants. As well, 1,023-square metres of sidewalk were replaced, and 2,635-tonnes of asphalt were used in the grading program.

Road construction projects included the resurfacing of Commerce Crescent, repair of a culvert on 22 Side Road in Limehouse, and replacement of the Maria Street Bridge.

Highlights of the Development and Traffic Engineering Division include:

- New LED streetlights in the Kingham Road area
- New No Stopping/No Parking bans in front of McKenzie-Smith Bennett School



EARLY CHRISTMAS: Christmas came early for a lucky Acton family that won an iPad in a draw sponsored by RBC and local realtors. Mom Kill Thurston (centre) and son Nicholas Mohammed accepted the prize last Wednesday from Johnson Associates realtors Dave Burland (left) and Britney Hack, and RBC manager Amy Grimason and mortgage specialist Kimberly Singh. Proceeds of the draw went to Acton's FoodShare food bank. – Frances Learment photo

Air quality testing near Acton?

A mobile air quality testing device located in the rural area east of Acton could provide information necessary for Halton to develop a region-wide health protection air quality bylaw specifically to deal with fine particulate matter.

The Ministry of Environment operates two ambient air quality monitoring stations in Burlington and Oakville,

and in 2008 Halton operated a monitoring station in Milton to determine if results from it could be used to infer air quality in Halton Hills.

While no permanent air sampling system operates in the north of Halton, a portable air sampler was installed on 10 Side Road at a Halton pumping station to gather statistics for three pollutants including ozone, fine particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide.

At Town Council on Monday night, Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville noted that the averages for ozone and fine particulate matter were similar to those measured in Milton, Burlington and Oakville, with

nitrogen dioxide levels lower than those measured in other urban areas of Halton. He said some of the numbers from the Halton Hills monitoring may be high because there was development on adjacent land which generated a lot of air-borne dust.

A Regional study concluded it is possible to use central site air monitoring data to estimated health impacts of poor air quality in humans, but Councillor Somerville wants a mobile air monitoring device set up for one year east of Acton to get more data. He asked that the Halton Hills air quality study be referred to Town staff for information

The Halton Hills air

monitoring study found lower emissions of nitrogen oxides and nitrogen dioxide than in the rest of Halton, and although the results do not suggest the need for on-going monitoring, Somerville wants numbers from the rural area to develop base line levels. "The mobile site would be in place for a year to use the data as a benchmark," Somerville said.

Asked how the data could improve human health, Somerville said the study recommendations were expanded to have Halton look at the feasibility of a fine particulate matter region-wide bylaw – a new policy to help people breath easier.

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and Town of Halton Hills By-law 2003-0032 regarding the following temporary road closures for the purpose of the following community events:

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO EVENT

Intermittent Traffic Stoppages

On Tuesday December 18th, between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. there will be controlled traffic stoppages on Highway #7 in front of 12363 (Cedar Springs Motel). These stoppages will be no longer than 3 minutes at a time, to allow for a film crew to shoot scenes in the area.

This information is presented as a courtesy notice to motorists, pedestrians and area residents. If you require any additional information regarding these temporary road closures, please contact Valerie Petryniak at 905-873-2601 ext. 2350

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Pelvic Health Physiotherapy

Most patients silently suffer with Pelvic Health complaints. Pelvic Health complaints encompass symptoms like:

- Incontinence or pelvic pain post-partum, incontinence or pelvic pain following prostate surgery or hysterectomy, organ prolapse/heaviness complaints, increased frequency of urination, urinary leakage during higher exercise activity like running, soccer, zumba.

A limited number of physiotherapists have completed their post graduate credentialing for the treatment of pelvic health complaints. Physiotherapists utilize their knowledge of muscle function and strengthening principles, manual therapy techniques to address painful or stiff tissue, additional techniques like acupuncture, muscle stimulation and biofeedback to treat Pelvic Health Complaints. Let our Pelvic Health team direct you to your path to improved Health. Appointments can be made:

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