

Voluntary donation boxes not filling up at hospital

Not much cash has been dropped into the voluntary donation boxes at Georgetown Hospital, but the hospital board isn't ready to abandon the scheme just yet.

The hospital hoped to collect \$65,000 annually, but during the first five months of the program, which began April 1, only \$1,500 has been

collected. The board hoped that this money would pay for maintaining the parking lot and the hospital grounds.

"If each visitor dropped a loonie into the donation box, it would bring in at least \$20,000," executive director John Oliver said. The rest of the money could come from hospital

staff. About 40 per cent of staff have signed up to support the voluntary donations program.

Instead of dropping money into the donation boxes, visitors can also make a lump-sum donation to the hospital.

For anything over \$5, a tax receipt can be issued, Oliver said.

"The message we would like to get out is to ask the community to support the project," he said.

If not enough money is collected during the rest of the year, paid parking will be instituted, or hospital services will have to be reduced, finance committee chairman Don Lawson said.

Council Briefs

Rabies clinics

Low cost Rabies Clinics will be held at Prospect Park in Acton and Cedarvale Park in Georgetown, 1-3 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 16. Pet owners can have their pets vaccinated at a reduced rate of \$10.

Declaring vacant

Beginning Jan. 1, 1994 Halton Hills council will adopt a policy allowing boards and committees to consider positions vacant where a member has been absent for three consecutive meetings without authorization. That recommendation was passed by council members at the October 4 committee meeting and final approval is expected next week.

Salt and sand

In an effort to save costs the town awarded the contract for the supply of sand for the roads this winter to Dixie Concrete. By purchasing the sand directly from the supplier instead of through the company that will take care of the delivery and stacking of sand and salt, town staff realized about a \$2,700 saving. The total amount of the sand contract for Dixie Concrete will be about \$10,890 based on anticipated usage of about 4,500 tonnes of sand. Council members also awarded the town's salt contract to Sifto Canada Ltd. for about 1,600 tonnes of salt, at a cost of about \$62,000. Both awards have to get council approval.

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