

## Town moving to new procurement system

In the coming months, the Town of Halton Hills will move to a new digital procurement management platform 'bids&tenders™' utilized by hundreds of municipalities across North America. The new tool allows suppliers to view, download and submit bids entirely online in one quick, easy and convenient location using realtime technology to provide current information such as questions, answers, addenda and reminders.

"I'm pleased to see the Town continue to adopt new and best practices," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "It's important that municipalities work together to leverage purchasing opportunities to ensure we get the best value."

Suppliers interested in bidding on goods and services for the Town or any of the area municipalities need to set up an account with bidsandtenders.ca. An annual subscription fee of \$165 provides unlimited access to local opportunities or any of the 300 plus agency opportunities available nation-wide. Selective bids are available as one-time fee options for \$45 each. Additional project document fees may be applied.

Suppliers are invited to attend a free, live, in-person demonstration of the new system on Wednesday, October 4 from 3 p.m. to 5

p.m. in the auditorium of the Halton Region Administration Building, 1151 Bronte Road. The event includes a presentation from local municipal purchasing staff on "how to do business with the Halton Cooperative Purchasing Group". To register, contact bids&tenders directly at 1-800-594-4798 or support@bidsandtenders.ca

The bids&tenders system offers suppliers many features including:

- Online bid submissions
- Track and manage bids at a glance with a custom, vendor dashboard
- Select personalized categories
- Receive automated email notifications of new bid opportunities, including addenda
- Work on a bid, save work, and see the bid closing countdown in real-time
- Withdraw and change bids, then resubmit if desired
- Receive automated confirmations when bids have been submitted, received, or withdrawn
- Eliminate mathematical errors with the built-in calculator
- Submit complete and compliant bids every time with the built-in compliance checker
- Receive reminders if a bid has been started but not submitted 24 hours from bid close

## HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

September is half over. Have you taken advantage of the opportunity to try a variety of programs at the Centre free? Ask at the office for your passes. You can try as many activities as you like, but each activity only once. The Monday morning dart players are playing again after a short break and would love to see more players. They have new lights over the dart boards that enhance the game visually. The social dancers are also back on Thursday afternoons.

The Lunch and Learn on Tuesday, September 5 was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch and found the guest speaker Brent Bechard, manager of Home Instead very informative. He talked about how to avoid hospitalization. His company offers an in home service to help reduce the amount of time spent in a hospital. A subject everyone is interested in. No one wants to spend time in the hospital if it is possible to avoid it.

The next Lunch and Learn is on Tuesday, October 3 when you will enjoy Schnitzel on a bun, potato salad and dessert. It is a cooking demonstration by the chef from the Birkdale Retirement Home in Milton.

The Birthday Tea last



**BIRTHDAY TEA:** 34 members of the Hillsview Active Living Centre gathered on Tuesday to celebrate birthdays from August, September and October. - Submitted photo

Tuesday celebrating August, September and October birthdays was well attended. Everyone enjoyed socializing, meeting up with friends and new people after the summer.

I see there is a lot of interest in the 55+ Driving Refresher Course on October 10. There are a limited number of spaces. See the office staff to add your name to the list.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Tuesday, September 26. Following breakfast, they will visit the Great War Flying Museum. The cut-off

date is Friday, September 22 at 3 p.m.

The next Tuesday afternoon movie on Tuesday, September 26 at 1 p.m. will be "Going in Style" starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin. The blurb about it says, "You're never too old to get even."

We have cancelled the planned trip to St. Maartins in late January 2018, due to the devastating hurricane that hit the Caribbean islands last week. We now plan to spend 10 days or two weeks in the Riviera Maya

in Mexico. If this interests you, check the Gals on the Go clip board area.

Please note the Saturday evening Bingo originally scheduled on September 16 has been changed to September 30 at 7 p.m.

Friday Lunch on September 22 is salad, steakettes, mashed potatoes and onion gravy followed by dessert, tea and coffee. Afterwards, there will be Bingo as usual at 1:15 p.m.

The weekly 50/50 draw was not won this week, so next week you might win \$125.

## Local Police stations cutting hours

By: Harry Rudolfs

Halton Police Service has reduced the hours that their stations will be open in Halton Hills,

Milton and Burlington. Starting September 1, the 1 District (11 Division) police station in Georgetown is only open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

But the station, located at 217 Guelph Street, is equipped with public intercom that can put callers in touch with police communications

after hours.

A press release from Halton Police advised that the Georgetown police station's Community Rooms will not be available after 7 p.m.—after the building has closed. According to the memo, the changes are being made "in an effort to increase efficiency."

Halton Police Service is also altering the hours at two other Halton Stations. The 1 District station in Milton on Childs Drive will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the 3 District Burlington Station on Constable Henshaw Blvd. will have the same hours of operation.

However, the 20 Division office in Oakville will remain open 24 hours a day.

### MACKAY FARM AUCTION

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