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## NEWS

# Halton Hills adopts new online bidding and procurement system

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The Town of Halton Hills is implementing a new digital procurement management platform which allow suppliers of goods and services to bid on town contracts online. To this end, the town has enlisted the services of bid&tender, which provides a digital platform utilized by many North American municipalities, including more than 300 across Canada. "The new tool allows suppliers to view, download and submit bids entirely online in one quick, easy and convenient location using real-time technology to provide current information such as questions, answers, addenda and re-

mindings," wrote the town in a release. The system allows suppliers interested in bidding on goods and services for the town access to all open opportunities and track their bids throughout the procurement process. Suppliers must pay an annual subscription fee to bidandtender.ca of \$165. The platform also provides access to bidding opportunities in other communities. The town added that selective bids carry an additional one-time fee of \$45, and other tender document charges may apply in some cases. Other regional municipalities have also adopted the platform, which the mayor believes will allow the town to leverage purchasing power. "I'm pleased to see the town continue to

adopt new and best practices," said Mayor Rick Bonnette in the release. "It's important that municipalities work together to leverage purchasing opportunities to ensure we get the best value." Interested suppliers are invited to attend an information session in the auditorium of the Halton Region Administration Building at 1151 Bronte Rd. on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 3-5 p.m. The session will include demonstrations of the software and a presentation local municipal purchasing staff dubbed "How to do business with the Halton Cooperative Purchasing Group." For more information or to register, contact bids&tenders at 1-800-594-4798 or support@bidsandtenders.ca.

## WHAT'S ON

# Halton Laughs a fundraiser for Upper Credit Humane Society

A group of comedians is getting together to raise some money and awareness for the Upper Credit Humane Society during a night of laughter at the John Elliott Theatre Saturday, Sept. 16 starting at 8:30 p.m.

Halton Laughs has been deemed appropriate for ages 18 and over.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at

the JET box office located at 9 Church Street in Georgetown.

They can also be purchased online at [www.haltonhills.ca/theatre/details.php?Movieid=413](http://www.haltonhills.ca/theatre/details.php?Movieid=413)

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