

# Halton Hills Fire Dept. coping with the loss of one of their own

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the OPP about the cause or nature of the fire.

The fire was apparently discovered and first battled by co-workers of Trevor McNally who were paying a visit to the residence. The couple had two dogs, he said. Both were uninjured in the fire.

Town of Halton Hills' Mayor Rick Bonnette confirmed Saturday that Trevor McNally was a member of the Halton Hills Fire Department. The flags are being flown at half-mast at the three fire detachments in Halton Hills.

Tony Iavarone, manager of corporate communications for the Town of Halton Hills, said the community is in mourning at the loss of these two individuals.

Trevor McNally first joined the fire department as a part-time firefighter in 2005 and then was hired full time in 2007. He worked out of the Acton detachment.

On Friday morning, a few members from his detachment went to visit him to follow up on a few work-related items, Iavarone said. When they arrived, they saw smoke coming from the home and immediately took action to contain the fire.

"The house sustained some damage, but it's certainly not too bad," Iavarone said, adding most of the damage was contained inside the home.

McNally was a friendly man who loved his job, he said.

"He was a little bit quiet, but he was a well-liked member of the department."

Along with his colleagues, Mc-

Nally participated in several fundraisers in the community, including the Santa Claus event.

Employees at a Hamilton law firm are reeling after the unexpected loss of their "anchor," co-worker Susanne Nesbitt-McNally, 45, a legal assistant.

Known by colleagues as Sue, she led a team of law clerks at Gowlings where she worked for 10 years.

"This has all hit us very hard," said Mark Tamminga, a partner at the law firm's Hamilton office.

Tamminga said the office learned of Nesbitt-McNally's death just before noon Friday. While they were given the opportunity to go home, most colleagues stayed at the office to share in their grief with one another and share a meal, he added.

Professionally, colleagues will remember Nesbitt-McNally, 45, as someone with "so much knowledge" who made learning easy.

Personally, she will be remembered as the type of person who always put others before herself and told the people she loved how much she loved them, he said.

Nesbitt-McNally's team recalled to Tamminga how thoughtful and kind Sue was, along with noting her love for dogs, travelling and shopping—for especially shoes. She was dependable—someone whom people felt comfortable with—and thrived as a mentor, Tamminga said.

"She was just such an anchor person in this group," he said.

In a statement, Brent Marshall, Halton Hills Town Chief Admin-



**A funeral service for Halton Hills Firefighter Trevor McNally was held yesterday (Wednesday) in Milton.**

*Photo courtesy of Town of Halton Hills*

istrative Officer (CAO) and Fire Chief, said, "The Halton Hills Fire Department and Town of Halton Hills are deeply saddened by the deaths of Trevor and Sue McNally. We extend our deepest condolences to family and friends. As the OPP has not released details about the cause of death, it would not be appropriate for us to provide any specific commentary. We are not going to address any speculation that may be circulating around the circumstances of their deaths. Halton Hills Fire was very supportive, committed and involved in the health and well-being of Trevor and Sue. We join our community in wishing that they rest in peace."

"Obviously, it's a very sad day," Iavarone said. "The guys are coping as well as you'd expect, but



**A funeral service for Susanne Nesbitt-McNally will be held at the Scott Funeral Home in Brampton on Saturday.**

*Photo courtesy of Scott Funeral Home*

there's definitely a lot of sadness, both with the fire department and the Town.

"We're a small town so, when something like this happens, it affects us all."

Iavarone said the Town is now waiting and trusting the outcome of the investigation.

"We have the utmost faith in the OPP, that they're handling it

in a way they feel they need to. So, we just sit and wait with everyone else and wait for the outcome."

Police are asking anyone who may have information about the incident to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit an anonymous tip online at csgw.tips.

Memorial arrangements have been made for Susanne Nesbitt-McNally. The Scott Funeral Home Brampton Chapel will have visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28 with a memorial service to follow.

A funeral service for Trevor McNally was held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 170 Main St. E., Milton, followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to Homewood Health Centre, 150 Delhi Street, Guelph, Ontario, N1E 6K9 or Halton Hills Recovery Centre (Hope Place Centre), 8173 Trafalgar Road, Halton Hills, Ontario, L0P 1E0.

— With files from Natalie Padon, Hamilton Spectator and The Independent & Free Press

## Charge withdrawn against Acton man

A charge of committing an indecent act on a GO bus, laid by Halton Police in the summer of 2014, has been withdrawn against Paul William Philpott, 54, of Acton.

According to Halton Police in July 2014, Philpott was charged

after riders on a GO Transit bus complained about a passenger viewing pornographic materials on his cellphone while committing a lewd act.

The charge was withdrawn in Ontario Court of Justice, Central West Region on Aug. 31, 2015.

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