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NEWS

Unanimous council support for Tyler Transport

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Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette elicited unanimous support around the horseshoe for a local bus company.

Tyler Transport, an Acton based bus company has been denied eligibility to bid on the school bus contract for Halton District School Board, and as of June will be ceasing their school bus services.

The company has been transporting students in the area for over 70 years and reports a 97.99 per cent rate of being on time with its current contract with the Halton Student Transportation Services.

"It will be an economic blow to this town," said Bonnette, adding that the company employs over 60 people, and is one of the few bus companies in the province that pays above minimum wage and provides benefits.

The province has established a new procurement process for school bus services, which the mayor says shuts out smaller independent businesses like Tyler Transport.

"They did not qualify to participate in even

the bid stage," he said, "as you can see, it has unintended consequences."

Bonnette says that this procurement process is affecting smaller bus services across the province, and his petition to the minister of education calls on the province to rethink the policy.

"Tyler Transport has made significant contributions to the economic vitality of Acton," said Bonnette, adding that the company is also the provider for the town's Activan service - an on-demand public transit for elderly in the community.

"Who is the educated fool that made this decision?" Asked Coun. Jon Hurst.

He explained that Tyler Transport was first established by Ted Tyler in 1929, who quit his job at the tannery in Acton and bought a Model A Ford truck.

In 1948 his son, Ted Jr. had taken over the business and bought the first school bus to start taking kids to and from classes each day.

Each year, they'd take the kids on a special trip to Niagara Falls, and later on to Ottawa and Washington D.C.

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