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WASTEWISE MAY BE FORCED TO LEAVE TOWN

RECYCLING CENTRE STRUGGLES TO FIND NEW LOCATION

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Halton Hills could lose Wastewise — its waste management facility of three decades — due to a lack of leasing space for a new contract.

"It's unfortunate we may not be able to stay in Georgetown," said Wastewise Board Chair Stephen Pignataro. "Right now, my biggest hope is to find a new location."

The current lease at 12 Armstrong Ave. ends on December 31.

With the landlord's decision to make other uses of the space and a minimum time requirement of six weeks to set up a new contract, Wastewise must find another site by mid-October to stay in business, said Pignataro.

Last year, Wastewise' six employees and 15 volunteers diverted over 380 metric tonnes of reusable items out of landfills, said store manager Amber Zarb-Salisbury.

Relying on community donations, the recycling centre and registered charity serves Halton Hills and surrounding areas.

Pignataro said due to the organization's industrial and retail space requirements and rising real estate prices, finding a suitable location is a challenge.

Wastewise currently operates out of a 12,600-square-foot warehouse that serves thrifters, environmentalists, production companies and bulk buyers who ship internationally.

It also provides newcomer families and those in need with clothing, furniture and other necessities.

HEAVY DUTY COMPETITION



Graham Paine/Metroland

Acton's Kailey Donaldson gets advice from her dad Doug Donaldson during the Halton Plowing Match and Conservation Tillage Competition August 26 at a farm off No. 15 Sideroad. For more photos of the event, see page 8.



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