

Barrager's Cleaners is Business of the Month for December. Staff of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce congratulated owner Mani Mitera and his employees. From left: Mark Rush, Allan Robertson, Margaret Smith, Joanne Colangelo, Kathy Hannon and Mani Mitera. Photo by Wendy Long

York, Peel companies get local contracts

By Wendy Long

North Halton MPP Noel Duignan announced in mid-November that jobsOntarioCapital is investing \$1.3 million in job creation and economic renewal in Halton North.

Five area projects will create the equivalent of one year's construction work for 22 people, a jobsOntarioCapital media release said.

Three of the projects involve the installation of a new standby generator and roof and window replacement at E.C. Drury School in Milton. The others include a variety of repairs, energy conservation and environmental protection measures related to provincial land holdings and residential units owned by the Ministry of Government Services in Halton Region.

These projects are slated for the 1992-93 fiscal year, said Ministry of Government Services communications officer Brian LeGrow, which means they should be completed by March 31.

"These projects will provide an immediate boost to construction employment as part of a coordinated effort to create jobs and make a strong contribution to local economic renewal," Duignan said in the release.

The unfortunate twist is that these projects have been tendered and awarded by the Ministry of Government Services to two Concord companies and one Brampton company.

In a telephone interview, Duignan said that at the time of the release tenders had not been award-

ed for the projects and he was hopeful that they'd be hiring local people, which turned out not to be the case

jobsOntarioCapital is a five year, \$2.3 billion initiative by the province to support jobs and economic restructuring, promote community and social progress and protect the environment. In other words, the money will be divvied up amongst all government min-

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