

Teachers concert is planned

By Sharon Dutton

A group of hard-working music teachers are preparing a concert for Nov. 7 at the Georgetown Alliance Church on Main St. S. Local teachers Valerie Nichol, Debbie Tilson, Sandra Usherwood, Sharon Dutton, Haydn Evans and Dale Wood have selected reper-

toire from each of the main historical periods in music history. The concert will include a vocal ensemble piece from the Renaissance period, a keyboard piece from the Baroque period, vocal repertoire from the Classical period, piano repertoire from the Romantic period, contemporary

Canadian-composed keyboard repertoire and an improvised contemporary performance.

Some of the teachers are already well-known as local church musicians, soloists, pianists and choir directors. They have combined their talents in order to present a balanced and diverse program. The evening will be enriching for their students and their parents, and will be entertaining for local music enthusiasts.

The teachers have imposed this challenge upon themselves and are looking forward to the opportunity to perform for the community. They have been preparing for this since the spring and promise to deliver a first-class recital.

Police radio system needs upgrading

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In Halton region, the police may not have trouble yet keeping in touch with their patrol cars.

But they are having problems reaching officers who rely on hand held radios when they get out of their cars in order to patrol shopping centres or high-rise apartments.

Police communications manager Staff-Sgt. Dave Denton says that's because the police radio system, installed in 1978, is inadequate for the region's new style of community-based policing.

"It hasn't kept up with the operational requirements," he says. The system is also starting to wear out and new parts may not always be available.

Denton says police want to install a new, high-tech system that could be linked with the radio systems of the fire departments and the public works departments in each of Halton's four municipalities.

An integrated system would help police respond in emergency situations, Denton says. Under the current system, police and fire officials would have to rely on the telephone or on setting up their communications posts next to each other in a major emergency.

With the number of airplanes overhead and refineries in the area, Halton should be prepared for emergencies, Denton says.

Police will be describing a proposed new region-wide trunked radio system at

Halton regional council tomorrow and expect to back before council on Oct. 20 to ask for funding.

On its own, a new police radio system would cost \$8.5 million. An additional \$3.5 million would put fire and public works on the same system.

Denton says this is much less than it would cost to supply radio systems separately to each emergency service.

The municipalities have shown an interest in an integrated radio system, he says. They wouldn't have to link up right away, but if they are interested in joining the police radio system in the net five years, radio frequencies will have to be reserved for them.

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