

# The new Toy Shoppe of Natures Fire

By ANN KORNUA

It looks like there is a new kid on the block in downtown Milton. The truth is that 'new kid' is really just an old friend with a fantastic makeover. *Nature's Fire* has had extensive renovation work and has emerged with a new look and a new name "*Toy Shoppe of Nature's Fire*." Owners Ron and Fiona Kennedy made changes to their Milton store after first testing out a new design concept in their Elora store. After that proved to a success, it was time to get the gloves off and get the Milton store up to the same standard.

"I am surprised by the number of comments from people who think we have increased in size," Ron said.

"We thought it needed more than just a touch up here

and there," Ron explained. "We got a new ceiling put in along with new carpet, a new slate wall for a new look and painted the walls in brighter colours."

The store is much lighter than it was earlier this month. There is more floor space for strollers to get around after Ron and Fiona mapped out a better floor scheme. Renovations in the historic downtown store took only two weeks of work after business hours because of the long hours put in by local contractors and friends.

"We had great people who would come in and paint after hours and install lights before the store would open, we used all local people for the carpets and the painting. We

went to local people first to keep business in town and we are very pleased with the work," Fiona commented.

"We thought it would contribute to the look of downtown Milton as well," Ron said.

Fiona jumped in and commented, "It's all a part of keeping this area active and to continue to grow. The store looks more open and inviting and that is important."

Challenging mind teasers and puzzles dot the educational toyshop. It gives both parent and child a chance to discover what suits them.

"We prefer to be downtown. It's just the kind of business that needs to be downtown," Ron said.

## The Regional Municipality of Halton A Partnership That Works!



### Hear how the Province sees our future

Attend Halton's Forum on the Provincial Growth Management Strategy and hear about the changes the Province is recommending to how and where the Greater Golden Horseshoe will grow.

Wednesday, March 9, 2005  
6 p.m. Open House  
7 p.m. Presentations  
Halton Regional Centre Auditorium  
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Recently The Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal released a new draft of their Places to Grow report, a growth plan to 2031 for the Greater Golden Horseshoe area. This document speaks to how and where municipalities will grow and addresses infrastructure and environmental impacts.

Last fall, Halton held its first Growth Forum on this topic and now that the draft report has been released, we'd like to hear from you again. Halton's Forum is your opportunity to learn about the Province's plan and the potential implications to Halton's future. Representatives of the Province will be on hand to present the draft Growth Plan and you will have an opportunity to provide some initial feedback.

The Province has provided us with a short turnaround time to submit feedback, however we would like to provide as many opportunities as possible within that timeframe to hear your comments. Halton's website has also been set up to receive input and provides a link to the Ministry's draft report. Click on 'Provincial Growth Plan' at [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca).

Regional Council will consider staff's report on Halton's response to the Ministry at the April 13 Planning & Public Works Committee meeting and at Regional Council on April 20. Both meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. These timelines have been established to ensure we meet, as closely as possible, the Province's April 18 deadline for input. If you would like your feedback to be considered in Halton's response, please ensure you send your comments to the Region by March 21. You also have the opportunity to provide comments directly to Regional Councillors at the Committee or Council meetings mentioned above. For information on submitting information directly to Committee or appearing as a delegate at the Committee meeting, please contact the Regional Clerk's office at 905-825-6000 ext. 7928, by April 6. Those wishing to speak on April 13 who are not listed on the agenda, may still register through the Clerk's office or at the beginning of the meeting.

For more information on the draft Growth Plan and Halton's response, please contact Ho Wong, Manager of Long Range Planning at 905-825-6000 ext. 7208, toll-free at 1-866-442-5866 or by email at [wongh@region.halton.on.ca](mailto:wongh@region.halton.on.ca).

### REQUEST FOR TENDER

Bid documents for the services listed below, addressed to the Manager of Purchasing, 1151 BRONTE ROAD, OAKVILLE, ON L6M 3L1 will be received until 2:00 p.m. Oakville time on the specified closing date. Bid documents can be seen or obtained through the Purchasing Division of the Corporate Services Department, same address as above, telephone 905-825-6000, extension 7011. If long distance charges apply, dial toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

Documents will be available for pick up on and after March 1, 2005. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$26.75 (includes GST). Bidders who request documents to be shipped from the Purchasing Department must include a handling fee of \$10.70 (includes GST) for this service. Please be advised that this particular bid document is also available for purchase and download from the Region website at [www.region.halton.on.ca/shop](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/shop)

Bids will be opened in public at 2:15 p.m. on the closing date specified in the Nelson Room at the above address. Those submitting bids are invited to attend.

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Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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T-035-05  
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPUTER HARDWARE  
CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

E. Algar  
Chief of Police  
Halton Regional Police Service  
[www.region.halton.on.ca/shop](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/shop)

A. Mindenhall, CPPO  
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T-075-05  
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF IBM or HP or DELL ONLY DESKTOP AND NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS  
CLOSING: TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

J. MacCaskill, CA  
Commissioner of Corporate Services  
[www.region.halton.on.ca/bids](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/bids)

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T-051-05  
WATER AND WASTEWATER REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS  
CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005

P. Crockett, P. Eng.  
Commissioner of Planning and Public Works  
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