

## Post Inn Village and new ambulance station open side-by-side in Oakville

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located adjacent to each other in the heart of the Oak Park community. Locating EMS stations and senior's residences adjacent to each other has proven to be an effective strategy for Halton Region.

"The new Oakville North EMS station will help us better serve the surrounding community, while at the same time, place trained paramedics in close proximity to our at-risk residents," said Chairman Savoline.

In addition to cost savings, the proximity of EMS allows for reduced response times when paramedics are required to attend to a medical emergency. The model has been used at Allendale Village in Milton and at Post Inn Village in Oakville and will be optimized at Creek Way Village in Burlington, where the EMS station will be built into the

new long-term care home.

Oakville's newest EMS station located at 139 Georgian Drive operates with one ambulance, which provides 24-hour coverage, seven days a week. The design of the station includes a new feature to address a common safety concern. The station will feature a bright yellow exterior public telephone that is immediately directed to 911 if a member of the public attempts to access an ambulance at the station when EMS staff are not present. The public safety feature has been adopted in all of Halton's new ambulance stations.

For information about Post Inn Village or Oakville North EMS Station, please contact us at 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-442-5866 or visit our website at www.region.halton.on.ca.

## Halton Crime Stoppers chooses new coordinator

By MANDI HARGRAVE

A man who has been a member of Ontario's Police Service for 32 years was chosen to be the new coordinator for Halton Crime Stoppers in April.

Sgt. Frank Phillips became a police officer in 1975 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1987. He was a detective of Professional Standards for four and a half years before taking this position with Halton Crime Stoppers.

As the new police coordinator he is responsible for the day-to-day operation of Halton Crime Stoppers. He, as well as his assistant coordinator, process tips that come in and send them to the appropriate police division for follow-up by the appropriate officers. He helps with fundraising and does the coordination of special events, public speaking to community groups, service clubs and youth organizations as well as high schools to educate the public about the crime stoppers program and the benefit of it to the community.

"Everybody wants a safer community and I want to get that message out there to people," said Phillips.

He said that the Crime Stoppers program is a fantastic program and it's not something you have to sell the community on, unlike a lot of police work such as running radar in a certain location.

"When you stop the offender you have to say, 'The reason I'm here is to... because we've had 10 accidents in this area.' You're educating the people now but they're not sold on the idea. They don't see how them going 15 or 20 kilometres over the speed limit is really going to affect them," Phillips said.

"But in this position, everybody wants a safer community. You don't have to say, I mean I don't think you're going to find anybody who's going to say, 'I want more crime in my community, I think crime is a good thing and crime is good for everybody.' This is a position where people call in and report crimes to us. It's totally anonymous."

He said it's a good program because people can contribute to the safety of their community by solving crimes and also receive money for it through the program.

"It's a good program that makes for a safer community and recovers stolen property. It's a win-win situation for everybody."

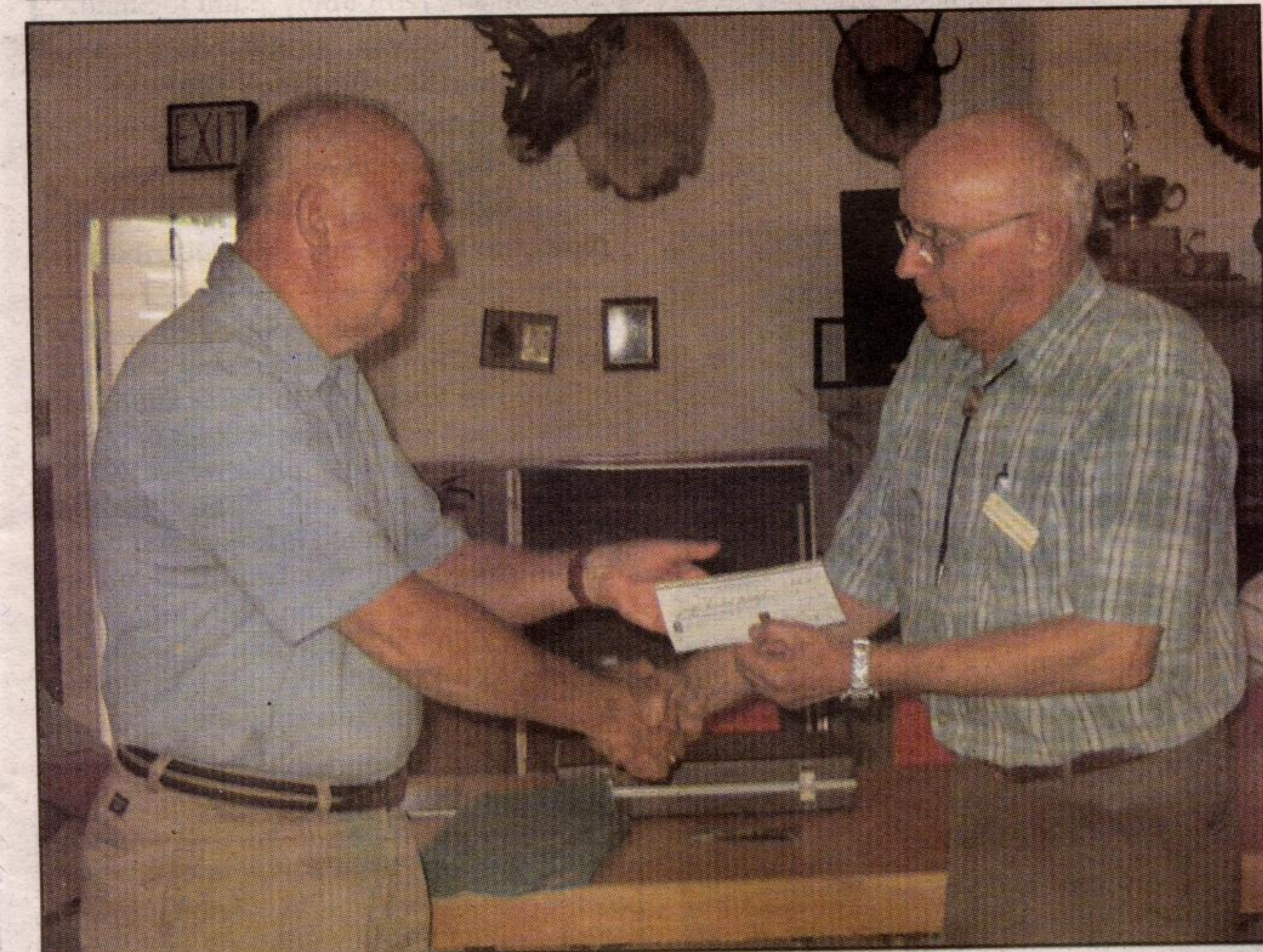


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Roy Brownridge Public Relations official for the Halton Sportsmen Association presents Bob Pyatt from the Milton District Hospital Foundation with a cheque for \$4500. The money was raised from the annual Halton Sportsmen Association Charity Breakfast, which has donated 24 cheques to the foundation in the past 25 years.

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