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Oakbridge Equestrian Fall

Jeremy Feenstra of Oakville on "Arctic B" at the first annual Oakbridge Equestrian Fall Classic Competition on Saturday. More photos on page 10.

## Halton Hills backs Region over trash

BY BERNADETTE WARD

hat most incendiary of issues - Halton's landfill, was the talk of Halton Hills council on October 17, with commentary from Toronto politicians and bureaucrats sparking animosity and worry among local councilors.

Council easily passed a motion to send its own message to the province demanding that the province take a leadership role in the issue and reiterating the Region's stance that Halton is not willing to accept waste from other regions.

"If there's a time to feel threatened, this is it," said Mayor Bonnette.

Trash has been the talk of a few towns ever since Michigan has passed legislation to ban Canadian garbage with 90 days notice. There is still a piece of the American plan missing as Michigan will also require federal legislation in order to close the border.

Councilors were also concerned by what appeared to be a cavalier attitude coming from Toronto. Staff from the Toronto works department apparently left the impression during an interview that the border closing was not of particular concern - Toronto would just drag its waste to landfill.

It was pointed out with some derision by Halton Councillors, that of course, Toronto doesn't have a landfill.

Toronto alone sends 750,000 tonnes of residential waste to Michigan and Peel, Durham and York send another 400,000. On top of that there is another 2.5 million tonnes of business and commercial waste to deal with.

"They're not taking it seriously, but we're taking it seriously. This is a slap in the

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## No approval but Board to build two new schools

BY BERNADETTE WARD

WHAT'S INSIDE

It could be good news for families in Milton and Burlington with the Halton District School Board re-affirming its decision to begin building two new desperately needed schools despite a lack of approval from the Ministry of Education.

"I recognize how much these schools are needed and we need more," said Peggy Russell, Trustee Ward 4 and 5 Burlington.

Trustees were again divided down similar lines during a previous vote on the issue - 5 against, 6 in favour of engaging in an interim financing strategy in an

effort to fund the badly needed schools.

Debt and lack of approval were the most cited concerns.

Bruce Jones however, Trustee for Wards 1 and 2 Oakville, was nonplussed by concerns of debt.

He pointed out that to not build the schools would also have a financial impact in terms of busing and portables and voted to support the motion to build the schools.

"It's not about financing, it's about how you serve the students," said Jones. With potentially 1,000 to 1,200 JK - 8

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