

Raising awareness of life-threatening allergies

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Anaphylaxis is a condition that is receiving more and more attention each day. The life threatening allergic reaction to certain foods, such as nuts, dairy products, shellfish, soy and more, as well as sulphides, latex and insect stings, was the subject of a Bill that was unanimously approved by the Ontario Legislature. In January of 2006, Sabrina's law, named in memory of Sabrina Shannon, a Pembroke student who died from anaphylaxis in 2003, requires all publicly funded schools to educate students and staff about anaphylaxis, and to have response measures in place.

The legislation is a huge relief for mothers like Tracy Moroney, who helped to pioneer awareness of the life threatening allergy within the Halton District School Board over a decade ago. Her son Ryan, then aged four almost died after eating a cookie at pre-school. The cookie contained no nut products but had been baked on a cookie sheet that had been used for peanut butter cookies three days before, despite the fact that the cookie sheet had been washed afterwards. "I thought we were being safe but that blew me away," says Mrs. Moroney of just how easily and inadvertently anaphylaxis can be triggered. She was instrumental in working with the Halton District School Board on establishing protocols to ensure student safety and is quick to praise the upcoming implementation of Sabrina's Law, especially in secondary schools.

"All these years we've been raising awareness at the elementary level, but there was nothing in the high schools," she says. "The issue didn't exist at the high school level. These kids need their peers to be aware more than ever. You just don't know when it is going to happen. They need to know that an epi-pen can save a life and should be carried at all times."

A support group is available to those struggling with the issue of anaphylaxis. The next meeting will be at the Halton Regional Police Headquarters at 440 Locust Street in Burlington. It will start at 7:30 p.m. in the "Skerret Room" on Tuesday November 29. Information about the support group can be found on their website at <http://home.cogeco.ca/~cmr/hapg/>, which includes information about upcoming meetings, products and a resource library of articles, books, pamphlets and videos.

Gary Carr Report

Government of Canada announces October Unemployment rate: Lowest in 30 years



Job creation is a key goal of this federal government. With programs and key priorities in the Ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, this government, is proud to announce a total of 68,700 new jobs were created in October.

Economists forecasted 20,000 jobs would be created in October, and this number has tripled. According to Statistics Canada, Canada's unemployment rate fell to 6.6 per cent in October - the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years. This is great news for the Canadian economy and Canadians. October's job growth, combined with the drop in unemployment, demonstrates the sustained strength of the Canadian economy.

According to StatsCan, so far this year job creation is 1.3 per cent higher than last year, with most of the year's gains in full-time positions within the private sector. Topping the list of those sectors adding jobs are the finance, insurance, real estate and leasing sectors. The professional, scientific and technical ser-

vices industry also added most of the jobs. Average hourly wages have risen by 3.9 per cent over the past year, which is more than the 3.4 per cent year-over-year increase in September's consumer price index. By any measure of income, the average Canadian family is better off today than it was in 1993.

Job creation has always been a priority for the Liberal government. Since 1993, over three million jobs have been created in this country. Canada has the best job creation record in the G-7, the fastest growth in living standards in the G-7, and the only balanced budget in the G-7. In addition, this Liberal government's fiscal record - eight consecutive balanced budgets - is the best fiscal performance since Confederation.

These are accomplishments that make a real difference to the lives of Canadians: low interest rates, stable employment and more disposable income. Job creation benefits everyone, and results in a stronger more prosperous Canada. This is great news!



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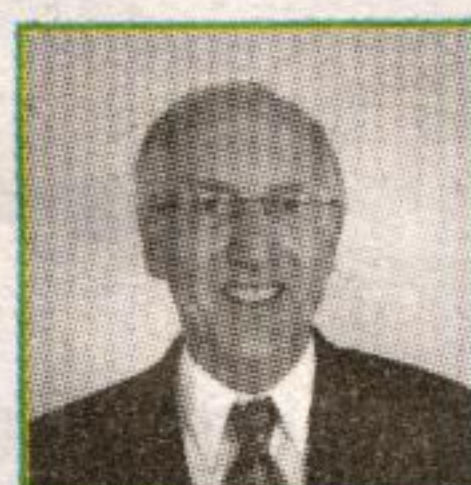
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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 Friday, November 18, 2005, and there is a non-refundable deposit of \$26.75 (includes G.S.T.). Bidders who request documents to be shipped from the Purchasing Department must include a courier account number (the documents will be shipped collect) and the handling fee of \$10.70 (includes G.S.T.) for this service. Bid Documents are also available to download from Halton's web-site at www.region.halton.on.ca/shop for a non-refundable deposit of \$10.70 (includes G.S.T.).

A Non-Mandatory Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2005 commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the Aldershot Room, at The Regional Municipality of Halton Administration Building located at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1. Proponents are invited to attend this Non-Mandatory Information Meeting to view a demonstration of the Region's existing Electronic Document Management System.

Under no circumstances will facsimile or late bids be accepted or considered. Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005

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