

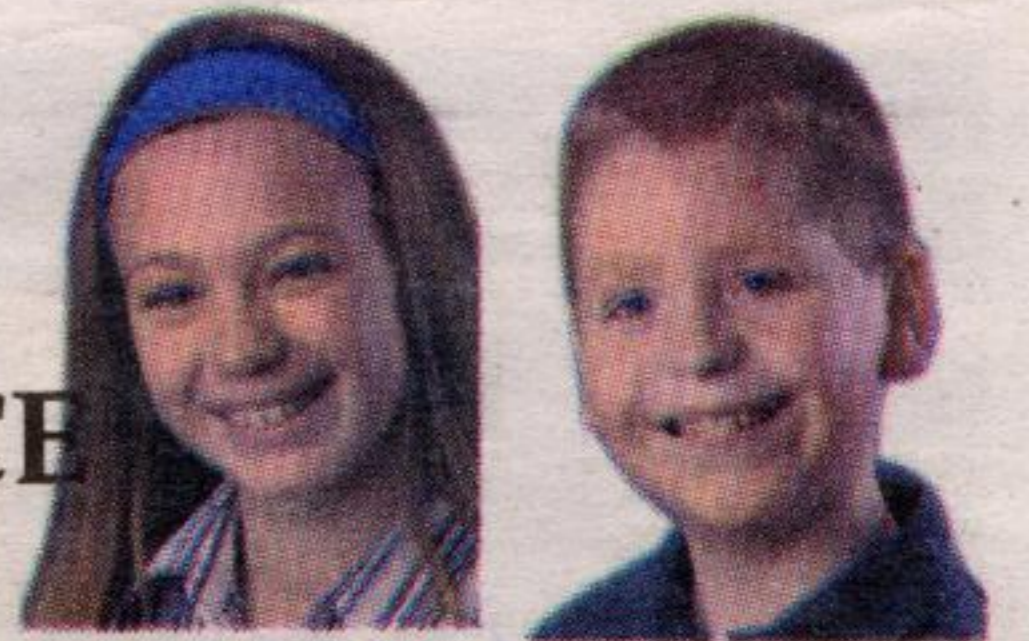


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### Local girl, 8, cop for a day

Thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Halton Regional Police Service, Bethany Winter's wish will come true next month when she meets Cinderella at Disney World in Florida.

The eight-year-old Georgetown girl was sworn in by Halton Police Chief Ean Algar as a special police officer during the Halton Regional Police Day Family Festival held in Oakville Saturday. Halton Police are sponsoring Bethany's and her family's trip to Disney World. Funding will come from money raised at the festival.

Bethany suffers from occipital encephalocele, a congenital neurological disorder, and is physically challenged and mentally delayed.

At the "swearing-in ceremony" Bethany had to promise to be a good little girl for her mom and dad, and her first assignment was to patrol the grounds at the festival.

"She thoroughly enjoyed it because she's extremely social and loved the attention," said Bethany's mom Carla. She added her daughter is looking forward to meeting Cinderella next month.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



Bethany Winter of Georgetown was "sworn-in" as an officer of the day at Saturday's Halton Regional Police Service Police Day in Oakville but it looks like she had designs on Chief Ean Algar's job as she borrowed his hat. The eight-year-old got a chuckle out of the "theft" (left) and will be smiling even more next month when she heads to Disney World thanks to the police service and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.  
Photos by Graham Paine



### Has 'frank' discussion Mayor meets with hospital board officials

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette met with William Osler president and CEO Bob Bell and other health centre officials Wednesday to discuss the closure of the obstetrics and pediatric units at Georgetown Hospital.

The services are being permanently consolidated to William Osler's Brampton campus effective July 5.

Also on hand for the meeting at the Civic Centre were councillors Jane Fogal, Bryan Lewis and Jon Hurst.

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Bonnette would not provide details of the meeting, but said, "it was a frank discussion" and that "we understand somewhat where they're coming from."

"They presented a lot of dollar figures," said Bonnette. The mayor and council countered with theirs and the community's concerns over the removal of the services from Georgetown.

"We do understand the constraints of the ministry, but we're not necessarily agreeing with their decisions," said Bonnette.

"They didn't leave stating they will reopen this issue," said Bonnette, who plans to ask the health centre's board of directors to reconsider its decision at a board meeting Thursday at William Osler's Etobicoke hospital campus.

"I don't know what to expect," he said.

Bonnette is still encouraging area residents write letters and e-mails to the Ministry of Health and the hospital board as he said, "this is a funding issue as well."

Call or write the Ministry of Health at George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care- Minister's Office, Hepburn Block, 10th Floor, 80 Grosevnor St., Toronto, ON, M7A 2C4 (416-327-4300).

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