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## Hornby crash leaves a mess

Insurance appraiser Paul Bramwell surveys the damage at the scene where two tractor-trailers and a car collided on Steeles Avenue near Hornby Park yesterday (Tuesday) morning. No one was seriously injured in the accident, but the fuel tank on one of the transport trucks was ripped open causing a spill of several hundred litres of diesel fuel. Halton Region Spill Response Team personnel were on the scene to contain the diesel fuel. Steeles Ave. in the area was closed for several hours following the accident.



Photo by Ted Brown

## Local schools to undergo major repair work

Over the next five to six months Halton public elementary and high schools will undergo a frenzy of renovations like they've never seen in such a short period of time.

The sound of saws and hammers will fill the spring and summer air as dozens of elementary and high schools throughout the region undergo scores of repairs, mainly to address urgent big-ticket items like boilers, windows and roofs. Board staff say in many cases these items have deteriorated due to a lack of provincial funding over the last few years.

The repair projects total \$20 million and are part of \$50 million worth of repairs that have been identified as urgent by engineers hired by the Ontario Liberal government to investigate the province's 5,000 schools. The idea is the government will set aside the urgent money over the next year to ensure these repairs get done first.

Overall, engineers have determined the Halton public board needs a total of \$90 million worth of repairs.

Every school in Halton Hills, except for the new Silver Creek Public School, made the repair list. Work to be done includes:

- Acton District High School— replacement of roofing, heating and cooling air handling units and make up air handling unit
- Centennial School— replacement of roofing and walkway at front entrance of school
- Georgetown District High School— replacement of boilers
- George Kennedy Public School— a study of electrical wiring systems
- Glen Williams Public School— replacement of windows, roof sections and a study of cabling and underground utilities
- Harrison Public School— replace-

ment of roofs, the clock system, and study cabling

- Joseph Gibbons Public School— replacement of roofs, boilers, gas piping systems, and stacks and breaching
- Limehouse Public School— replacement of windows, roofing, boiler oil supply system, and study of fuel oil supply system
- McKenzie-Smith Bennett School— replacement of windows, roofing, stacks and breaching, and study underground utilities
- Park Public School— replacement of roofing, and study cabling.

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