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Beware! Ghouls and goblins are out and about

John Rocheleau strikes a ghostly pose at Dracula's Crypt, outside his home at 45 Forsythe Crescent in Georgetown South. John and his wife Ruth have been decorating the place in preparation of the big night, Halloween on Monday night, using their collection of spiders, bats, rats and webs to assemble the crypt in front of the house. Music finishes off the display, which the two try to change every year.

Photo by
Ted Brown



Region, police, school boards may build joint campus

Centre estimated to save \$20 million

Local taxpayers could see millions of dollars in savings if the Region, its police service and both local school boards decide to bring their offices together into a proposed joint campus.

The potential facility, detailed at Halton's administration and planning committee meeting, would be approximately 540,000 square feet located at the Region's current site on Bronte Rd. in Oakville.

It's estimated that it would cost about \$127 million, but would also result in an overall savings of more than \$20 million

for taxpayers, versus how much it would cost if each of the four pursued individual buildings.

The campus would include four distinct areas of office space for the Region, Halton Regional Police, Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) and the Halton District School Board (HDSB), housing about 1,900 staff.

"It's basically an extension of our existing Halton Regional campus," said Halton

Commissioner of Corporate Services and Regional Treasurer Jane MacCaskill.

The site would also include an outdoor community square and a multi-services facility linked to the office space that would house amenities to be shared by the four, such as a joint board/council chambers, cafeteria, daycare service, support services or maybe even a Tim Hortons.

She went over the findings of a business case analysis undertaken on the pro-

posal for the committee. She said it found that all four partners involved in the project will require additional space within the next few years.

"It has been determined that the Halton Regional Campus proposal best meets objectives related to increased public accessibility to government services, improved service integration and delivery and financial cost efficiencies," she said.

"The Halton Regional Campus would provide a one-stop shop for the services delivered by the four organizations."

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