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## Halton Hills officer facing assault charge

A Halton Police officer has been charged with assault in connection with an incident involving a Brampton man who had been taken into custody in Halton Hills last September.

Halton Police Public Affairs Officer Sgt. Jeff Corey said a summons has been issued for Const. Carson Henderson who is to appear in Burlington Provincial Court February 28 concerning the charge.

Corey would not release specific details about the Sept. 27, 2005 incident that occurred after a 31-year-old Brampton man was arrested on criminal charges, but said the man received minor injuries and did not require medical attention.

"It did not occur in a police facility," said Corey. "There were a number of witnesses to the incident."

The Ontario Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is not investigating the matter because the injuries were minor, said Corey.

The SIU is a provincial agency, which probes cases of civilian injury, sexual assault and death that occur in contact with police.

Corey said Halton Police lay a "significant number" of assault charges each year that are never released to the media, and would not have released this incident, except for the fact it involved a police officer.

Details on Henderson's age and address were not released Corey said, because "police officers have unique concerns with respect to personal information." He said Henderson has three-and-a-half years experience as a police officer.

Henderson has not been reassigned, and remains working in his current position as a patrol officer in Halton Hills, said Corey.

The incident was brought to the attention of Henderson's police supervisor immediately after it occurred said Corey, and police have been investigating the matter since then. He said they faced "a number of challenges" in locating and interviewing witnesses.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer, with files from TorStar News Services



An artist's drawing shows the proposed Keswick Sutherland School, which has been proposed for a 95.5-acre parcel of land on Eighth Line. The private school would also boast an equestrian centre.

*Facility would open in September*

## Private school planned for Halton Hills

Rural Halton Hills could soon be home to a new private school and equestrian centre.

An application has been filed with Halton Region to amend the region's Official Plan to allow for the facility, called Keswick Sutherland School, being proposed for a 95.5 acre property on Eighth Line north of 27 Sideroad and south of 32 Sideroad (adjacent to Scotsdale Farm). A Niagara Escarpment development permit is also required.

The public will have the chance to learn more about the proposed school and comment at a public

information session hosted by the Town of Halton Hills at the Civic Centre Thursday (February 9) at 7 p.m.

"With the impact of residential development in Georgetown and surrounding areas, there is a desperate need for more schools, and educational choices," said Jesus Cordoba, head of the proposed school.

"Parents are arguably more savvy and discerning regarding their children's education. As expectations and preferences change, educational leaders are responding with different services, curriculums, and educational approaches. The grow-

ing trend towards incorporating what has been coined by the Ministry of Education as 'the world outside the school' is now the focus of every educational institution."

Cordoba said the proposed Keswick Sutherland School, a multi-million dollar facility, will embrace that trend and along with the proposed 5,000 sq. ft. two-storey school, which will be built to look like an estate-style home, the facility will include an 11,000 sq. ft. barn and stable for horses and ponies, an approximately 40,000 sq. ft. riding arena and a Heritage Study Farm in the existing barn on the property.

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