

Plan moving ahead

Others interested in joining campus

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Special to The IFP

The proposed joint Halton Regional Campus plan has taken another step forward.

At its recent meeting, regional council authorized staff to finish negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)— an expression of intent to proceed— with Halton Regional Police and the Halton District School Board (HDSB) for the shared facility that would house all three regional bodies.

The campus proposal originally included the Halton Catholic District School Board, but it recently decided not to participate in the initiative.

The potential facility would be located at the Region's current site on Bronte Road in Oakville and, without the Catholic board, is estimated to cost approximately \$107 million, as opposed to the previous

projection of \$127 million.

The overall campus would also include the existing Woodlands Operations Centre and potentially a centralized Halton courthouse to the south and energy facility to the north.

While it was expected that the original concept with the Region, police and both school boards would result in an overall savings of more than \$20 million for taxpayers, that number has gone down to \$12 million with the removal of the Catholic board from the plans, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer Jane MacCaskill said.

How much more money the police and HDSB may have to kick in to make up for the loss of the Catholic board is still under review, but MacCaskill said it's estimated the Region's capital and operating costs for the project will go from

\$67.6 million to \$69 million.

Halton CAO Brent Marshall said the Region has already been approached by two other organizations interested in joining the campus that would more than up for the



BRENT MARSHALL

loss of the school board. Burlington Mayor Rob MacIsaac expressed some dissatisfaction with the campus concept staff put forward at the committee meeting, saying it "looks like a classic suburban sprawling place."

"I want it to look like a neat urban place," he said. "I really think you need to think about the vision for what this can be."

He noted that the campus presents an opportunity to incorporate a mix of public and private sector uses.

Marshall told him the campus model is very much about creating a live/work relationship. He also said a great deal of attention has been given to the type of development the Province is looking for.

In addition to supporting the Memorandum of Understanding negotiations, council also approved having staff continue to investigate other partnership opportunities for the campus.

If everything goes as planned, staff will report back early next year with a final Memorandum of Understanding and refined budget estimates.

Detailed design work would then be completed in 2007 and 2008, construction would commence in mid-2008 and the building would be ready for occupancy in late 2009.

Town to hire food service consultant in effort to boost concession sales

CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

The Town of Halton Hills will hire a food service consultant at a maximum cost of \$15,000 to look at functional and physical renovations necessary to increase revenue at the concession stands at Mold-Masters SportsPlex and Acton Arena.

The Town's three arena concessions average a total \$50,000 profit/year.

The consultant will look at ways to improve the operations such as layout,

product packaging and promotion, with the goal to increase the annual sales, which is now at \$200,000/year.

"Are we looking at going into a full-service menu, possibly Japanese food or something along those lines?" asked Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary. "What improvements to concession stands could possibly be done... to influence people to hang around or go on dates there?"

The Town also renewed its beverage-vending contract with Coca-Cola for five years with an option of two additional years.

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Ernie and Joan Dawson are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Christine to Derek Bessette son of Mike and Judy Bessette of Marathon, Ont.

The wedding took place May 21, 2006 in Niagara On The Lake. The couple is living in St. Catharines.




Congratulations, Cynthia, on graduating from McMaster University with an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree and delivering the valedictorian address to the 2006 graduating class of the DeGroote School of Business.

Cynthia has accepted a position in the marketing division of Reckitt Benckiser Inc., a U.K. based consumer packaged goods company with offices in Toronto.

We are all very proud of you!

Cynthia Arnold, Honours B. Com.

Congratulations
on being
"Called to the Bar"
July 21, 2006
MICHAEL W. PACHOLK
Barrister-at-Law
Love Mom & Dad and Family



Happy 25th Anniversary
LORI & PAUL
Love Mom & Dad, Rachel & Mark, Raymond & Kyle



Congratulations, Thomas, on being called to the Bar for the Province of Ontario on July 21, 2006. Thomas graduated from the Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University in 2005 following which he successfully completed a period of articles with Arnold, Foster Barristers and Solicitors, Georgetown, Ontario. Thomas will be joining Arnold, Foster as an associate lawyer.

We are all very proud of you!

Thomas M. Arnold, Honours B. Com., L.L.B.

