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WEDNESDAY...

Both local seniors' centres have appealed to the Town for funding. Find out why in Wednesday's edition.

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Emma enjoys her Space

Emma Corkum, 7, follows the lead of Julie Patterson and Milton Barnes (rear), hosts from the popular TVOKids show *The Space*, who were in the Georgetown Market Place Saturday morning promoting the Don't Sit Still Tour, a 35-minute show sponsored by Scotiabank. The DSS tour travels one weekend each month in the school calendar year. Heather Dietrich, the tour manager, says the tour is promoting to Ontario kids that "keeping fit is fun and it leads to a healthy body and a healthy mind". It was estimated that there were at least 200 kids, along with their parents, in attendance.

Photo by Amber Richmond

Funding for college land out of budget

CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

A decision to defer the inclusion of property funding for a community college has reduced the Town's capital budget by \$3.5 million.

Members of budget committee (all members of council) breezed through the review of the 2007 capital budget proposal and the 2008-2016 capital forecast at a meeting Tuesday night.

Staff originally proposed a \$14.2 million budget, but decisions— to be confirmed later in the process— reduced it to just over \$10 million. In 2006, \$10.4 million worth of capital works were done in Halton Hills.

Mayor Rick Bonnette announced the recommendation to remove the community college proposal from the budget for the time being.

"At this stage there are still a lot questions still to be asked and answered," said Bonnette, who recommended referring the project to the economic development committee to do an analysis. "And to find out what the costs are, what the benefits are and we want to see whether there is any appetite for fundraising and whether there is even any support for it out in the community."

The plan was to buy a site for a college campus, which the Town would use to entice an unnamed college to set up a GTA west campus. Payment for the 10-acre 401 Corridor property would have been funded by the \$1.5 million, which the Town had loaned to Region to kick-start the 401 Corridor several years (and which TransCanada Energy agreed to takeover when its power generation plant was approved in the corridor), and by a \$2 million capital fundraising campaign.

Also deferred was a proposed Fifth Line sidewalk in the 401 Corridor. Staff will now investigate the feasibility of installing a multi-use path instead and coordinating the installation with the Region's reconstruction of Steeles Ave. in future years.

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