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FRIDAY...

Look for results from this past weekend's 7 versus 7 tournament hosted by the Georgetown Soccer Club.

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Putting on a happy face

Petunia the Clown (alias Bev Parrish of Brampton) paints the face of Shirley Blain of Halton Hills during the annual Charity Day held at Debbie's Famous Fries on Trafalgar Road, near 10 Sideroad. Blain is the mother of Debbie's owner Debbie Hilliard. All proceeds from the fundraiser goes towards the Children's Wish Foundation.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

Town okays fire stations for \$7.4M

LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

Town Council gave the go-ahead recently for two new fire stations in Georgetown with a price tag of about \$7.4 million.

One of the stations is to be built on Maple Avenue, replacing the current station on that property, and the other, in south Georgetown on the northeast corner of 10 Sideroad and Eighth Line, on land already owned by the Town.

Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services Fire Chief and Director Brent Marshall

said they hope to get tender documents out soon, and to begin construction on the stations before the end of the year to be completed by next fall.

"We're building stations that will match our future needs," said Marshall. He added they are being built "from the bottom up" with input from Halton Hills firefighters on what they feel is required in the stations.

The 12,033 sq. ft. Maple Ave. station will be a joint facility with Halton Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and will provide coverage for the Georgetown area.

The new facility will replace the current station at that site which was originally the Town of Halton Hills Public Works Yard and in 1977 was only supposed to be a short-term location for the fire department. It no longer meets space requirements and is in a state of disrepair. "Everything is really jammed in here now bumper to bumper," said Marshall.

The new Maple Ave. station will have six vehicle bays, a meeting space, male and female staff facilities and an area for equipment storage.

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