

Price tag to remove leaking tanks soars

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The price tag to remove the leaking underground fuel tanks at the works yards rang in at \$578,000—\$188,000 more than expected. The extra money required will come from a reserve.

Contractors removing the contaminated material found a sandy silt seam that contained a high concentration of the contamination, which may have resulted from a very old gasoline leak. A total of 7,105 tonnes of contaminated soil and other material was removed from the area.

The original estimate was for 3,900 tonnes.

Meanwhile, Council has approved \$31,800 to complete a master plan for the R.C. Austin Operation Centre (works yard) on Trafalgar Rd.

Planned, but unfunded, is a new operation centre with office space, storage, and mechanical repair bays. As well, Halton Hills Hydro has requested space for a substation to service Georgetown West and the Bennett Centre expansion.

Sernas Associates, which had been hired to the master plan for adjacent Trafalgar Rd. Sports Park, has been hired to do the works yard master plan.



Woman pinned under own vehicle

An 85-year-old woman suffered multiple leg fractures at about 10:45 a.m. Friday while coming out of a hair salon and approaching her vehicle on Cromar Crt. At press time Halton Police had few details about the incident, but reported the road was extremely icy and

for an unknown reason the vehicle started to move and struck the woman knocking her down and trapping her underneath the truck. The woman was airlifted to Credit Valley Hospital in serious condition.

Photo by Ted Brown

Big Brothers/Sisters launch after-school homework program at two Acton schools

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Special to The IFP

It's not every day that cake and ribbon go hand-in-hand with learning but an exception was made recently in Acton.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton (BBBSH) launched The Club at St. Joseph's and McKenzie-Smith Bennett schools Dec. 11 and 12, respectively, to the cheers of 30 children, 30 teens and a number of area adults.

The Club, a BBBSH after-school homework program, is part of a three-year \$109,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The program offers children who might not have the chance for extra academic support because of financial reasons or parents strapped for time, the chance to complete their schoolwork with the help of a teen mentor. Working with a teen is often the hook that keeps both tutor and student together for the entire school year.

Teen volunteers are recruited by BBBS Halton staff who encourage high school students to apply if their average is higher than 70 per cent. Tutoring is a fun way for teens to gather community service hours and great experience for future employment. Each Club is supervised by adults who have prior experience working with children.

The program has been running successfully at a number of Oakville and Milton primary schools. Oakville's program has been in operation for more than seven years.

There is currently a need for adult supervisors at both Acton clubs. For more information about The Club or other BBBS Halton opportunities please call 905-878-8840 or visit www.bbbshalton.ca



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton recently launched two homework programs, or The Club, at two Acton schools— St. Joseph's and McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School. (Above) On hand to commemorate the start of the after-school homework program were (from left) BBBS Halton Club co-ordinator Laura Sandord,

MSB student Kirsten Foley, Club Supervisor Rick Linesman and Acton District High School student Olivia Paaren. (Below) St. Joseph's principal Colin Simpson, homework club supervisors, tutors and students gathered for the opening of that school's program. *Submitted photos*



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