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# Full waste services in rural areas?

Halton will find out how much it would cost to provide garbage collection, including Bulk Waste, to the rural areas of Halton Hills, the only areas in Halton that do not have the service.

Regional Council was expected to approve the study yesterday (Wednesday) after the plan was approved at the committee level, without debate or discussion, last Wednesday.

Although a majority of rural residents rejected garbage pickup when Halton began Blue Box pickup in 2004, a more recent study, after Halton began rural Blue Box and Green-Cart collection in 2008, found that a number of rural residents now want the garbage and Bulk Waste, including metal material and appliance pickup.

Staff will check with the current operator and get a price for garbage and Bulk Waste

collection for the rural area of Halton Hills and report back this fall with the results and the estimated tax impact per household. Staff will also ask for a price for the collection of metal items and appliances on a call-in basis.

If the new services were implemented, it would mean that rural residents in Halton Hills would receive the same level of service delivered in the urban area, with the exception of yard waste collection.

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**LITTLE BOO BOO:** Dan Frankian (right) of Hawkeye Bird and Animal Control prepares to release Little Boo Boo, a Screech Owl found by Fiona Reid (left) of Speyside back in December, on the side of Highway 25, emaciated, dehydrated and with slight wing damage. After several months of rehabilitation, Little Boo Boo was ready to return to the wild on Monday. – Ken Baker photo

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