

CRIME

## FORMER HALTON EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS FOR DEFRAUDING REGION

A former Halton Region employee has been sentenced to three years in jail for a number of fraud-related offences that took place between January 2008 and April 2017.

Halton's former public works manager Nicolas Rewa, 55, was found guilty of defrauding the region of approximately \$770,000 through falsely awarding service contracts to Hamilton-based company Sirron Systems Inc.

According to court documents, Rewa used the money obtained to purchase a house, among other items, and later transferred the ownership of the property into his wife's name in an attempt to conceal the source of the funds.

Rewa was charged in April 2017 with two counts each of fraud over \$5,000, municipal corruption and



Halton Regional Administration building

File photo by Graham Paine

secret commissions, one count of laundering proceeds of crime and one count of property obtained by crime.

Stoney Creek resident David Norris, 52, of Sirron Systems Inc., was also charged with two counts each of fraud over \$5,000, municipal corruption and

secret commissions, as well as laundering proceeds of crime and property obtained by crime.

Norris' case is still ongoing.

Charges initially laid against Rewa's wife Marion have been dropped.

Nicolas Rewa was sentenced on July 16.

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