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In response to calls from confused citizens regarding telephone solicitations, police say any organization that's legitimate can be verified. "Legitimate charities will gladly supply information that will allow the consumer to confirm the authenticity of the caller and the cause it's soliciting for," said Halton Regional Police spokesman Sgt. Frank Phillips.

With recent reports of phony charity solicitations,

residents willing to donate to legitimate causes are increasingly wary, he said.

Pitches that set off alarm signals usually involve solicitors indicating that they're raising money for a worthy cause and offering to send a driver over right away to pick up the money, he said.

"Many of these callers are calling on behalf of legitimate charities," Sgt. Phillips said. "Remember, if in doubt, get a name and number of the organization and confirm their legitimacy through the organization or the Halton Regional Police Service."

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Compromise evolves on bill

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merits of each position and not surprisingly weighed in on the side of municipalities.

Milton's director of corporate services, Jim McQueen, explained to local council there was no agreement between municipalities and developers as to which services are essential.

Prior to the amendment announcement municipal officials were worried that substantial costs would be transferred to current taxpayers.

"The GTA mayors are trying to make sure communities are no worse off than they are today," Mr. McQueen explained.

Councillor Wally Hunter had difficulty going along with the GTA mayors' proposal. He said the plan would keep development charges up, charges which are then transferred to the homeowner through higher purchase prices. The new owners then carry the charges as part of a standard 25-year mortgage.

Adamant that current taxpayers not be saddled with the costs of growth, Mayor Gord Krantz disagreed with Mr. Hunter's position.

"If municipalities don't collect the higher charges then they will have to saddle current homeowners with the future costs of, say, new arenas," he warned.

When the new legislation was initially proposed both Mississauga and Oakville councils immediately imposed a short-lived moratorium on future growth because of funding concerns.

Mr. Krantz told council he expected a compromise.

He said he expected that some shift in the costs towards current home owners would occur.

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Firefighters stop shed fire from spreading

The Milton Fire Department knocked down a shed fire before it spread to a barn April 26.

Firefighters from two stations responded to the burning shed on a Fourth Line and Derry Road property at about 4:15 p.m.

The shed, situated beside a barn, contained farming equipment, said Mark Cross of the Milton Fire Department.

The shed and its contents were destroyed, but property owner Vince Rossi was relieved it was knocked down before the barn caught fire.

The barn contained fruit cultivating equipment.

A farmhouse, rented by tenants, is also located on the property.

No one was injured. The cause of the fire and the dollar loss wasn't available.