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CLEO's Sharon Crosby is surrounded by stuffed bears which can be purchased for made and the collective proceeds will be used to buy additional bears for those at the \$25 each in support of residents of Allendale. Smaller contributions can also be local manor. Donations can be made until Christmas at the Milton Mall store.

Traffic congestion becoming serious problem in Halton, says police chief

By IRENE GENTLE
The Champion

Efforts are being made to unplug massive traffic congestion in the region, but results won't be seen overnight, says Halton's police chief.

"This is a very serious issue facing Halton," said Halton Regional Police Chief Ean Algar. "My point here

really is that it's work in progress."

Chief Algar raised the issue at the tail end of a recent Halton Police Services Board meeting.

The meeting was held during the accident-plagued month of November, which included one memorable day when traffic on both Hwy. 401 and the QEW were paralyzed due to accidents.

"What we're finding is people are moving to rural or secondary roads trying to make time," said Chief

Algar. "The problem isn't getting any better."

When accidents do occur, massive traffic jams make it tough for emergency vehicles to reach the scene.

"How can we best handle the diversion? It's a big problem. We get swamped," said Chief Algar. "You can understand it's very difficult to get in there."

And that can be dangerous, said board member Jack Brewer.

He said he was one of the com-

muters affected when an accident involving a tractor-trailer on the QEW paralyzed traffic for hours.

"A fire truck couldn't get anywhere. I know. I was there," he said. "It just isn't good enough the way it is."

Traffic should not have to come to a dead stop due to accidents, agreed board member Kelly Culin.

"I do not accept a 23-hour delay at any time in the absence of a hole see **NO EASY** on page 7

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