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Region may endorse OFA's request to government for farm assistance

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**
The Champion

Halton Region is joining the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) in an effort to raise awareness of agricultural issues with both the federal and provincial governments.

The Halton planning and public works committee Tuesday approved a request for endorsement of the OFA's submission to the Prime Minister's Task Force on Future Opportunities in Farming.

"I think this is the first step of many to put pressure on the federal and provincial governments for involvement. They've given us lip service — and that's all — in the past," said Councillor Barry Lee. "This is a fiscal matter and the protection of

agriculture will only happen on a long-term basis when the other levels of government support it fully and with finances."

The submission emphasizes the need for a national contract with Canadians to assist farmers who find themselves obligated to act as environmental stewards, as well as higher expenses in the face of shrinking returns.

"While many business sectors see the economy, lack of skilled labour and shrinking as detriments to success, agriculture on its own is dealing with perpetually low commodity prices, rising interest costs for equipment and fuel, concentrations of supply and buying changes, international inequality and bias trade rules," Pam Knight of the Halton Federation of Agriculture told the committee.

"It's simple to see why farmers feel they're under fire."

Committee members eagerly endorsed the submission, saying cooperation between the levels of government is needed to properly address the problem.

"We (Burlington councillors Carol D'Amelio and John Taylor) have had a number of meetings with the farm and agriculture community and we appreciate the cooperation of the committee in passing this," Mr. Taylor said.

"It appears that we might be able to make some progress on these issues through the Official Plan review process at both the city and the region.

"I think we're going to have to look at expanded uses, while maintaining the uses of the traditional farm."

Regional council approval is needed before the endorsement becomes official — something council is expected to address Wednesday.

Thomas Kinkadee



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CROSSING GUARDS AND THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN

Crossing Guards are provided by the Town of Milton and co-ordinated through the Clerk's Office. School Crossing Guard Personnel perform an important function in the safe crossing of young students.

Fifteen (15) Crossing Guards are placed in strategic locations servicing all elementary schools within the town of Milton and work scheduled shifts which are specifically co-ordinated with school bell times in the area where they are stationed.

The Highway Traffic Act makes it a requirement of all motorists to stop and obey a school Crossing Guard stop sign.

Due to liability and insurance purposes, Crossing Guards are only permitted to cross students during their scheduled shifts; consequently, it is very important that parents encourage their children to become familiar with the scheduled times at which they may utilize the Crossing Guard(s) for a safe trip to and from school.

It is also important to remember that Crossing Guards will advise children using their bicycles or skateboards that they are required to dismount and WALK across the street.

If interested in applying for a crossing guard position (\$11.00 per hour) or a Standby Crossing Guard Position, please call the Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 905-878-7211 Ext. 2130. Standby Crossing Guards are required for ALL locations to substitute during the absence of daily Crossing Guards.

For more information on the Crossing Guard program, please contact Shelly van Empel, Clerk's Office at 905-878-7211, Ext. 2130.

Helen Lisi,
Town Clerk

Employment Opportunity Municipal Law Enforcement Officer – Parking Control

Position Summary

Reporting to the Town Clerk, this position is responsible for enforcement of the Municipal Parking By-laws while on foot patrol and/or driving on public and private properties located within the Town of Milton.

Major Job Responsibilities

- Provide assistance in regard to enforcement of regulatory and licensing by-laws as required
- Respond to and document parking complaints received through the Halton Police Service and/or the Town of Milton's Enforcement unit
- Analyze and determine appropriate section of legislation to lay charges, maintain accurate records
- Authorize, document and register with Halton Regional Police, the towing of vehicles
- Attend court and provide evidence in regard to charges laid

Education and Experience

Applicants should have a High School Diploma. A Municipal Law Enforcement Course would be an asset and/or a college diploma in the field of enforcement. Strong interpersonal skills, resolution skills and excellent written and verbal communication skills are required. Must possess a valid "G" Ontario driver's licence and have use of a vehicle for work-related travel.

Salary range under review

Please respond by February 20, 2002

Interested applicants should submit a resume to:
Town of Milton, 43 Brown Street
Milton Ontario L9T 5H2
Attention: Coordinator, Human Resources
Or fax to: (905) 878-4231

REQUEST FOR BID

#02-183 Architect Services for the Replacement of Fire Station #2

Sealed Bids on forms supplied by the Town of Milton will be received by the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing until 11:00 am local time on:

Wednesday February 27, 2002

Specifications and forms may be obtained at the Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario, Corporate Services Department, Purchasing, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a bid document fee of: \$27.00 (\$25.23 + \$1.76 GST) for regular bids or \$54.00 (\$50.46 + \$3.54 GST) for bids with drawings. Payment can be made with cash, cheque, Interac or Visa/Mastercard.

Any inquiries regarding this tender may be directed to the Purchasing at (905) 875-5404. If you would prefer that this bid be couriered to you please complete the Request for Bid Document form on the Town's website: www.town.milton.on.ca. Plan takers and current and upcoming bids are also posted on the web site.

Employment Opportunity Regular Part Time Administrative Assistant

Position Summary

The Community Services Department requires an individual to fill the position of Administrative Assistant working an average of twenty-one hours per week. This position will provide program support for areas of community development, including the Milton Community Fund, and support for a variety of programs offered by the Department. Working out of the Seniors' Activity Centre will allow the position to also support facility security and customer service functions during evening hours.

Major Job Responsibilities

- Provide customer service and facility security functions during evenings at the Seniors' Activity Centre
- Provide administrative support for the Milton Community Fund and other Department programs
- Maintain and track data, and prepare statistical reports for Department programs

Education and Experience

Applicants must possess a post secondary diploma in an office / administrative program, or equivalent and current CPR / First Aid certification. Applicants must be proficient in Windows based software and possess a working knowledge of Word, Excel, and Access. Knowledge of office equipment, effective written and oral communication skills, and customer service skills are required.

The range for the position is \$17.29 to \$20.35 per hour.

Please respond by February 14, 2002.

Interested applicants should submit a resume to:
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In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation, applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used strictly for candidate selection. While we appreciate all applications received, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.