


Cops added in north Halton

Four new police officers will patrol north Halton.


The swearing-in ceremony for 19 new recruits was held yesterday at Halton Regional Police headquarters in Oakville.

Of the 19, constables Maureen Andrew, Cassandra Ropponen, Stephanie MacDonald and Duane Bilton have been assigned to District One, which is made up of Milton and Halton Hills.



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MILTON TRANSIT HOLIDAY SERVICE

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Departure: 1:22 p.m.
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Town may provide grants for restoration projects

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**
The Champion

Property owners in downtown Milton and other heritage sites may get a helping hand from the Town should they undertake restoration projects.

Milton council endorsed a motion last week that would see Town staff include the consideration of financial incentives for heritage property owners as part of the official plan five-year review — set to begin next year.

"I think this is encouraging. In terms of commercial development, our strategy is to create a strong downtown core. If that's your strategy, you have to be prepared to invest in several ways," said Councillor John Challinor, who also chairs Heritage Milton (formerly known as the Local Architectural Conservation

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Advisory Committee). It (restoration projects) helps to create a vibrant downtown core. It attracts better merchants. It attracts consumers."

Provincial legislation allows municipalities to offer financial assistance to property owners looking to undertake restoration projects provided the Town has an approved 'Community Involvement Plan'.

Milton currently has no such

plan. As part of the five-year official plan review, Town staff will consider the creation of such a plan, what would be included in the plan, as well as a range of financial incentives available to the Town.

"These reviews (official plan, parking policy and standards study), may establish a policy basis and lay the groundwork for downtown revitalization," states a Town staff report on the issue.

"In addition, given the recent streetscape improvements completed on Main Street, it would also be beneficial for staff to continue to monitor development progress and property improvements in the Central Business District, as indicators such as storefront vacancies and building conditions are integral to determining downtown revitalization priorities."

EMS info session set for Jan. 9

With a new ambulance station coming to Milton, Halton Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will host a public information session to discuss the facility.

The session will be held January 9 (from 7 to 9 p.m.) in the Community Room of the Halton Regional Police station on Childs Drive. The new facility is to be built on the Allendale property on Ontario Street.

"Locating the new EMS station in Milton on the

property of the Allendale facility provides good ambulance response time for Milton and the surrounding area and is designed to support the Region's commitment to providing high quality emergency medical services," said Jim King, director of Halton EMS.

For more information about the session, contact Halton Region Emergency Medical Services at (905) 825-6007 or on-line at www.region.halton.on.ca/health.

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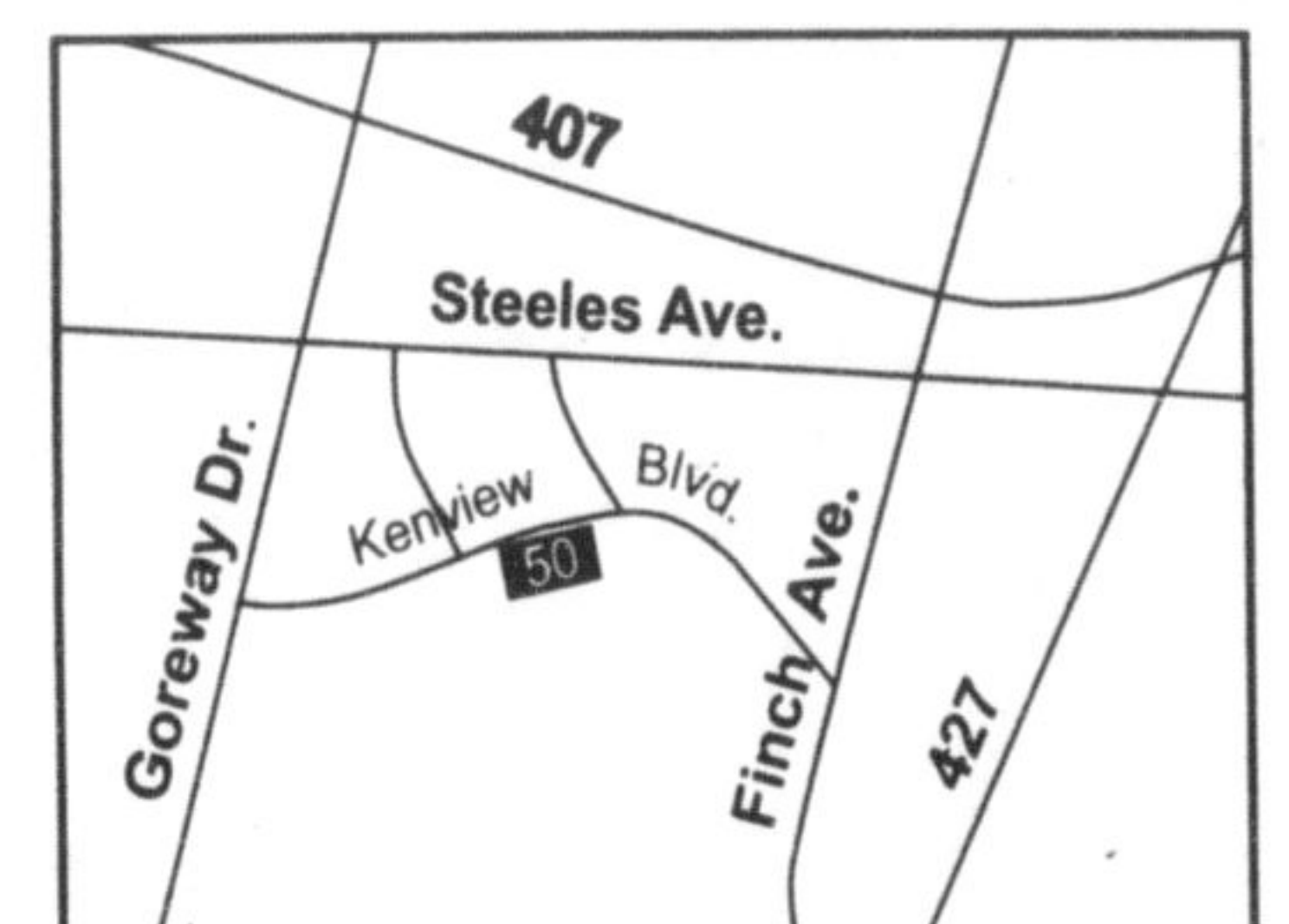
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