

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

BULK WATER STATIONS "PROPOSED NEW 2004 FEES"

Halton Region will be holding a Public Information Meeting, pursuant to O. Reg. 244/02, s.12 (6) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to solicit feedback on the location of the portable Bulk Water Stations and to present the proposed fees and charges for bulk water dispensing and hydrant meter rental, including water consumption, as discussed at the Public Information Centre (PIC) held April 28, 2003.

Regional Council will review the proposed fees and charges (*see below) and be requested to approve them as amendments to the current Water Rates By-law at their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2004. The proposed fees and charges are as follows:

Service Offered	* Proposed New 2004 Fee (Presented at April 2003 PIC)
Bulk Water Perm Sites - Coin Bulk Water Perm. Sites - Invoice Bulk Water Mobile Stations	\$.50/.25m3 \$1.36/m3 \$1.36/m3
Hydrant meter rental	\$344.00 + \$1.01/m3

If you use Halton's bulk water services, and would like to learn more about the proposed portable Bulk Water Station locations and the proposed new fees and charges, please plan to attend the Public Information Meeting being held on:

Tuesday, April 13, 2004
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (brief presentation @ 5:45 p.m.)
Halton Region Headquarters
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville
Glenorchy-Dakota Room

If you are unable to attend, please contact:

Linda Petelka

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Ext. 7640

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Regional Municipality of Halton, on behalf of the Halton Regional Police Service (H.R.P.S) will be issuing the following tender document.

Bid documents for the services listed below, addressed to the Manager of Purchasing, THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON, 1151 BRONTE ROAD, OAKVILLE, ON L6M 3L1 will be received until 2:00 p.m. Oakville time on the specified closing date. Bid documents can be seen or obtained through the Purchasing Division of the Corporate Services Department, same address as above, telephone 905-825-6000, extension 7011. If long distance charges apply, dial toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

Documents will be available for pick up on and after Tuesday, March 30, 2004. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$26.75 (includes GST). Bidders who request documents to be shipped from the Purchasing Department must include a courier account number (the documents will be shipped collect) and the handling fee of \$10.70 (includes GST) for this service. Please be advised that this particular bid document is also available for purchase and download from the Region website at www.region.halton.on.ca/bids

Bids will be opened in public at 2:15 p.m. on the closing date specified in the Nelson Room at the above address. Those submitting bids are invited to attend.

Under no circumstances will facsimile or late bids be accepted or considered.

Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

Halton Region relies on this advertisement to provide public notice of this business opportunity and is not obligated to notify any potential bidders in any other manner.

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SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPUTER HARDWARE CLOSING: TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004

E. Algar, Chief of Police, Halton Regional Police Service A. Mindenhall, CPPO, Manager of Purchasing Services

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It's nothing personal

It's funny how things happen that change your perspective on things.

I'm as guilty as anyone of making new residents to Milton feel unwelcome, although it was never anything personal.

But, I realized that just because we don't mean something to be personal, doesn't mean it isn't.

I think most people in Milton liked the way Milton has been for a long time. I've written about it a couple of times. I've said that I didn't know why it had to change, and I wrote about how having a Wal-Mart is a stepping stone to making us another Newmarket, Oakville-type town.

And there have been letters, notably by Pat Kelly, and further responses and opinions in the letter section.

Most of us who have lived in Milton for a relatively long time all nod our heads. We agree, most of us, that we liked it the way it was. Hey, this is our town — nobody asked us if we wanted any changes.

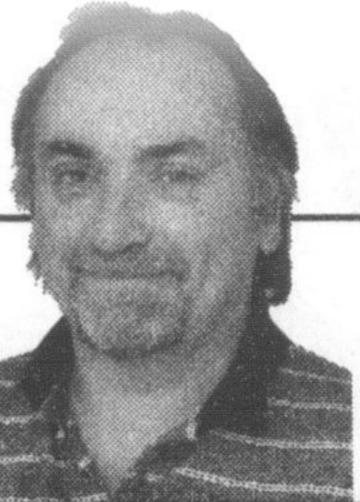
But, there are other factors. In fact, there's one big factor.

What made me see things differently were a number of small events.

One was at Zellers. I was trying to help a woman with her small baby while she was waiting in line — baby food falling on the floor. It turned out she was a new resident of Milton and had actually responded to The Champion about one of my earlier columns concerning them. A person. Two persons, actually.

Another was reading in the paper about how a new subdivision didn't appear to have the pond they thought it was going to have. Instant bond. What are they doing to our people? Our people in our town.

The third thing was that I felt unwelcome myself for something. Justified or not, it wasn't a nice feeling.



On the loose

with MURRAY TOWNSEND

So, what we have is a lot of people moving into their new homes after choosing Milton as the place they want to live.

And then? They read in the paper that people don't want them here, and that they liked it more before they came. Yikes.

It's like getting all dressed up for a party, and being excited about it, and then you hear people say the party was better before you got there. It may have just been that they preferred smaller parties. It's nothing personal, yet it is.

You'd either feel like leaving the party, or forsaking the people who made you feel unwelcome and bonding together with other new arrivals.

You see what I'm saying? It creates a division, which doesn't benefit anybody.

I guess the bottom line is that I don't want to make newcomers to Milton feel unwelcome. Yes, I liked it the way it's been for as long as I've lived here, and perhaps I feel as if I have a propriety interest in what happens to the town, because it's my town.

But, now it's your town, too. When you've lived here for a while, you'll feel the same way and develop your own sense of propriety interest in what happens here.

That big factor? We're all just people. And dare I say better people because we live in Milton. All of us.

