

## Accused to undergo risk testing next month

A Milton man who pleaded guilty to possessing and distributing child pornography will undergo testing next month to determine his risk factor.

A court order for the testing of Kirk Pierrepoint, 34, was signed Tuesday by Judge John Takash at the Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington.

Phallometric tests will take place August 11 at

Toronto's renowned Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

According to www.forensic-assessments.com, phallometric testing involves exposing the test-taker to various sexual and non-sexual stimuli and gauging his response.

"Phallometric testing provides objective information about male sexual interests, and is therefore useful for identifying deviant sexual inter-

ests," according to the site.

Judge Lesley Baldwin is expected to proceed with Mr. Pierrepoint's sentencing August 16 at the Burlington courthouse.

Mr. Pierrepoint, of Oriole Court, will remain in custody at Maplehurst Correctional Centre.

He pleaded guilty to the two child pornography charges June 9 along with possessing of a controlled substance.

## Strategic plan heads for final approval

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The Champion

Regional council's vision for Halton and priorities for this term of office have been endorsed by its standing committees and are expected to receive a final stamp of approval Wednesday.

The ideas that will guide council from now until 2006 are contained in the strategic plan, a document that outlines what can be accomplished in the region over the next few years.

Before the committees approved the plan at meetings this week, they all heard from Milton resident Bob Beyette. He asked all three standing committees not to accept the document as the best strategic plan for the region and to quickly form a citizens' team to go over the plan and its process.

He said in his opinion, public input wasn't openly sought and encouraged.

Oakville and Regional Councillor Mike Lansdown said it's difficult to get residents to participate because strategic planning isn't fun.

"I share your frustration in trying to get more input from the community," he said. "We did our best to inform people of the process. How can we get residents to participate?"

Mr. Beyette said council has to listen to residents and look at reasons why they don't come out for the public consultation process.

Since February, the Region has held various workshops to develop the plan and consult with the public.

In conjunction with the strategic plan, the committees approved operational plans that contain specific actions on how council will achieve its goals.

Each section of the two plans identifies objectives broken down into four themes — managed growth, economic prosperity, services to people and effective Halton Region.

Managed growth includes having controlled and monitored growth, continued protection of rural lands and safe drinking water. Economic prosperity lists creation of more local employment opportunities as a milestone to meet before the next council term. Some goals in the services to people section are to provide leadership and co-ordination in community services and accessible and affordable public health and social services. Keeping residents in the know and involving them in the Region's decision-making process are key points in the effective Halton Region portion.

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## Vandals write racial slurs

Bishop Reding Secondary School became a blank canvas for vandals last week when an outside wall was covered with racial slurs and other graffiti.

The incident occurred sometime between 5 p.m. June 30 and 7 a.m. July 1, Halton Regional Police said.

The graffiti contained slurs against various nationalities and faith groups, police said.

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