

## Police funding good news, says chief

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The provincial government's commitment to help fund the hiring of 1,000 new police officers across Ontario is welcome news to both Halton's police chief and the chair of the police services board.

"I don't see a downside," said Halton Police Chief Ean Algar, reacting to the recent announcement made by Premier Dalton McGuinty at the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police that the Province would commit \$30 million over three years toward the hiring of 1,000 new recruits to "ensure our police forces are strong and equipped."

Mr. McGuinty offered little in the way of details, saying they were still being worked out with municipalities that will share the cost.

"We think there is an advantage for us because we're a growing community," said Chief Algar.

He added he had no idea how much money would be coming Halton's way, but since the service is anticipating hiring nine new officers in January any funding from the Province is welcome.

Added Halton Regional Police Services Board Chair Don Robinson, "I think it's an excellent initiative for the Province to take."

## Second postal outlet is now full service

Just in time for the Christmas season, Milton once again has two post offices.

The postal outlet at 497 Laurier Ave. — inside the IDA store — is now a full-service Canada Post location.

"We're pleased to announce the opening of a new full-service post office to service the south Milton area," said Scott Lewis, Canada Post spokesperson.

Up until Monday, customers could purchase stamps and pick up parcels, but that was all. Now they can send letters and packages, take advantage of Express Post and Priority Courier as well as purchase money orders and packaging materials, Mr. Lewis said.

The Laurier Avenue location is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Brown Street Canada Post outlet has been the sole full-service post office since the outlet at the Paper Zone in Milton Mall was closed last November.

A criminal investigation was launched after it was revealed that Canada Post had been defrauded of almost \$7,500 through illegitimate postage stamping.

A 38-year-old Mississauga man was charged.

Service at the Brown Street Canada Post outlet will continue as usual. It will celebrate Customer Appreciation Day November 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with refreshments and give-aways.


The outlet will continue to be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Many accompanying descriptions were poetic and inspiring. Some if put to music could have been a very nice ditty, and all around good humour prevailed. On Sunday night at 5:00 Milton Home Hardware Building Centre ended another successful promotional giveaway "RESCUE MY BATHROOM" a dream bathroom makeover. Although returning entries were slow in coming back at first, North Halton region residents rose to the occasion and as the contest was in its final days, our goals were realized and we received eighty-four worthy entries. Judging by Home Hardware Building Centre's Kitchen and Bath Designer and two of our contributing suppliers was not an easy task, as many entries were

indeed worthy of the prize.

Five finalists are chosen, and the winners name will be drawn out of a hat on Wednesday night, the 21st, by storeowner Angelo De Medicis. Look for the winners name to be announced in the Champion very soon.

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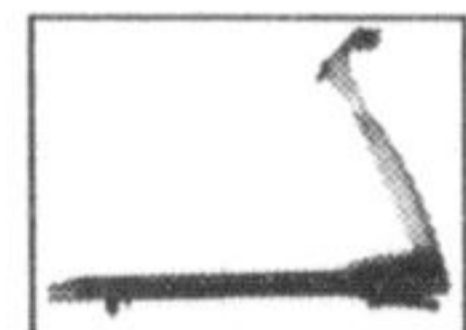
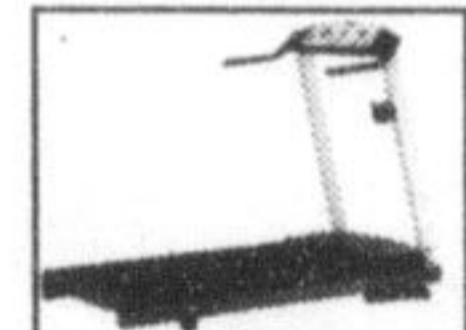
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