

Town gets \$1.4 million from slots

The Town of Milton won big with Slots at Mohawk Thursday, receiving its quarterly installment of \$1.4 million in slots revenue.

The money comes from the local gambling facility as payment to the Town for hosting slots in the municipality.

To date, Milton has received more than \$32.7 million in non-tax gaming revenue from Mohawk. Payments are made on a quarterly basis, according to the government fiscal year, which runs from April to March, and are distributed by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation.

The slots at Mohawk opened August 10, 1999 and has since attracted more than 7.5 million visitors, or about 3,800 people daily. Across the province, 22 communities play host to slots at racetracks and charity casinos. So far, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation has distributed more than \$313 million in gaming revenue to these communities.

The payments make up five per cent of the gambling establishment's gross slot machine revenues for the first 450 machines and two per cent for machines over that number.

A portion of the annual gross revenue from slots at racetracks and charity casinos goes to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for problem gambling research, treatment, prevention and public awareness. This amount for the 2003-04 fiscal year was \$21 million. Also, \$100 million annually goes to charities.

School board making policy on sweatshops

The Halton Catholic District School Board is developing a policy to ensure that the uniforms worn by its students aren't made by young people working in sweatshops on the other side of the world.

Last Tuesday night, the board gave first reading to a policy that would ensure student and staff apparel only be purchased from suppliers whose goods are produced under just, safe and fair working conditions.

"(The policy) is really driven, I think, by interest from our secondary school students to monitor the purchase of apparel by our board," said Assistant Superintendent Gary Mahoney.

Although the board doesn't actually purchase uniforms for its high school students, it does establish a bidding process and recommend a supplier to its schools.

The policy will be designed to require suppliers to disclose the source of goods used to make items it sells.

Police recruit night Feb. 16

Halton Regional Police will host a recruiting information night for the position of police constable February 16 in Oakville.

The meeting will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Oakville Holiday Inn, 590 Argus Rd.

Applications will be given to candidates who possess a valid OACP certificate of results.

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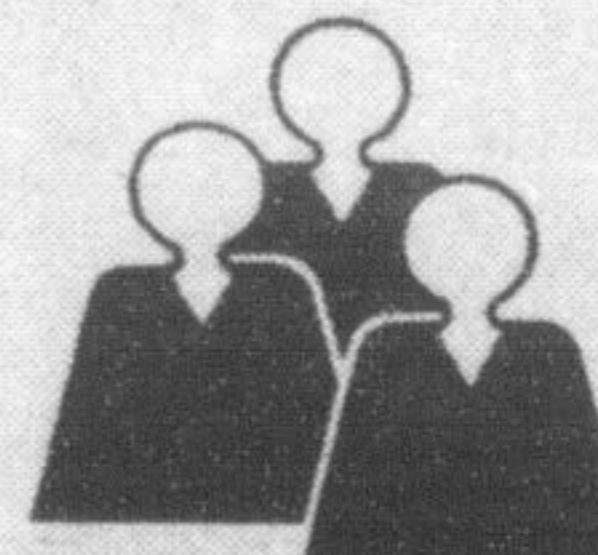
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