

Grow house suspects will return to court in Brampton next week

Three men charged in connection with a marijuana growing operation on the Milton/Acton border will return to court in Brampton June 15.

Halton Regional Police raided a grow operation in a barn on a Hwy. 7 property between Fourth and Fifth lines in June of last

year.

They seized 259 marijuana plants in various stages of growth with a potential street value of \$259,000.

Also seized was about \$2,000 in growing equipment.

Two Milton men — Robert Popp, 36, and Troy Burton, 23 —

were charged by Halton police with production of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking and theft of electricity under \$5,000.

Rockwood resident Wesley Whitford, 43, faces the same charges.

Town having hard time attracting new doctors

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The Champion

Only two of the approximate three-dozen family physicians that have come to Halton over the past couple years set up shop in Milton.

That's one of the findings of a recent Regional staff report on the Halton Physician Recruitment Initiative, a program designed to address Halton's shortage of family physicians through a marketing and promotion strategy.

Halton Manager of Communications and Corporate Projects Kate Johnston said it's unexplainable as to why Milton attracted so few physicians throughout 2003 and 2004.

"I think it was just random circumstances. There's no real rhyme or reason," Ms Johnston said. "There's nothing wrong with Milton — it's an attractive place for physicians."

She noted one physician this year has already "signed up" to practise in Milton.

"The tide is turning," she said.

She also pointed to the success Milton has had in the past with physician recruitment, having attracted 11 between 1999 and 2002.

The recruitment initiative started up in 2003, helping bring 13 new physicians to Burlington, 10 each to Halton Hills and Oakville and the above-mentioned two to Milton throughout the past two years.

The Region has also helped recruit eight physicians to work in Halton on extended 'locums' — filling existing positions during leaves of absence.

"Halton Region and our partners have

made significant strides in bringing family physicians to our community," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"It's important to remember that the physician shortage is not unique to Halton, but is something that is being felt across Ontario and across Canada. Our success is indicative of the high quality of life we have to offer physicians, who view Halton as an attractive place to live and work."

Despite the successes of the recruitment program, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care still deems Milton under-served by four physicians, Halton Hills by six and Burlington by a whopping 23.

That's based on the municipalities falling below the provincial ratio of one physician for every 1,380 residents.

While the 'under-served' designation may sound like a negative thing, it actually comes with some perks. Family physicians who agree to practise in under-served areas for two years or more can receive up to \$40,000 in free tuition from the Province.

While Oakville hasn't received the provincial designation, it's still short 10 family doctors.

According to a report from the Halton-Peel District Health Council, there are many trends responsible for the reduction in available family physicians in Ontario and Canada, such as fewer medical residents choosing family medicine as a career path and a large number of soon-to-be retiring practitioners.

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of Halton

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Creek Way Village

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