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ALL STARS: The novice division Stars celebrate their House League Day of Champions bronze win. Here, Stephane Rivard (centre left) shows his most improved player trophy while Kyle Hajekerou (centre right) displays his most sportsmanlike player award. See more coverage of the event in Sports.

Asbestos discovered

Employees of the LCBO were forced to use the washroom across the street over the weekend after asbestos was detected in the building.

Doug MacLean, manager of the Main Street store, said some tiles in the back warehouse were found to contain asbestos. The washrooms are in the back of the building, and the Ministry of Labour blocked them off until the asbestos was cleaned up. At no point was the store closed to the public.

"There was a smell. That was the biggest concern — a mouldy smell," MacLean said, explaining the Ministry of Labour was contacted Thursday, and inspectors came the next day. "It was cleaned up Friday night. It was a full-scale clean-up from top to bottom."

Asbestos is a fire retardant material often found in old buildings. Its fibres are so small, when inhaled they lodge in the lungs and may cause fatal diseases.

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400 new daycare spaces likely squashed

By Melanie Hennessey
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With the Conservatives planning to soon cancel a childcare funding deal made by the previous federal government, it looks like Halton residents may not see the creation of 600 local daycare spaces after all.

A report presented by Region staff to the health and social services committee last Tuesday showed without the continued financial support from those on Parliament Hill, only about 200 new daycare spaces can be established through the Best Start childcare program.

"I think by and large there's disappointment across the sector," said Halton Commissioner of Social and Community Services Adelina Urbanski. "The work that's been done... all

that has come to a halt."

Halton was slated to receive \$23 million over the next three years to expand child care for kids up to six years old, increase access to subsidized child care, increase services for children with special needs and improve the wages of local childcare workers.

But now that the new government intends to terminate the childcare agreement in April 2007, Region staff, in partnership with the local school boards, has prepared a revised plan to stretch the \$6.1-million grant Halton has already received over the three-year period.

"The good news is that some of it (the original plan) has been salvaged, but it's a shame we couldn't have gone all the way," Urbanski noted.

The revised plan proposes the creation of

childcare spaces in elementary schools in each local municipality where the need is high. The schools where the spaces will go are in the process of being confirmed.

A staff report to committee explained there are several differences — and maybe not all for the better — between the updated plan and the original.

"Within Halton's phase one (original) plan, there was funding to create quality licensed spaces and associated specialized resources to support children with special needs — the revised plan is able to provide very limited support," it says.

"As well, Halton's revised plan is unable to provide the level of support for increasing the wages of childcare staff that was identified as a high priority in the phase one plan."

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