Lack of tender bids concerns councillor

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Recent Town of Milton construction tenders have reaped some unusual results.

Two contract bids, one for roads resurfacing and the other for the design and construction of a new works yard, came in one third less than budgeted — or a \$630,000 savings for the Town. The budget for the roads resurfacing was made when oil was \$90 a barrel, while it stands at about \$65 currently, explained Town staff.

For another contract, only one company — DeFaveri Group Contracting — submitted a bid for the supply and installation of salt and sand domes at the new works yard, located on the north side of Halton Region's landfill.

Council accepted the company's \$2.6 million bid. But Local Councillor Paul Scherer said he was disturbed that there was no competitive bids received by the Town.

"I find it highly unusual in a project this size we only got one bid back," said Scherer.

Scherer directed the town's engineering department to contact companies who had picked up the terms of the contract but decided not to bid on it, and report back to council on the results of the investigation.

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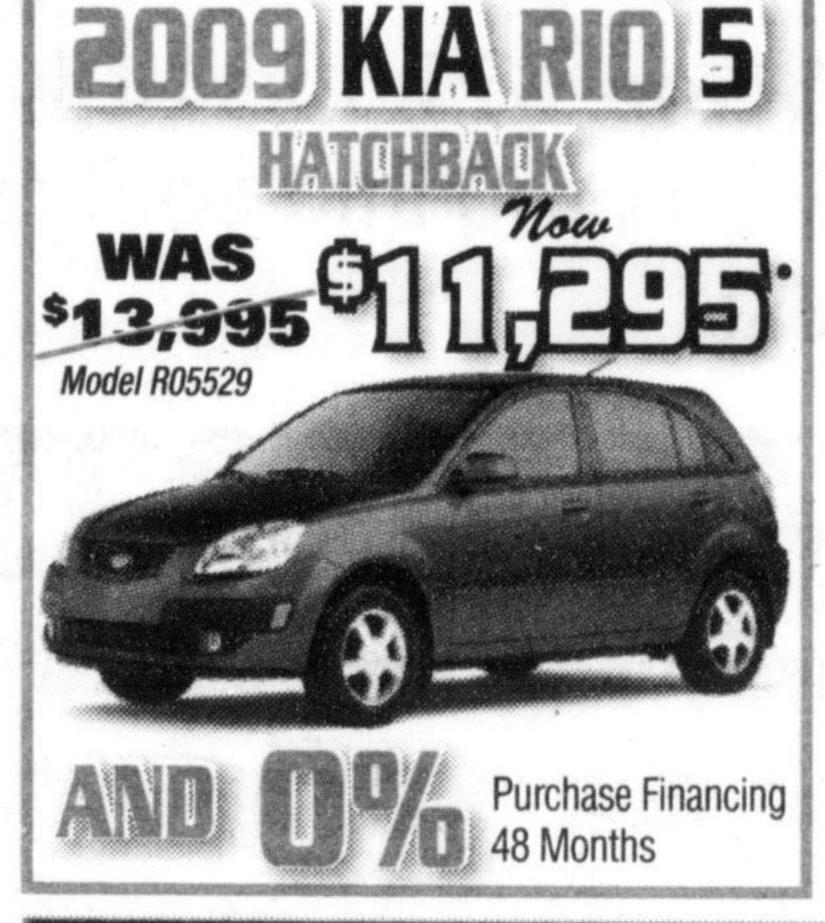




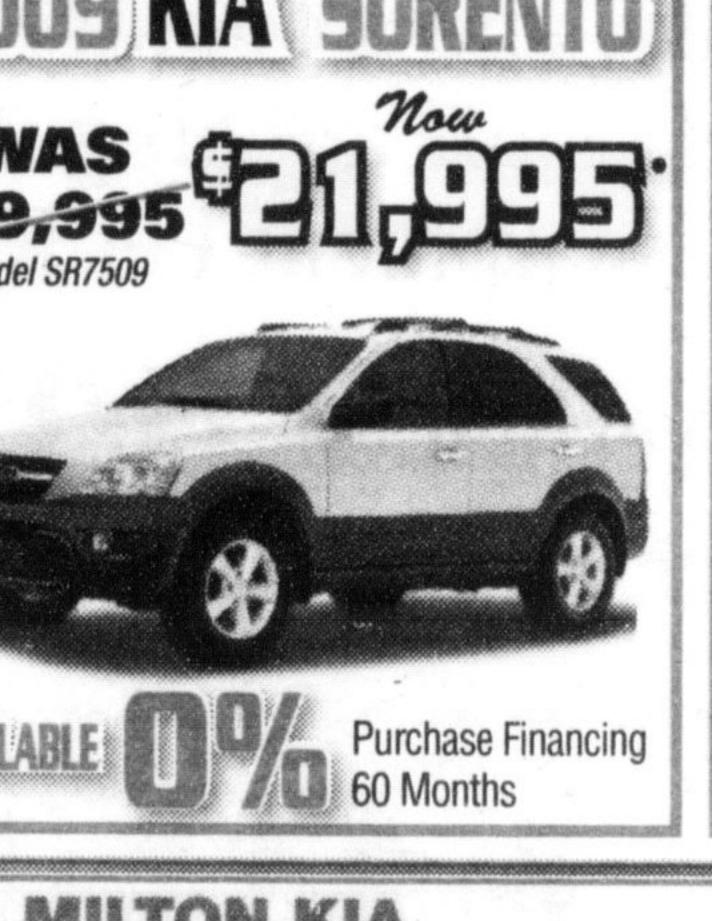


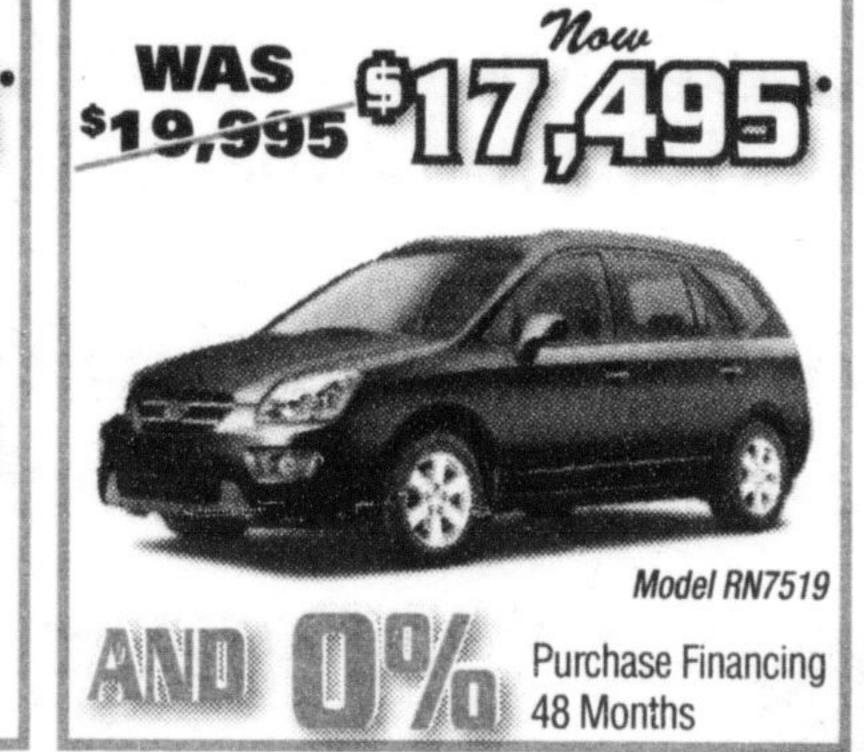
















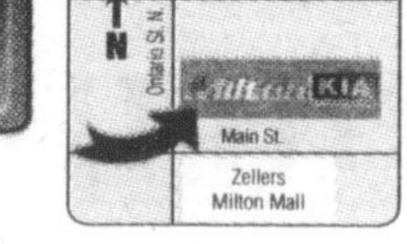
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