

# Air quality index indicates Halton gets clean bill of health

The Canadian Hearing Society made a presentation to the health and social services committee Monday. Maureen Mitchell, using American Sign Language, addressed the meeting with translation provided by Ron Leduc. Ms. Mitchell spoke on the reality of a deaf culture.

## Region Briefs

health and safety audit and a follow-up report. Injury rates at the manor are considered relatively high.

The latest air quality index figures for Burlington and Oakville have been released. The index is divided into five levels, from very good to very poor. The information was collected from January through May.

In Burlington air quality was very good 93 per cent of the time. In Oakville the same level of quality was measured 96 per cent of the time. In both cases air quality never reached the poor or very poor levels.

The Pegasus project will get a new van at a cost of \$52,200, half of which will be paid by the Ministry of Transport. The van is used to help people with mobility impairments move easily around Halton. Burlington councillor Ralph Scholtens suggested the old van be used for replacement parts on the new one, rather than merely selling it. Replacement parts for such vehicles are expensive, he said.

Halton Centennial Manor has applied to participate in a pilot project which will attempt to reduce injuries in homes for the aged. It selected the manor will receive a comprehensive

Residents of Maplehurst Avenue in Oakville attended the planning and public works meeting Wednesday seeking construction of a new water

main. The present service was installed in the late 1940s and according to a residents group, the water pressure is 56 per cent below acceptable levels.

They contend the service was below standard when installed. The committee agreed that improvements should be made, but referred the item to staff to find out if the original water main was below standard.

A recycling pilot project for apartments has been running for two months. Results have been good. Participation rates are as high as those in the household blue box program.

Questionnaires suggest that 90 per cent of apartment dwellers are using the blue bag system.

Operating costs of the program are approximately half those of the blue box program.

## Stray dogs left unclaimed

The nine stray dogs from rural Milton now boarding at the Oakville Humane Society represent a disturbing trend, humane society staff say.

Staff at the animal shelter believe many Milton residents aren't aware the Oakville organization provides animal control services for Milton. When they lose a pet, they don't call the shelter and their animals are either adopted or destroyed. It's common for these strays to have no identification tags.

A purebred Hungarian Vizsla is among the strays from this area that have been at the shelter for about a month.

The Oakville Humane Society is located at 445 Maple Ave. in Oakville.

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