

Look out for scams

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Targeting seniors in particular are renovation scam artists, said Ms Gurevsky.

"In some cases the police believe these unscrupulous promoters have purchased lists of the addresses of seniors, so don't be surprised if someone you don't recognize arrives at your door and knows your name."

Unethical operators will use high-pressure sales tactics to "sell" construction jobs that are never done or repair jobs that weren't necessary in the first place, she said.

An elderly Milton woman fell victim two years ago to a man who had a history of selling his home repair services door-to-door without finishing the job.

The woman eventually got her money back, however, after pressure from police, said Det. Percy.

An immediate down payment should never be given to a contractor who simply knocks on the door, Ms Gurevsky advised.

Often people who lost their money agreed to deal in straight cash without a contract, she said.

"Anyone who allows someone to work on their home without having a contract risks losing their money before a single nail is driven."

Anyone who thinks they have been scammed or who is questioning a possible scam, should contact Halton Regional Police at 878-5511.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Dog days of summer

Four-year-old Jonni Graham enjoys an ice cream cone under the watchful eye and occasional lick of her dog Jed downtown Saturday afternoon. With summer drawing to an end, the days of sunshine and ice cream are numbered.

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Steve still plays coy

By BRAD REAUME

The Champion

Halton regional Councillor Steven Sparling (Oakville) is still playing coy.

The second-term councillor returned from last week's Progressive Conservative Party convention in Winnipeg happy with the Tory platform but unwilling to formally announce his bid for the PC nomination in the new federal riding of Oakville.

Liberal Bonnie Brown won the Oakville-Milton riding, previously Tory, when the conservative vote split between Reform and the PCs in the 1993 federal election.

Ms Brown will give up the Milton portion of the riding in the next federal election. Liberal Julian Reed absorbs Milton into his riding.

"I'm still taking a look at everything," said Mr. Sparling. "I'd like a sense of where the riding association is coming from."

Mr. Sparling described the Winnipeg convention as "exciting and upbeat" and added there were more than 500 Ontario delegates, most of whom were pushing for a platform similar to the one which swept the provincial Tories to power in 1995.

Mr. Sparling said a major plank in the party's platform was the call for a tax cut and a determination to affect real change.

Currently the Progressive Conservatives, the oldest political party in North America, have two seats in the House of Commons despite finishing second in the popular vote.

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- November 11 to December 20

- January 6 to February 14, 1997

- February 17 to March 28

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Location: Milton

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These programs are funded by Human Resources Development Canada.

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REGION OF HALTON ROAD RATIONALIZATION STUDY.

What: Region of Halton Road Rationalization Study

When: September 10, 1996
7:00 p.m. Open House
7:30 p.m. Presentation
8:00 p.m. Discussion

Where: Halton Hills Civic Centre, Council Chamber

Why: Regional Council is seeking comments from area municipalities on the criteria for defining major arterial roads and a preliminary major arterial road network concept. Halton Hills Council requested that Region of Halton staff attend at a public information centre to explain the regional road rationalization study. Please plan on attending the meeting to learn more about the study and to express your views.

Trafalgar Road, Winston Churchill Boulevard, Mountainview Road/Ninth Line, and the combination of 15 Side Road, Maple Avenue and River Drive are identified in the regional report.

Contact: Bruce MacLean, Planning Director

Copies of Report PPW-44-96 Rationalization of the Major Arterial Road Network in Halton may be obtained from the Town of Halton Hills Planning Department.

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