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## A muggle of a time

Shaelina Cappleman, 10, dressed as a student from Harry Potter's Hogwarts, sweeps a gourd along the floor of the Region of Waterloo Museum on Saturday at its Halloween event. Dressed in their costumes, kids enjoyed games, decorated cookies and made crafts to celebrate.

## City approves \$1.9 million snow dump site

By LAURIE SNELL  
Kitchener Post staff

It hasn't snowed yet, but city council is already planning where to put the white stuff next winter.

Despite delegations pleading with councillors about the noise and environmental impact the new \$1.9-million snow dump site at 1585 Battler Rd. would create, it was approved pending a noise study during a special council meeting on Monday. The lease agreement for the current site expires next summer.

"You're going to disturb a lot of people in the middle of the night with the loud snow dump," Fred Cochrane, an area resident, told council. "It's a beehive of trucks banging tailgates, and when a tailgate slams, it's like a shotgun going off."

Cochrane explained he worked on the Battler yard site as an employee of the city for more than 25 years, and knows it very well.

"There's a lot of issues with that site — contamination is one of them."

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## Taxi industry wants to hit reset on bylaw

By MELISSA MURRAY  
Kitchener Post staff

Despite months of work on the region's new taxi bylaw, the taxi industry and the region are at odds over some of the fundamentals.

The spokesperson for the region's taxi alliance, David Maxwell, is still questioning the basics of the bylaw and whether the region has the legal ability to create a new classification of vehicle for hire, called auxiliary taxis.

"We have entered into the theatre of the absurd," Maxwell said of the draft bylaw's current form.

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