

New street light poles coming

By: Harry Rudolfs

Residents along Acton Blvd. and Norman Ave. are getting new hydro poles and upgraded hydro infrastructure. Construction is expected to begin in July and will involve trenching and backhoe work to install new duct work, cables and transformer foundations. The 17 hydro poles located along this corridor will also be replaced. Eight of these standards are of the "pole trans" technology which is now considered obsolete.

Southwestern Energy Inc., a subsidiary of Halton Hills Hydro (HHH), has been contracted to do the work. This is the first stage of a three-year project. The second stage will encompass the rest of Norman Ave., Rosemary Rd. and McDonald Blvd. and is tentatively planned in Spring/Summer 2019. The third stage will encompass Rosemary Rd., Division St. and Clare Crt. and is tentatively

planned in Spring/Summer 2020.

Halton Hills Hydro is leading this project in conjunction with the Town of Halton Hills. While the hydro poles are owned by HHH, the street lights are owned by the Town. According to corporate communications manager Alexandra Fuller, "The Town's portion of the work was covered in the 2018 approved capital budget at \$220,000... The Town's financial contribution covers off the installation of new street-light infrastructure as part of the replacement of the old transformers. This will include new underground crossings, street-light wires, arms and concrete poles."

Lane restrictions may be in effect during the construction and scheduled temporary power outages may take place. HHH advises that they "will make every effort to keep these outages to a minimum in both number and duration."



Police looking for driver of silver Dodge Caravan

Halton Police are looking for the driver of a newer model silver Dodge Caravan that blew through a R.I.D.E spot check in Acton Tuesday morning, almost striking an officer.

The incident occurred at roughly 1:26 a.m., when two uniform officers were conducting RIDE spot checks at Young and Peel Streets in the town of Acton. At this time, a newer model silver Dodge Caravan being operated by an unidentified male, accelerated at high speed through the spot check.

A uniform Halton Regional Police Office officer scrambled to get out of the way and just narrowly missed being struck by the van. The officer's flashlight made contact with the driver's side of the van. Fortunately, the officer was uninjured.

A pursuit was initiated but quickly called off when police lost sight of the fleeing motor vehicle. The vehicle contained a male driver and male passenger. The suspect

vehicle was last observed to pass a transport tanker truck and two vehicles southbound on Regional Road 25 at speeds estimated to be in excess of 140km per hour.

The vehicle is described as newer model silver Dodge Caravan. The vehicle should have some damage to the driver's side resulting from the contact with the officer's flashlight. If you notice damage to the driver's side of the described vehicle, call police. The limited description of the driver and passenger are male, in their 20's.

Police are asking anyone that may have information regarding this incident, including anyone who may have witnessed this vehicle at a high rate of speed or anyone who may have CCTV or dash cam video of the vehicle being driven in a dangerous manner, to please contact Constable Sue Bedard of One District Uniform Operations 905-825-4747 ext: 2405.

Olympian guest speaker at Business After Hours event

By: Alex Hilson

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce held their June Business After Hours event at the Acton Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). As a special guest, they welcomed Korey Jarvis, a wrestler who has represented Canada at the 2016 Olympics, won a Gold medal in the 2014 Commonwealth Games and is the Canadian National Champion in his weight class.

The Chamber's Business After Hours events are, according to their website, "a chance to drop in, have some refreshments and mix and mingle with colleagues and associates." Jarvis was asked



Olympian Korey Jarvis

to speak about his story, to mingle with attendees, and to join in photos and give autographs.

Jarvis's talk touched on two subjects—getting out of your comfort zone and overcoming adversity.

"Getting out of my comfort zone is actually this—public speaking,"

said Jarvis. "Every time, I'm nervous. But I want to do it because I know it's going to make me better. I gotta put myself out there. And it's scary. But when I do it, I know I'm going to end up in a better spot."

Moving on to adversity, Jarvis spoke about how he didn't make the 2012 Olympic Games. With seconds left in the qualifying match, he performed a match winning move, only to have it disallowed. Disheartened, Jarvis took some time off. After encouragement from his coach, he decided to try wrestling again in a higher weight class.

In his first match after one of the greatest defeats of his career, he went up against the Canadian National Champion—and won. Jarvis made the 2016 Olympics. "If you do face adversity, you can come back from it, because I did."

"It was a pleasure hosting the Chamber's event at the RBC Acton Branch," said Samantha Pyke, RBC Acton's Branch Manager. "RBC Olympian Korey Jarvis is a class act and an inspiration to everyone who meets him—having him as our guest speaker made the night truly special."

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