

Georgetown building receives facade makeover

The Inkwell Montessori School, located in one of downtown Georgetown's most historic buildings, has completed a facade makeover with assistance from the Town of Halton Hills.

The 150-year-old building has had many uses including a church, a movie theatre called The Gregory, the Odd-Fellows-Rebecca Hall, a restaurant and now a nursery school with more than 50 students.

The building has undergone many renovations over the years and could be described as eclectic. The recent facade work included new durable siding, new railings on the upper balconies making them safer and more usable, and exterior painting.

The community improvement plan (CIP) provides matching funding for

a number of programs aimed at the business community. The Façade Improvement Program in downtown Georgetown provides a 50 per cent grant on eligible work to a maximum amount of \$10,000.

Total grants approved for 2017 amounted to over \$150,000, resulting in an overall community investment of \$322,000.

"I am pleased that Inkwell Montessori School was able to access the CIP to make these very worthwhile improvements to their facility," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

"This is the second completed project in downtown Georgetown and demonstrates the town's commitment to the business community."

The CIP has an annual budget of \$75,000. However, funds not used in one fiscal

year are carried forward and applications may be submitted at any time.

"Operating a business, especially a nursery school in an older building can be a challenge but we certainly enjoy the charm and history of our facility," owner Lynne Fitzgerald said.

"We are constantly doing renovations and maintenance and we certainly appreciate the financial support from the town. The application process was simple and town staff were very helpful."

Also receiving a Façade Improvement Grant under the CIP was Acton's A Touch of Class Flooring, Kitchen and Bath Inc. on 28 Main St., N.

For more info about the CIP, contact the economic development office 905-873-2601 ext. 2343 or edo@haltonhills.ca

POLICE AND FIRE

Police charge Mississauga man, 18, in fatal Georgetown crash

An 18-year-old Mississauga man has been charged in connection with a fatal accident in Georgetown last December that claimed the life of an 18-year-old man.

On Dec. 9, 2017, Halton regional police responded to a single motor vehicle on

Maple Street near Main Street in Georgetown around 1 a.m.

Despite all occupants wearing their seatbelts, the devastation of the collision caused the death of Danial Waseem, 18, of Mississauga. Waseem was the rear passenger in a vehicle driv-

en by Mark Abd El Malek, 18, of Mississauga.

In a press release Friday morning, Jan. 26, police announced Abd El Malek was charged with dangerous driving causing death. He is scheduled to appear in Milton Court on Feb. 5 at 9 a.m.

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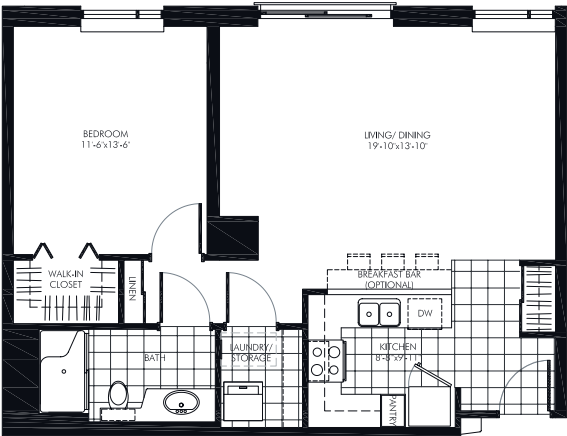
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