

Crown admits case was complicated

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after arriving at the party Todorovich's friend Michael Pezinski became involved in an altercation with another guest.

The majority of the party then turned on Pezinski, forcing him upstairs and out of the house, where many said he was beaten.

The defence said this crowd also turned on Todorovich.

Todorovich testified he received several punches to the head and feared for his life and it was at this point, he took out the knife he was carrying and thrust it twice at a person behind him.

Todorovich said he never intended to hurt anyone.

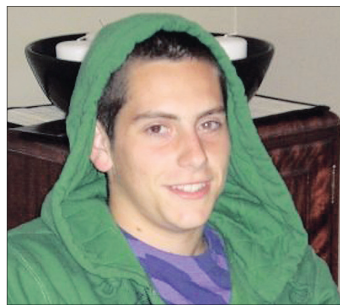
He also said he has no memory of stabbing Dean and Pringle.

Dean testified he had been fighting with Todorovich when he was stabbed five times in the back and side.

Pringle received her injury when she tried to break up this altercation between Dean and Todorovich.

The Crown argued Todorovich took the knife to the party knowing that, as uninvited guests, there might be trouble.

Crown Attorney Brian O'Marra also said the multiple stab wounds to Dean and Comeau's fatal stab wound to



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the heart, showed intention to kill.

O'Marra said he was not upset with the trial's outcome.

"I respect the verdict," he said.

"This was a legally complicated case. The Crown had the difficult task of having to disprove self-defence. There were also a lot of factors here — alcohol consumption, a chaotic scene and the tragic loss of life and injuries to two young people. This was a tragedy, that's something the defence counsel and myself agreed on from the very beginning."

Study finds most children inactive

By Christina Comisso

METROLAND WEST MEDIA GROUP

What are your kids doing after school?

Most likely, not much.

Canadian children were given an 'F' when it comes to physical activity levels.

"When we think about the day, our kids probably spent from the time they wake up to when they're done school fairly inactive. A lot of people think their kids are active all day, that's not the case," said Yvette Munro, vice-chair of Active Healthy Kids Canada.

"What are kids doing between the 3 to 6 p.m. period? Parents are still at work or juggling things at home, and kids are spending most of the time being inactive," she said during a presentation in Milton last week.

According to a new study, most kids are spending about 14 minutes out of a possible 180 being active after the school day is done.

Members of Active Halton, the Oakville YMCA, the Region's health department and other local organizations gathered for the release of Active Healthy Kids' annual report card. This year's focus was on after school hours.

"This is our seventh report card, and the grades are not getting that much better," said Munro. "Kids are spending a lot of time indoors, and there's not a lot of space for them to run around. Parents, for lots of reasons, are more reluctant to say go outside and play."

Munro called it "nature deficit disorder."

A mere four per cent of girls and nine per cent of boys are getting the recommended 60 minutes of daily moderate to vigorous physical activity, according to the newly released Canadian Health Measures survey. These low percentages garnered an F grade from Active Healthy Kids Canada in the physical activity levels category.

The survey also shows Canadian children are taking almost 2,400 fewer steps daily than their European counterparts.

"It breaks my heart when I walk by a playground and it's not in use. We've got to make spaces in our communities where children are encouraged to be active. We create too many places where they're discouraged to be active, like movie theatres with huge gaming areas," Munro said.

She said unstructured physical activity, such as a

game of tag, gets kids moving much more than organized sports, where often kids spend a lot of time waiting for their turn to play.

Screen time is not surprisingly another area of concern, with young Canadians also scoring an F in this category.

Six to 19-year-olds spent an average of 6 hours a day with their eyes glued to television and computer screens, the survey showed. Playing video games is a highly sedentary activity, but Munro says there's another danger.

"The difficulty with gaming is that you can get really good in a weekend. You're constantly given rewards and the game is structured so you're constantly improving... as an adult we know that's not real. In the real world things take longer to be really good at. But with children, they are making these connections. If I was kid why would I learn to swim or try to be a great tennis player when it takes so long to achieve."

In the Active Transportation category, youngsters were given a 'D', with only 24 per cent of parents saying their kids only use active forms of transportation to get to and from school. Forty-two per cent of parents say their kids are always driven to school, but many survey respondents said they'd let their children walk or cycle to school if they weren't alone.

"As a parent I'm terrified to tell my seven-year-old daughter to walk to school, but I did that in Senior Kindergarten," said Munro. "Something's happened from a safety and psychological view that's made that difficult."

She continued, "Real data shows it's not more unsafe at all. But there's more media coverage that's heightened our sense of safety concerns. In reality, it's not more dangerous now than when we were children."

For the last eight years Active Halton has encouraged more physical activity in the region, with a goal of increasing residents' activity levels by 20 per cent by 2012.

Active Halton Co-chair Frank Prospero said the Region's aging population is an area where the group would like to focus.

"We've got to get people out walking. We did some things with seniors, that's a group we need to engage."

For more information about the 2011 Active Healthy Kids report card, visit www.activehealthykids.ca.



Notice of complete application

Zoning by-law amendment

Oak Park Boulevard and Taunton Road

Silwell Developments Ltd.

Z.1413.27

The Town of Oakville has received a complete application by Silwell Developments Ltd. for a proposed zoning by-law amendment.

The applicant is proposing a zoning by-law amendment to permit the development of a four-storey mixed retail and residential building, containing 94 residential units and 15,000 m² of retail space, fronting on Oak Park Boulevard; as well as 12 three-storey plus apartment dwellings in the form of stacked-townhouses containing 212 residential units fronting on Georgian Drive, Littlewood Drive, Gatwick Drive, Roxton Road and Taunton Road.

The subject lands are located south of Oak Park and east of the future Taunton Road extension. These lands are also

subject to Draft Plan of Subdivision - 24T92005/0 and OPA — Livable Oakville Modifications (Approved May 10, 2011).

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Oakville before the by-law is passed:

a) the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Oakville to the Ontario Municipal Board; and

b) the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

You can view planning documents and background material at the Planning Services department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on the town's website at www.oakville.ca/ca-uptown-silwell.htm or scan here.



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Dated at the Town of Oakville on June 29, 2011.

