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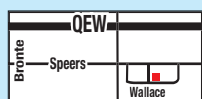


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"I am more hopeful now that we can come to a settlement without a strike if the employer works in a proactive way as they have done in the last 24 hours," Paulo Ribeiro, the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) national representative overseeing negotiations, said Thursday.

"There was basically not much negotiating going on during the first 10 days of bargaining. As of now, we have not finalized language. I am hoping to get that finalized within an hour.

"There has been zero discussion as of now on the monetary items so we basically have until the end of the day to come to an agreement on the monetary items or we could be facing a strike tomorrow

(Friday) at midnight."

Ribeiro said he is perplexed the Town does not intend to meet with the union for negotiations on Friday due to other engagements.

He also said the union would hold firm to its strike deadline, stating he believes there is more than enough time to come to an agreement as the union is willing to negotiate during the night if required.

Town officials have said they will negotiate until an agreement is reached.

Courtemanche said in the event of a strike, all Oakville Transit bus service will be discontinued immediately and riders will need to make alternative travel arrangements.

GO Transit riders may experience some

congestion entering parking lots due to additional traffic and are asked to be patient.

The Town advised drivers to be cautious around schools and in the Sheridan College area, as there may be more pedestrians than usual.

Oakville's care-A-van service will continue make trips for dialysis appointments only.

All other bookings will be cancelled and customers who have booked trips as of Saturday, Oct. 1 will be contacted by telephone.

The Town of Oakville website can be found at www.oakville.ca.

The Oakville Transit website address is www.oakvilletransit.com.

Man carrying a dozen knives arrested

By David Lea
OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

A 41-year-old Mississauga man is facing a number of charges after Halton police discovered a man with 12 concealed knives in his possession Wednesday night.

Halton Regional Police said they were called to the area of Dundas Street and

Hyde Park Gate at around 10:30 p.m. to investigate reports of a suspicious man in a motor vehicle.

When the man got out of the car during the investigation, the officer on the scene spotted a knife sticking out of the top of the man's shirt, said police.

The man was detained and a search performed.

Police said this search resulted in the

discovery of 11 more knives of various shapes and sizes, which were strategically concealed on the man's body.

When asked about the knives, the suspect told police the weapons were required to protect his family.

Paul D'Andrea of Mississauga has been charged with five counts of possession of a prohibited weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

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