

Statue's owner found

The owner of a 500-pound statue of the Hindu deity Ganesh mysteriously left in the parking lot of the Oakville Museum earlier this month has come forward.

The owner, a Mississauga resident who has asked to remain anonymous, told Halton police they paid to have the statue properly disposed of since it was delivered to them from India with two of its four arms broken off.

The owner said it is considered bad luck to display a statue of Ganesh in such a condition.

Police said the owner was unaware the statue had been disposed of improperly in Oakville and will be making arrangements to collect the statue from the Halton Regional Police Service Property Bureau and have it disposed of in accordance with religious traditions.

This disposal involves depositing the statue within a natural body of water.

The three-foot-tall, 500-lb. marble statue was discovered in the parking lot of the Oakville Museum at 8 Navy St. on Tuesday, April 3.

The statue was so heavy the Oakville Roads and Works Department had to be called to transport it.



MYSTERY: This 500-lb. statue was mysteriously deposited at the Oakville Museum.

Bronte citizens' group to do RF Action Day walkabout downtown

Members of the My Bronte citizens' group will hold an event in Towne Square, Saturday, April 21, to raise awareness of radio frequency (RF) radiation.

The event for RF Action Day will take place from 10 a.m.-noon and see members of the local citizens' group conduct tests with a radio frequency/microwave radiation metre to display the level of RF radiation present in the area.

Sources of RF radiation, the group said, include emissions from cell towers, mobile phones, wireless Internet (wi-fi and wi-max) smart utility metres and grids, baby monitors, laptops and tablets, wireless computer accessories and wireless electronic games and toys.

The group, in a release on the event, stated the presence of large amounts of RF radiation in the community is distressing as some believe long-term and/or excessive exposure to RF radiation can lead to adverse health effects.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has listed RF radiation as possibly carcinogenic.

The My Bronte citizens' group is currently fighting to stop Bell Mobility from co-locating on a cell tower near the intersection of Bronte Road and Rebecca Street.

Many residents in that area feel the cell tower is too close to homes and schools for it to have expanded use.

For more information, visit www.mybronte.ca.



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Cell tower debate set for May

A discussion on how far the Town of Oakville wants cell towers to be from residential areas will take place on Monday, May 14.

Council voted March 19 to defer an examination of its proposed final Radiocommunications Facilities Protocol to a special council meeting, after residents voiced concern that some interested parties still on March Break vacation would not be able to participate.

Many who attended the March 19 meeting said they were worried about a staff recommendation in the protocol to reduce the 200-metre setback between cell towers and all sensitive land uses (including homes), to a 20-metre setback

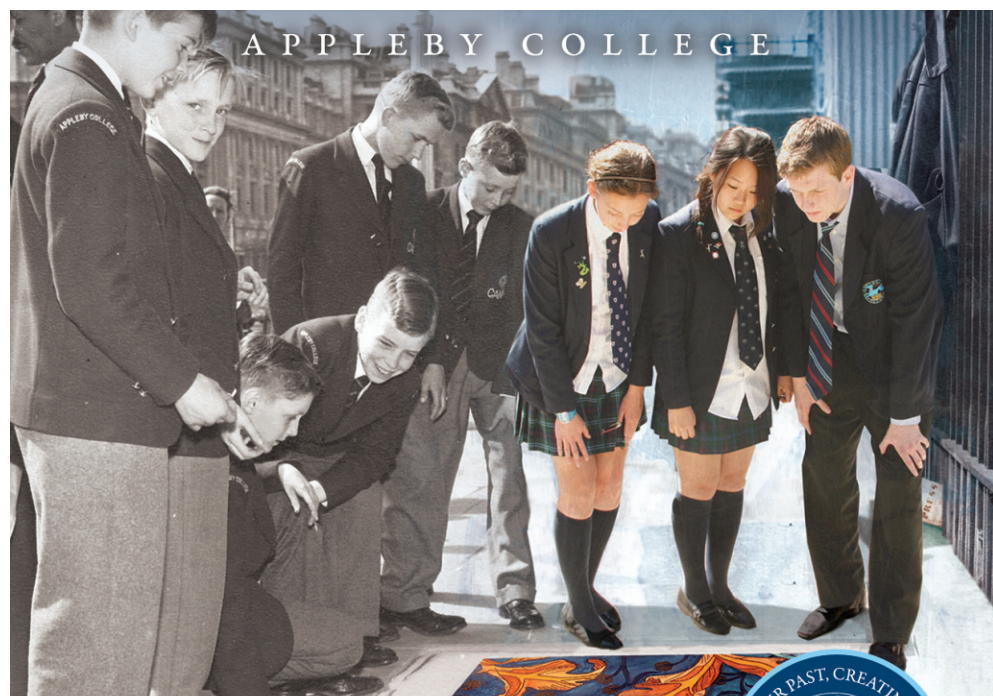
from schools and daycare centres.

Residents who spoke at the meeting said they fear the health impacts of having cell towers located that close.

The special council meeting will begin at 7 p.m., inside Council Chambers at Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Rd.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to review the report and provide comment either at the meeting or in writing.

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca/business/telecommunications-towers-study.html.



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