Heavy trucks leave residents fuming

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The owners of large trucks, which are causing headaches for people living on Sinclair Avenue, will be given a chance to respond to the citizens' and Town councillors' concerns before any action is taken.

Ward 4 Councillor Ron Chatten said residents are upset that the truck fumes are seeping into the townhouses on Sinclair when the trucks are stopped at the intersection at Duncan Drive and that there have been complaints that trucks from Neilsons are

using Sinclair Avenue as a short cut to get to Mountainview Road.

"It's the big heavy trucks at night that pull up to the stop and sit that are causing the problems," Chatten said as he suggested some type of restriction, like a heavy truck ban after 9 pm, would solve the problem.

Town Engineer Bob Austin said he was not aware of the specific problem with the fumes and that he had an answer to the traffic problem but he didn't think the residents would like it because it would be to remove the stop

sign at Duncan Drive.

Austin said he was not in favour of banning trucks on Sinclair because it was built with the idea of being utilized by trucks and that he would raise the problems on Sinclair at the next meting of the Mountainview Public Liaison meeting.

Councillor Moya Johnson also asked if a night-time truck ban would be appropri-

"It's our road. There's no need for them to be on that road at night," Johnson said.

"It's not far to go up to Guelph Street and turn at the

traffic light, which is much safer for everybody concerned."

We owe it to the people on that street not to have heavy trucks go by all night." Johnson said.

Ward 2 Councillor Kevin Kuiack asked for a little time before any action was taken.

"Before I would act on this I would like to give the companies involved with the heavy trucks an opportunity to hear the concerns and perhaps they can alleviate the problem before we have to deal with a heavy truck ban," Kuiack suggested.

Downtown core suggestions flooding in

There's still time for Georgetown residents and merchants to have a say in what they would like to see happen in the downtown core area.

Due to a heavy response to his initial questionnaire, Ward 3 Councillor John Day has extended the deadline for responses to Oct. 11.

Day is asking people to list the three things they think are important to revitalize the downtown core area. He plans to tabulate the responses and bring back a report to Council asking that staff undertake a master plan for the area.

"I've had a number of re-

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sponses from people who would like the see the parking meters removed," Day explained, recently.

"I've also had a large number of people say they would like a public meeting called to discuss the future plans and I think it's great that people want to become involved and have a say in what happens in the core."

Survey suggestions so far have included uniform store hours in the downtown area, removal of the parking meters, installing new sidewalks, maintaining the history and culture of the area, banning all but local delivery trucks

and increased tourism promotions.

Day, who is currently contacting Georgetown service clubs to ask for their comments, said he hopes to bring the results to Council in November.

If you have suggestions

concerning the future of the downtown, you can drop them off at any downtown retailer, the Business Improvement Area office at 191 Mill St., the Civic Centre, mail it to Day at 70 River Dr., Georgetown, L7G 2J2, or call Day at 873-3979.

Window smashed

An unknown culprit is wanted by police in connection with a case of vandalism in downtown Georgetown.

Police report that a Mill Street business had a glass window smashed in the early morning hours of Sept. 29,

causing about \$500 damage.

Police are unsure if this crime is connected to a case of vandalism to a vehicle on Guelph Street near Mill Street.

Sometime between the late evening of Sept. 28, and the early morning hours of Sept. 29, someone smashed the rear window of a 1990 Dodge Caravan, causing about \$175 damage.

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Two charged in assault

Police have charged a Wylie Circle couple with domestic assault on each other.

A 43-year-old woman was charged after she allegedly bit a 40-year-old man during an argument, Sept. 27. Police charged the man after the woman complained that he slapped her.

Both residents are due in court Nov. 4.

Charges dropped

Halton Regional Police have dropped charges against an Irwin Crescent man as a result of a case of mistaken identity.

As reported in last week's Gemini, a 36-year-old man had faced several charges in connection with an assault on a pizza delivery driver. When the victim was brought in for suspect identification, it was discovered that the wrong man had been arrested and charges were subsequently dropped.

The investigation into the assault continues.

Stolen seeds

Investigators from Halton Regional Police are looking into a crime of harvest at commercial farming operation in Georgetown, sometime overnight, Sept. 24-25.

Police report that two extra-large pumpkins were destroyed and gutted of their seeds by unknown subjects.

There is speculation that the seeds may have been stolen by someone wanting to grow extralarge pumpkins.

Police currently have no suspects in this crime.

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