

Day's survey finds opinions varied

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People responding to heritage issues suggested a small town-village atmosphere should be encouraged with heritage signs and plaques on buildings.

People also want a better selection of stores in the core with an anchor store like a grocery or a major retailer.

Those people who felt tourism should play an important part in the core said that a theme should be developed and stores should be 'special, classy and unique.' Survey results also indicated that the arts community's presence should be expanded and that family-focused festivals should be staged to

draw people downtown.

In the recreation and entertainment category, survey respondents wanted the downtown to be walker and cyclist friendly with more children's activities, more restaurants and a community square.

Following the overview of the survey results, Council

accepted Day's Notice of Motion asking staff to prepare a report on the need for a Master Plan for the downtown area.

"I think the need (for a Master Plan) has been established and it may be that what we are looking for is an outline of the Master Plan process," Day said.

The staff report will also consider a study area definition sufficiently broad to include both the immediate and adjacent downtown area; identification of partners in the process; a public consultation process; priority within the Planning Department's work program, and costs and timing.

Man gets bail after armed standoff

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do so and fired several shots in the residence. It is also reported by police that the gunman wanted the police on scene to kill him. Police say there is evidence that the man was consuming alcohol.

As the standoff continued into early Wednesday morning, the decision was made to fire tear gas into the residence. This forced the man to exit the residence, however, as he exited, police found he was armed with a SKS 7.62 assault calibre rifle from which three shots were fired. Two were reported to have hit a tree.

A TRU officer was able to incapacitate the man by fir-

ing a stun gun-type "bean bag gun" at the man.

He was subdued and arrested without further incident at about 12:30 am, Wednesday.

A search warrant was executed on the residence Wednesday morning by police detectives, resulting in the confiscation of more than 15 weapons described as rifles and shotguns.

None of the weapons confiscated, including the assault rifle, are considered prohibited weapons under the Criminal Code of Canada.

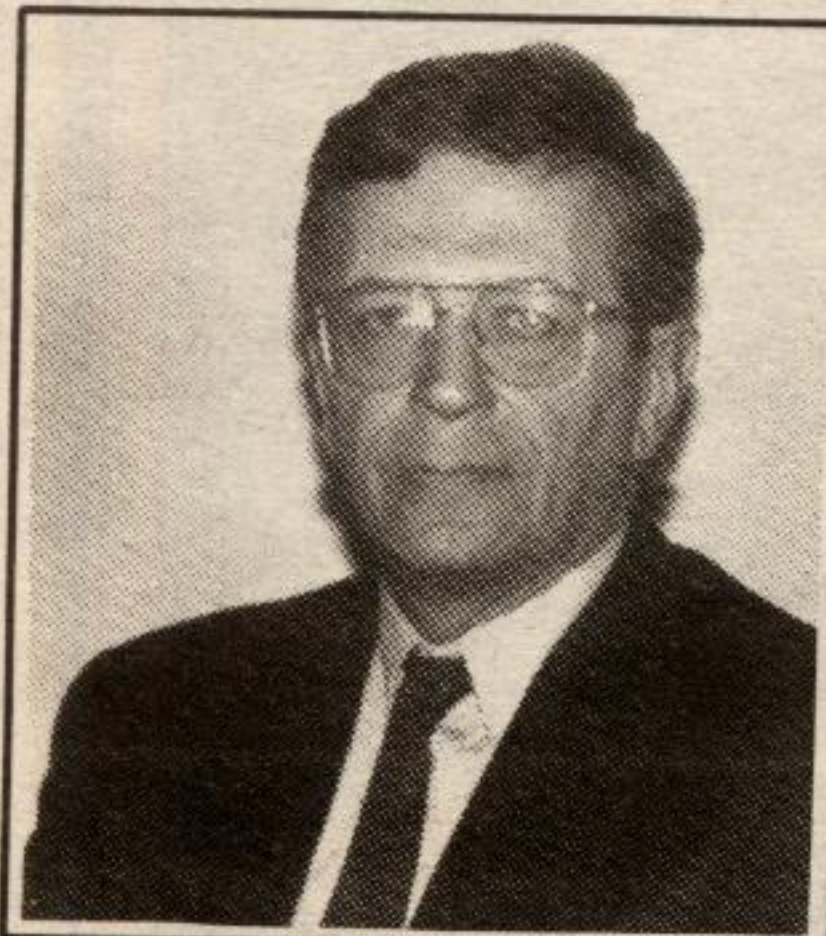
David Spaul, 43, of Edith Street, is charged with two counts of weapons dangerous to the public peace, two

counts of careless use of a firearm, criminal harassment and pointing a firearm stemming from a prior incident.

Spaul was released at a bail hearing last week after a \$15,000 surety was placed on him.

Under the conditions of the surety, he must reside in Brampton, is forbidden from having contact with the homeowner on Edith Street, is forbidden to attend the residence on Edith Street and is prohibited from having any contact with Bridge members, must seek treatment for alcohol addiction and is disallowed from possessing any weapons. In addition, Spaul was ordered to surrender his Firearms Acquisition Certificate and is prohibited from applying for a new one.

Spaul is due back in Milton court Dec. 23.



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High speed chase

Constables from Halton Regional Police joined colleagues from Peel and the Ontario Provincial Police in pursuit of a 16-year-old male driving a stolen car, Dec. 6.

The chase started in Mississauga when Peel Regional Police attempted to stop a driver in a suspicious vehicle at about 8:45 pm. The driver fled, leading Peel Police into Halton Region as the youth drove through Georgetown and into Glen Williams. HRPS cruisers joined in the pursuit.

Once the chase left Glen Williams, Halton and Peel Police were joined by the OPP before the chase came to a climax in Belfountain, where the youth bailed from the car and fled on foot. He was tracked down by the K-9 unit and arrested at 11:20 pm.

During the course of the chase, police allege the driver ran several stop signs and red lights, traveling at speeds of up to 120 km/h.

The 16-year-old Hamilton driver was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, dangerous driving and causing a pursuit.

Police report that the driver traveled 28.9 km in 25 minutes during the actual chase.

He is protected by Young Offenders Act.

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