

Town to restructure grants

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The Georgetown Gemini The Glen Williams Town Hall Committee is one of two community groups which will receive a grant from the Town this year and it won't know how much it will receive for several months.

The Town Hall committee will use the money to help stage the Canada Day celebration. The other organization which will receive corporate funding is the Acton Citizen's Band.

Although staff had suggested that both groups receive 92.5 per cent of the

Town grants that they got last year, \$4,625 and \$555 respectively, councillors didn't want to be locked into any amounts heading into the budget debates and left the dollar figures out.

While agreeing to fund only the groups that received grants last year, Council also endorsed staff's recommendation to give responsibility for the annual corporate grant program next year to the Recreation and Parks Department, which will set up an advisory committee to develop a strategy and implementation plan for the dis-

bursement of all forms of grants to eliminate inconsistencies and inequities.

While the list of groups that receive grants each year has dwindled to two, a number of organizations and groups receive subsidies through reduced rental rates and waivers of fees for licenses. The Town provides approximately \$300,000 in subsidies to recreation and cultural groups each year.

Both groups will have to wait until budget debates in the New Year to find out how much of a grant they will receive.

Window broken during bar fight

Halton Regional Police were called to a Guelph Street bar to break up a fight between two patrons early Sunday morning.

According to reports, the fisticuffs started in the establishment and was broken up by police who removed the two men from the bar. Once outside, police noticed a broken window at a neighbouring pet supply store.

Further investigation revealed that the fight started outside and spilled into the bar, and that the window had been broken during the fight.

The owner of the pet food establishment was called and restitution was made at that time. One of the combatants, however, got restless and was arrested, charged with being drunk in public.

A man arrived to bail his friend out. He was released into the custody of his friend and charges were dropped.



HOT DOG! Kathleen O'Callaghan, 5, shakes the hand, er, paw of Clifford the Big Red Dog at The Freckled Lion on Main Street. Clifford made an appearance at the children's bookstore Saturday, meeting the fans of his famous children's school readers. (Jamie Harrison photo)

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