

Crime rate stable in Georgetown, committee told

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The monthly meeting of Georgetown's Community Consultation Committee found that, generally, crime rates in Georgetown were holding steady, with little fluctuation either way.

The meeting, chaired by Doug Magwood subbing in for an ill Mary Giordano, heard from Halton Regional Police Constable Al Gross that the statistics for November showed changes.

Police saw an increase in auto entries, sex offenses, reported assaults (non-

sexual), robberies, break and enters in homes, schools and other categories, thefts under \$5,000, motor vehicle collisions with property damage and fail to remain motor vehicle accidents. Decreases were seen in motor vehicle accidents where personal injuries were involved, stolen autos, thefts over \$5,000, property damage, and fatal motor vehicle accidents.

Discussion centred on the recent reports of counterfeit \$100 bills being passed in the Georgetown area, all with the same serial number: BJC3384539 and the recent

events on Edith Street, which eventually led to the arrest and a surety being posted for David Spaul. Both police and committee members expressed frustration that bail could be granted given the nature of the case.

Inspector Peter Gregory and Sgt. Jackie Gordon announced that Dennis Demetroff would replace Nick Leoni as Georgetown's Village Constable.

"I think we're very lucky to have him. We're putting him in an area that needs a little more energy. He's a very approachable fellow,"

Gordon said.

Anne Scheepers-Nevins, executive director of The Open Door, addressed the committee, expressing her concerns now that \$17,000 in government funding has been cut, forcing the Open Door to cut services.

She estimated that on average, the Open Door, located in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church, services between 35-40

youths a day, though that number has been as high as 60.

The Open Door has a two part program: the TEAM program for young mothers runs on Mondays and Tuesdays, while the Open Door services students Wednesdays through Friday.

Scheepers-Nevins also helps out in a crisis, often working as a liaison with youths in trouble.

When asked how the centre was doing, Scheepers-Nevins said they are "just barely limping by. The marginalized kids tend to become more marginalized."

P.C. Grosse, who performs with magicians in his off-duty hours, suggested that he could meet with his group to see about organizing a fundraiser. Scheepers-Nevins said the centre had to be careful not to solicit funds.

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NOTICE TO HALTON WATER AND WASTEWATER RATEPAYERS

1997 Water and Wastewater Rates

Halton Region has approved the introduction of a special water rate (the "Watermain Charge") effective January 1, 1997, to be applied to all water consumed on or after that date. The principal features of this charge include the following:

- The "Watermain Charge" has been introduced to finance the cost of replacing seriously corroded watermains in Halton. These deteriorating watermains are resulting in safety concerns (restricted water flows for fire fighting) as well as health problems (water colour, taste and odour).
 - To address these problems a decision was taken by Regional Council to accelerate an existing cast iron watermain replacement program. The actual replacement of deteriorated watermains is considered to be the most effective and safe solution to address the health and safety concerns. Under the approved program watermains will be replaced within a 7-year time frame, with the total cost (\$111 million) financed over 10 years.
 - Regional Council reviewed options for dealing with these health and safety issues, including a lower cost option of adding chemicals to all municipal water; an approach that would mask the taste, colour and odour problems. This option was rejected because it would fail to address safety concerns resulting from restricted water flows for fire protection - corroded watermains actually restrict water flowing through them.
- It was Regional Council's decision that the safest and most complete solution to the problems with Halton's cast iron watermains was to approve the replacement option.
- This initiative will be funded from revenue derived directly from the "Watermain Charge" applied at the rate of 13.96¢ per cubic metre for all metered water consumption. This charge will appear as a separate line item on your utility bill and will be in place for a period of 10 years, after which time it will be removed. **For the average residential ratepayer with annual water consumption of 300 cubic metres, this charge will amount to approximately \$42 per annum.**
 - The "Watermain Charge" represents the only increase in water and wastewater rates in 1997. All other components of the program have been financed at 1996 levels.

For further information concerning water and wastewater rate structure and policy, including the "Watermain Charge," contact the Region by telephoning 825-6000 (878-8113 for enquiries from Halton Hills) and asking for "Water and Wastewater Enquiries."



Halton Hills Children's Chorus' A Country Christmas 'charming'

It was class and charm all the way as the Halton Hills Children's Chorus presented *A Country Christmas* at the John Elliott Theatre last Sunday.

The concert blended seasonal traditions with artistry,

a real sense of family wholeness with chamber music. For their debut performance, the Halton Hills Family Chorus (entire children's choir and their families) sang Sharon Dutton's arrangement of *African Noel*.

Guest artist Debbie Tilson enraptured the audience and impressed the young singers with her powerful and moving selections. The theatre proved to be the perfect setting for the Canadian featured presentation, *The Barnyard Carols*, a stunning new work presented by the Chamber Choir and accompanied by flute, viola and cello.

The five separate carols are reflections by five different barnyard animals on the Christ Child's birth, highlighted with instrumental colour.

The choir was caroling through the Georgetown Marketplace Dec. 18.

CLARIFICATION

A recent article published in The Gemini is in need of some clarification.

The article about The Georgetown Farmer's Market Cookbook indicated that the recipes had been culled together from area merchants. In fact, the recipes were contributed by vendors at the market. As well, the Farmer's Market has no formal association with the BIA.

Finally, the book is only available from area merchants which display a sign in their store windows indicating the cookbook is for sale.

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