

# Downtown snow removal delayed to save tax dollars

Snow wasn't removed from Acton's downtown last week to save tax dollars. The issue of snow removal was raised by a local merchant as well as a Rockwood resident who works in downtown Acton once a week, at Friday's councillors' drop-in.

Paul Nielsen observed cars were getting stuck downtown all last week because snow wasn't removed between the curb and travelled portion of the road. He didn't think dumping snow should be a problem since he had provided land in the industrial area for a town snow dump.

The works department was contacted and Councillor Dave Whiting reported snow wasn't removed because long range weather forecasts called for a lot of snow this past weekend. The works staff felt it would be more economical to remove the snow after two weekends of storms.

Councillor Ross Knechtel observed he didn't see

any major snow problems downtown last week and added crews must be paid overtime to remove snow after stores are closed.

Nielsen countered old Acton crews removed snow downtown after 11 p.m. and Halton Hills could do the same job at 8 a.m. to avoid overtime charges. He added most merchants are conscientious about shovelling sidewalks in front of their stores and "can't put the snow in their pockets."

People were reluctant to park downtown last week, Nielsen said, and the snow in the gutters also narrowed the travelled portion of streets. Snow plows had to stop to let cars in the other lane through because the street was so narrow.

Only once this winter has the snow downtown been removed, loaded and trucked away; on December 23.

Whiting noted town staff will be framing a winter maintenance policy and public concerns can be raised at council when the policy statement is completed.

Karen Spears told the councillors downtown was in "atrocious" condition and she was afraid to park because she'd become stuck.

Downtown Georgetown was in "excellent condition" compared to Acton. She added downtown Georgetown was as "clean as a kitten."

However a call to a business in downtown Georgetown confirmed there was still snow in the gutters and piled in the median strip.



Sears and Switzer, a satirical music revue on modern life, will be the stars in the Halton Hills Art Council's second concert in the Trillight Series next Wednesday night at Acton High School.

## Engineer Austin at drop-in Jan. 29

Have a question about snow plowing, road reconstruction, street lighting, sidewalk construction, ditches, and drainage or any other municipal works matter? If so the place to be January 29 will be the ward one councillors' drop-in.

Acton's councillors have arranged to have engineer Robert Austin, himself an Acton resident, in attendance at the drop-in from 2 to 3 p.m. to answer residents' questions.

## \$2 million grant given to Halton

Equalized water and sewer rates are here to stay which is good news for Acton according to Regional councillor Dave Whiting.

He noted Regional council voted to stick with equalized water and sewers rates last year after Burlington agreed to the program if the province came up with some funds.

Last week the province announced a grant of over \$2 million to Halton "to assist with finalizing the move to uniform regional sewer and water rates."

## Fatal hit-and-run again adjourned

The criminal case of Acton resident Barry Alexander Wilson was adjourned in Guelph Provincial Court again last week.

Wilson is charged with criminal negligence causing death, failing to remain at the scene of an accident and impaired driving in connection with a 1979 hit-and-run-fatal accident north of Rockwood.

The preliminary hearing into the case began last fall, but was adjourned until December because all of the evidence couldn't be heard in one day.

Crown attorney John Meagher said last week the case was again adjourned to January 20 to set a date for the resumption of the hearing.

## Snow plowing changes stand

A bid by some councillors, led by Mayor Peter Pomeroy, to go back to the old way of plowing and removing snow from cul-de-sacs and streets with boulevard medians failed Monday night at Halton Hills council.

Residents have been complaining because snow isn't plowed to the middle of cul-de-sacs and then trucked away or plowed onto medians this year.

Pomeroy pointed to Acton Boulevard as a real problem spot. He described it as a two-way traffic street which dead ends against a fence and every time it's plowed three people can't get out their driveways, they are so socked in. Previously snow was cleared away with a front end loader but now it is just left there.

He blasted staff for making changes without informing council first and claimed the municipality had fallen down badly on public relations for the changes.

He said changes were necessary so trucks are following the Highway Traffic Act and driving on the right side of the road, but added he hasn't obtained a legal opinion on the matter from the town solicitor.

Pomeroy said town maintenance vehicles could

# Cancelling mail delivery is at Postmaster's discretion

There is no written policy regarding Post Office letter carriers not being sent out to deliver the mail, in bad weather, the decision is left at the discretion of the Postmaster.

On Monday, January 11, there was no residential delivery in Acton, Georgetown or Guelph and many other centres in Ontario. A fierce blizzard swept down on the area on Sunday and conditions were still extremely cold and blustery for most of Monday.

Last week a reader sent a letter to this newspaper blasting the Post Office for not delivering mail on January 11, and there has been considerable verbal reaction from readers in the past week to this letter. The writer, who requested their name not be published, asked "whatever happened to the old saying about 'neither rain nor snow, nor sleet nor hail' etc? Or does that only apply to the warm weather?" The writer noted people walked to work, children in town braved the cold to get to school and

added they didn't see "the streets littered with frozen bodies." The writer decried the cost of stamps going up to 30 cents.

Mike Roy, public affairs for the Post Office district headquarters in London (Acton is under the jurisdiction) said there were numerous places in Ontario where there was no delivery service and the decision regarding carriers going out is at the discretion of the Postmaster.

He noted winter delivery is a problem because carriers suffer injuries from slipping on icy walks and stairs etc.

Weather conditions were weird, some streets were fine, others were impassable in towns all over the province, Roy said.

Letter carriers who were sent home would have been paid for the day, Roy said.

Acting Acton Postmaster Chris McMillan said she consulted with Georgetown Postmaster Gil King about the weather and he had talked to the Guelph Post Office. They all agreed not to send out the carriers for residential delivery.

She noted carriers go out earlier in Georgetown, around 8 a.m., while in Acton they go out around 8:45 a.m. Conditions in Acton improved after 9 a.m., but by then sorting had been completed and carriers had delivered mail to businesses, some driving to their stops, and they had then gone home. Rural routes went out and Pat Frizzell who runs the Post Office's combined urban service, delivered packages.

Mrs. McMillan suggested she possibly shouldn't have placed her faith in weather reports which turned out to be exaggerated as far as local conditions were concerned.

King pointed out mail was very light in both Acton and Georgetown because nothing was coming in from the routes north of the area because of the road conditions. He observed Orangeville went without mail for three days, Fergus and areas around Guelph didn't receive residential mail on January 11 because of the weather and it was the same story all over Ontario. There was mail delivery in Milton where the storm wasn't nearly as bad, King noted.

He said the three Postmasters agreed the carriers wouldn't go out because with the wind chill it was dangerously cold to be outside for up to three hours.

## Chamber tickets on sale

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### Pinball...

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the area have objected and rejected the idea of only allowing children 14 and over in the arcade.

Few have caused problems, only two youths really, and any parent could come to the arcade and identify their child to the operators and they wouldn't be allowed back in.

Parent John Kutasienski said he checked out the arcade and was pleased it was opened because it gave his 11-year-old daughter and 14-year-old son something to do. He noted the children aren't allowed to smoke in the games area, just in the vestibule and he has seen youths told to "clean up their act," leave and not come back.

Don Lindsay, speaking for the McKenzie-Smith Parents' Advisory Committee which represents about 25 to 30 (one out of every five children in the school), said they were concerned about an arcade being just five minutes away from the school. He noted an arcade previously run in Acton was a problem spot and urged restrictions be placed on this new arcade such as age limits and hours of operation.

The committee was told some municipalities impose restrictions on age limits and times of operation.

An unidentified person at the meeting said the arcade was good for the area and pointed out a lot of children just watch the games and there was no harm in that.

While he was concerned about children hanging around the arcade after school that was really the parents' problem, but they shouldn't be allowed in during school hours, Simpson said.

The police drop by the arcade and have no complaints, Danny Edwards stated.

Another person at the meeting observed since the arcade opened there haven't been as many youths hanging around downtown.

The town engineering department recommended a sidewalk be built from Churchill South to the arcade and street lights installed at the owners' expense.

## One less meeting

Halton Hills councillors will now have one less meeting to attend.

Monday night, council decided to combine the planning board meeting with the general committee meeting, held every other Monday.

Public meetings on planning matters, usually proposed rezonings, will be held separately on specified, and advertised dates.