

Town won't offer crime info. rewards

Halton Hills isn't going to enact a bylaw which would permit the municipality to offer rewards leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for acts of vandalism.

The idea of the Town offering rewards was raised by Mayor Peter Pomeroy late last year after over 50 tombstones were toppled at Fairview Cemetery. At the time staff was directed to investigate the idea and they reported back the municipality could offer rewards under the Municipal Act.

Monday night general committee received another staff report and endorsed the recommendation that each incident of municipal concern be discussed with the Police Commission.

The staff report noted the individual responsible for the cemetery vandalism in Acton was apprehended by police and sentenced to two years in jail for that offense, as well as others.

Since the cemetery vandalism, the police reported to Halton Hills that acts of vandalism have "ceased or are negligible within the

municipality." If the municipality offered rewards, staff noted, they'd have to establish a procedure to ensure confidentiality of informants; evaluate information received; investigate the "circumstances of the alleged offence"; make sure there was sufficient evidence to merit arrest and conviction; and come up with a method of paying the reward money.

Staff suggested since the Halton Police already have a system for handling rewards for information, "that if assistance was required from the general public and since the police are better equipped to facilitate various procedures which must be followed, that the Halton Regional Police Commission should be contacted and the municipality's concern registered and assistance offered should the commission deem it in the best interest in solving the problem."

The report also noted discussions with the police "indicate they would prefer the municipality to follow the (staff) recommended procedure."



Jack Kay

Ex-Acton OPP retires

Assistant OPP Commissioner Jack Kay, who joined the force in February 1948 and served in Acton from November 1, 1949 until January 9, 1950, recently retired.

Kay served with the OPP for over 35 years and when he retired at age 60 held the post of Assistant Commissioner in charge of the traffic division, a post he held for the last four years. Besides serving in Acton, he was also assigned to Brantford and Sudbury before joining the Toronto based anti-rackets branch.

He went on to become a homicide investigator and later became director of the criminal investigation branch. In 1976 he became second in command of the special services Division and a year later was promoted from Inspector to Assistant Commissioner and took over that division.

More firefighters' parking on Willow

Only firefighters responding to a call will be allowed to park on the south-west side of Willow St. between Mill St. and St. Alban's Dr., Halton Hills council decided Monday night.

With the start of the town hall restoration project the firefighters lost six off-street parking spots beside the hall; a report from bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty stated.

The additional parking restrictions in the area of the fire hall will provide about 10 extra parking spots for firefighters on Willow St. and will give them a total of about 29 parking spaces in the area.

Lusty reported there are 35 members of the brigade and 25 to 30 firefighters respond to each fire call. He noted parking for firefighters "has never been adequate."

Tory convention delegate voted for leadership review

Local Progressive Conservative Youth official Saskia van Tetering learned "what a direct influence on the history of Canada" the grass roots of a party can have at the recent Tory national convention in Winnipeg.

Van Tetering, RR2 Rockwood, attended the convention as a youth delegate from Erindale College and a senior Halton riding delegate and like her MP, Otto Jelinek, supported a leadership review.

She recalled the "unbelievable" feeling she experienced when the vote outcome was announced and Joe Clark told the delegates he hadn't received a strong enough mandate from the convention and would recommend to the party executive that a leadership convention be held.

After Clark's speech many in the hall thought the push for a leadership review had been lost. Then when Clark made his startling announcement. "I thought, holy cow, we did it. It was a shock, unbelievable to feel what a direct influence we had on the history of Canada."

She said the vote left a sour taste in many peoples' mouths and the Youth wing was blamed for Clark's failure to keep his job. However, Saskia, who lives in north Nassagaweya, says it wasn't just the Youth win which brought the leader down,

though they were a part of Clark's demise.

The run-around at the convention that over 250 Quebec delegates, both senior and youth, received from the Clark forces who ran the convention was also a factor. She noted pro-review delegates like herself were in for a bad time in Winnipeg. For example, Saskia had to stay in a motel six miles from the convention hall and would up spending most of her money going to and from the hall.

Van Tetering backed a leadership review because she felt something needed to be done to change the party and the most obvious problem was the leader.

Looking at the possible candidates she says premiers Peter Lougheed or Bill Davis would be good choices to carry the party into the next election. But she adds, Clark is still a "force to be reckoned with."

"If we could get Lougheed and he could do for Canada what he has done for Alberta it would be fantastic," she noted Lougheed has said he won't be running, but she is hoping Tories from Alberta, Ontario and elsewhere will be able to persuade him to change his mind. She feels Lougheed is the kind of "charismatic" leader the Conservatives need and he can pull the party "back together". She also thinks Davis would make a fine leader.



Saskia van Tetering

But if neither man goes for the job, she thinks Clark might just be her "second choice."

"I haven't given up on Clark." She says the former Prime Minister remains a "contender in many peoples' eyes." He doesn't instill confidence in himself among Canadians, but he does have many of the qualities the party is seeking. His performance at the convention increased Saskia's respect for him. "He's a fighter, he should have shown that quality more often."

A lot of people view what happened in Winnipeg as something which will tear the party apart, but Saskia suggests the next convention will leave the party unified. "It will do a lot to put the party back together again. We'll be as unified as PCs can ever be."

Five grade 13 grads, 19 grade 12s in Jan.

There were no Ontario Scholars at the end of the first semester of the school year at Acton High School. There were, however, five grade 13 graduates and 19 grade 12 grads.

An Ontario Scholar is a graduating grade 13 student who has maintained an average of 80 per cent in that grade.

Secondary School Honor Graduates (grade 13) in January were Karen Bailey, Doug Hannah, Dawn Miller,

Lynda Trowbridge and Lynda Whiffin.

Secondary School Graduates (grade 12) were Wendy Carroll, Diane Crewe-Read, Lori Drysdale, Lynn Gordon, Sophie Jones, John Lobello, Nancy Marchmont, Tom McDonough, Colleen McKnight, Kim McMullen, Linda Paton, Laura Raine, Nabila Saeed, Sandra Schreiber, Roy Spear, Tony Van Dam, Wendy Van Dam, Yvonne Van den Akker, and Deborah Wright.



Former Acton resident Rodger McEachern was inducted into St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Scotatoun, Quebec by the laying on of hands recently. Rev. McEachern is a graduate of Waterloo University with a B.Sc. degree and of Knox College with a Masters of Divinity degree. His wife Karen is a registered nursing assistant and they have a one-year-old daughter Erin.

Study garbage cost

Councillor Tom Hill wants to know the cost of extending Town garbage pickup into the hamlets.

He told council the cost by private contractors had increased, so wanted some facts on Town costs.

Town engineer Bob Austin said he would bring in a report on the subject.

Lack chairs for arena hall

Despite the fact new tables and chairs were bought last year for the hall at Acton Community Centre, there still aren't enough to meet the needs of people when the hall is filled to capacity.

Charlie Harrison raised the issue of the lack of tables and chairs at the recent ward one councillors' drop-in with recreation director Tom Shepard.

Harrison said they would find chairs from schools and elsewhere, even bring them from another rink if necessary in the past. However, now they have been told they can't bring them from another rink either and they have a function planned for next month. Harrison said the purchase of new chairs would rectify the problem Mayor Peter Pomeroy had told him last year but it hasn't. There are only 90 chairs and 14 tables, but the hall will accommodate 120.

Shepard said he stopped the moving of furniture from one rink to another because things were getting lost. Each facility submitted a budget of the number of chairs and tables that were needed last year and Shepard said he and council hadn't cut Harold Townsley's request. He apologized that there still weren't enough and said an error must have been made. The recreation director promised there will be enough chairs and tables for the fund-raising event next month.

Truck overturns

There were no injuries to the driver of a stake truck which overturned on icy roads last Wednesday morning.

Douglas Metzger, of Drayton, was driving the truck loaded with feed at 9.45 a.m. on the Fifth Line of Erin Township, 2 1/2 kilometres north of Five Sideroad, when he hit an icy patch, slid off the road and into the ditch. The truck came to rest on its side according to Guelph OPP.

Police estimate \$1,000 damage to the truck and \$100 to a farmer's fence. No charges were laid.

Driver unhurt

Margaret Robertson, 27, of Milton was driving westbound on St. Helena Rd, west of Highway 25 Monday afternoon when she lost control on the icy road and struck a tree. She was uninjured in the accident, but her car sustained \$1,500 damage.

Chimney fire gets in walls

A chimney fire spread into a rec room wall at a home at Lot 3, Concession 1 last Tuesday evening, but Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde said the damage to the wall was minimal. The firefighters had to open up the wall to get to the fire.

The family was home at the time of the fire. Deputy Chief Hyde said the fire was a result of faulty installation.

Slippery roads

Guelph OPP were called to the scene of a single vehicle accident last Wednesday morning on Highway 25, 1.3 kilometres north of Wellington County Road 50, in Erin Township.

Police say Mae Vaivods, RR 2 Acton, lost control of her car on icy roads, left the highway and struck a tree stump, at approximately 9.15 a.m. The car sustained \$1,000 in damage, and the driver escaped injury.

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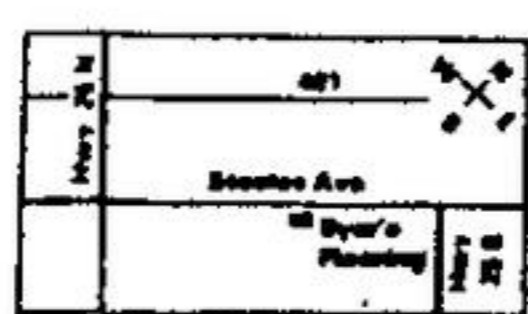
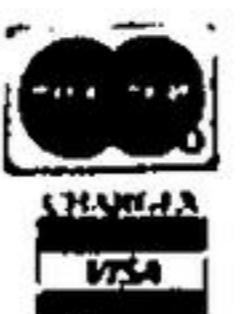


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