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New cop shop has open house

The Georgetown police station will have its official opening May 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Events include a tour of the facilities, special commemorative speeches and a trailer with information about crime prevention. The building will open for the public at 4 p.m.

Other highlights of Police Week, May 11 to 16, include an awards night where local civilians will receive citations May 12 at 7:30 p.m., in the Burlington Council Chambers.

Halton police will have displays at Pete's Barber Shop in Acton; May 11 to 16, and at shopping malls in Oakville, Burlington and Milton.

Police Week plans

Halton regional police have announced plans for participating in Police Week, May 10 to 16. In a proclamation endorsed by council Monday night, the force will hold a number of displays and events throughout the region, including the official opening of the Georgetown headquarters May 14 at 1 p.m. A display will be on view at the Georgetown station from May 14 to 16 and in Acton at Pete's Barber Shop from May 11 to 16.

Reid trial May 11

Brian Reid, accused of second degree murder in the February 2 death of Georgetown resident Hurbert Wild, will be tried by jury at Milton Provincial Court May 11. Mr. Reid has pleaded guilty to manslaughter and other charges.

TOPS walk-athon

Approximately 50 to 100 women have been given approval to hold a "walkathon" through Georgetown's northeastern end May 23. The TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Club will host the event, scheduled to start from St. Andrew's Church on Mountview Road at 8:30 a.m., winding its way north to John and Ontario Streets, along Highway 7 to Trafalgar, down to Maple Avenue, around Delrex Boulevard and finally back to the church. Town council endorsed the event along town-owned streets.

We've been converted!

Full metric conversion will be implemented in Halton region, excluding Burlington, by February, 1982, town council learned at Monday's meeting. After this date, Brampton-Georgetown MPP John McDermid said in a letter to council, it will be illegal for business and industry to use Imperial units of measurement when selling commodities.

Fluoride survey

Members of Halton's public works committee and department will be inspecting water treatment facilities throughout the region this month to check fluoride storage equipment for any flaws. Officials are optimistic that Halton Hills' recently-upgraded plants will not have the same problems as Burlington's, where inadequate storage may prompt a temporary ban on fluoride use in that city, a move expected to receive council's approval today (Wednesday). Burlington's 46-year old treatment plant was found last week to have potentially-hazardous fluoride storage conditions, necessitating the tanks' draining while repairs are made.

Fix Mountview

Craftwood Construction Ltd. of Toronto has been awarded the contract to reconstruct Mountview Road North from the River Drive intersection to John Street in Georgetown. Although the tender awaits regional council's approval this afternoon (Wednesday), the administration and finance committee last week opted for the Craftwood quote of \$736,617, about \$14,000 cheaper than its nearest competitor. Sanitary sewers will also be laid on John Street, Mountview Road and River Drive West during the construction project at a cost of \$169,500, as well as new water mains in the same area, at a cost of \$127,000.

Women's Place annual

Judge James Fuller will be the guest speaker at Halton Women's Place's third annual meeting May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Halton regional headquarters on Highway 25 at the Queen Elizabeth Way. The Milton emergency hostel for abused women and their children is in need of financial and volunteer assistance and interested members of the public are urged to attend the meeting.



PLACE YOUR BETS!

Eli Kanter of Casino Entertainments Ltd. demonstrates his stuff, while setting up for Friday's Monte Carlo Night at the Acton arena. About 1,000 tickets at \$10 apiece were sold for the event, helping to raise money for Acton's "Leathertown" promotion. Local businesses chipped in a variety of fine prizes, the dealers and gamblers were all professionals and the evening's outstanding success will long be remembered in the community.

(Herald photo)

Casino Night hits 'Leathertown' jackpot

Herald Special
The Monte Carlo night sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for the Leathertown promotion was successful, although organizers say it will be several days before they know exactly how much money they cleared.

"It went over very well," said Chamber president John Allinson. "I'm sure we turned a profit although I can't say exactly how much of a one until we get all the bills

in. The gambling tables were swamped all night long and everyone seemed happy."

Although no accurate count of ticket sales was available at press time Mr. Allinson estimated attendance at 500 people and quite a few of those present were from out of town.

Having seen how successful the event can be members just might want to make it an annual fund raising event, Mr. Allinson said, although that has not yet been discussed by the Chamber.

More than 100 prizes were won by ticket holders and the 10 major ones went to Hans Bahr (trip to Vegas), Marilyn Serjeantson (leather chair), Dianne Johnson (television), Flo Charlebois (steerhide rug), Gary Mitchell (backgammon table), Larry Taillefer (stereo), John Ahearn (side of beef), Marg Horton (set of tires), Mona Petrillo (set of tires) and Kay Anponas (camera).

**BLOOD DONOR
CLINIC Monday
at Holy Cross church**

ACTIVAN'S READY TO ROLL

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, chairman of the civic committee which brought a special van to transport the town's physically handicapped, presented an award Monday night to Doug Griffin, the Main Street, Acton, man who named the vehicle "ActiVan". ActiVan will be officially inaugurated this morning (Wednesday) at 10.

(Herald photo)



Bus for
the disabled
hits the road today

About 15 Ann Street residents and representatives from Beacon Developments Ltd. of Toronto have expressed concern that an 80-home subdivision proposed for Georgetown's northwest end could cause traffic and drainage problems and even affect "the character" of the area.

Speaking at a public meeting on the proposal last Tuesday night, Ann Street homeowners complained that the small lot sizes envisioned in the subdivision plan won't blend well with the large, ranch-style frontages found in the neighborhood.

Covering eight acres, the Bayshore Developments Ltd. of Toronto proposal calls for single dwelling homes to be developed largely on 50-foot lots or 5,000 square feet of property. The development would be bordered by Ann Street to the north, CNR tracks to the east, a block of homes forming part of the Ontario Place subdivision to the south and the westerly running Ontario Street.

Ann Street resident Tom McFadden argued that the four smaller lots in the new subdivision which front onto Ann Street would "break up the continuity" of the neighborhood which already features lots 150 feet wide by 300 feet deep. He argued that the subdivision was conceived without keeping the character of Ann Street in mind.

May extract another million tons

Province looks to us for lots more gravel

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

If the provincial transportation ministry (MTC) wants to take gravel out of the Casey Boss property located about three quarters of a mile west of Limhouse, it will have to use Regional Road 43 and Highway 25 to do it, town council decided Monday night.

The town was faced with a notice from the ministry seeking a wayside gravel permit for the Boss property and another seeking to list three other pits for construction projects along Highways 401 and 403. Councilors cautiously agreed to use the Regional Road 43 route rather than have aggregate trucks wind their way southward along the Fourth Line, westward along Sideroad 17 and south on Trafalgar Road. However, a decision on what pits will be listed and what route the contractor will take to supply the Highway 401 project was deferred for two weeks.

Disappointed with pits and quarries chairman Russ Miller's recommendation to use the Regional Road 43 - Highway 25 route, Coun. Pam Sheldon said that the highway already handles more than enough truck traffic, and suggested that increases in volume of heavy vehicles should be stemmed while the road is widened.

"I feel very strongly that we cannot accommodate any further truck traffic on Highway 25 until it is upgraded," Coun. Sheldon told council, adding that if the MTC wants the gravel on the Boss property they should be prepared to make extensive road repairs on Sideroad 17.

However, Coun. Miller pointed out that poor road conditions on Sideroad 17 and Trafalgar Road, as well as possible objections from nearby homeowners at the increased truck traffic on the narrow route, make the Highway 25 route more favorable.

But a rough, hilly section near the Regional Road 43 - Highway 25 intersection will have to be corrected before trucks can safely pass, he said. At one point in the road, the pavement narrows to 12 feet, making it almost impossible for two trucks to pass each other.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy and Coun. Roy Booth agreed that truck traffic from pits should be kept on provincial roads as much as possible, ensuring that the province picks up all costs for road repair.

Asked to comment on the proposed routes, town engineer Bob Austin said he didn't think "it makes one bit of difference", noting that the ministry would likely be "approachable" for road repairs along either route before the extraction begins.

While he said Regional Road 43 is a "less than desirable" truck route because of narrow zones, using Highway 25 would prove less of a "headache" for town and regional officials wrestling with the responsibility for road upgrading.

Supplying projects along Highways 401, 403 and 427 the MTC may consider getting all of its gravel needs - approximately 1,100,000 tons worth - from pits located in Halton Hills.

The Casey Boss property considered for the Highway 403 work has been particularly singled out to provide 328,000 tons of top-quality granular "A" gravel and 77,000 tons of "hot mix" aggregates. For the Highway 401 project, the ministry is looking for 296,000 tons of granular "A", 60,000 tons of three quarter inch stone, 165,000 tons of hot mix aggregates and 62,000 tons of low grade granular "C", possibly coming from quarries located in the Esquesing-Acton area and a further 183,000 tons of granular "A" will be needed for Highway 427 later this

summer. Council's resolution Monday night giving its consent to have the Boss property listed as a possible source of material for the Highway 403 project ensured that the ministry will have to do the necessary road

reconstruction before the contract is awarded, and that the road and pit meet the town engineer's safety standards. A plan to rehabilitate the pit once the contract ended will also have to be submitted to the town for approval.

'Won't push panic button' - teacher's head

The district president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation has modified his earlier comments concerning the possibility of strike action by Halton's 1,700 high school teachers.

Ron Ness told The Herald he is now "uncomfortable" with the word "strike" as quoted in last Wednesday's Herald, in which Mr. Ness said the Halton Board of Education has until June 15 to satisfy the teachers' expectations regarding pay increases, retirement gratuities and staffing increases.

"At one point, June 15 made sense as a target date," he explained. "But because the training session for board negotiations has been pushed back to next weekend, it no longer does. Three or four weeks is not enough time for negotiations to finish."

"As long as problems are being solved, we won't push the panic button. We should know by June 15 how the process is working for both parties."



ELECTIVES DAY TREATS

These privileged students made their way into the staff room of Stewarttown Public School during Electives Day (Thursday) to bake chocolate-covered strawberries and nuts under the supervision of Mrs. Smallwood. The goodies were presented to the staff (and reporters) during the afternoon recess. Thanks, girls! It was all part of Education Week; see inside for more photos. (Herald photo)

Residents, developer worried over 80-home project

Subdivision draws concerns

Deputy town planner Bruce MacLean told councillors and members of the public that the proposed homes are compatible with the area. Road patterns in the subdivision might have been more difficult to design if the lots were larger, he added.

Other Ann Street and Beacon Hill residents were concerned that traffic in the area would triple along Ann and Ontario Streets, boosting the number of road accidents.

However, Mr. MacLean explained that town engineer Bob Austin, unable to attend Tuesday's meeting, foresees no problem with the traffic flow. Meanwhile, construction

vehicles, which could begin working at the site this year if council approves the proposal, will have to use Ontario Street to get in and out of the property.

Solicitor Christopher Tekas, representing Beacon Developments, the builders of a nearby subdivision, said that the Bayshore proposal could cause traffic problems in the Beacon Hill area and complained that his clients had been unable to get enough information from the town to make "intelligent" comments.

Mr. Tekas added that the houses planned for the Bayshore property are not compatible with the Beacon

Hill subdivision and he predicted his clients' neighboring subdivision would "carry a great weight" of the down-slope drainage from the proposed project. Beacon wants more information on what share of the costs for roads and drainage the new development will handle.

One resident said that her property in the Beacon Hill neighborhood, located southwest of the Bayshore project, already requires steady use of a sump pump and she hoped that children will not be endangered by mud in the area churned up by construction.

The town's long-range capital budget forecast has listed road reconstruction along Ann Street in 1983. Mr. MacLean assured residents and there will likely be sewer and water servicing in the area "in the near future". Under the development agreement, Bayshore has been asked to "pre-engineer" Ann Street for future servicing.

Disappointed at the engineer's absence, some homeowners unsuccessfully asked the board to call another public meeting when more information on the project was available.

People wishing to make additional comments on the proposal should write to the town office before May 8.

Brownie, Cub 'litter-chasers' show they love Georgetown, too

Local Brownie packs have climbed aboard the "I Love Georgetown" campaign with "a great deal of zeal and enthusiasm", according to organizers of the community beautification and appreciation drive launched last month. The young girls have accepted the campaign's challenge to clean up Georgetown by undertaking a series of "litter chases" in selected areas.

The Sixth Brownie pack spent part of Monday collecting litter around St. John's United Church on Guelph Street, while Fourth Brownies were cleaning up around Knox Presbyterian Church on Main Street Tuesday afternoon. First Brownies were busy around Joseph Gibbons School in the Moore Park area April 28.

The Fourteenth Brownie pack will clean up the high school area along Guelph Street this Saturday morning.

Cubs are also participating. The Fourth "A" Georgetown pack was trolling for litter around the Mountainview Road-Sinclair Avenue areas last week, and their fellow Cubs from Fifth "A" will pick up garbage around Joseph Gibbons Park on Delrex Boulevard Saturday.

"I'm very proud of what these youngsters are doing," youth activities co-ordinator Brian Bush commented. "They are so enthusiastic. The 'I Love Georgetown' programme is giving us all a chance to show that we have pride in our community."