

## \$63,444 for chronic care start up costs

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Each chronic care bed planned for Georgetown Memorial Hospital is costing \$63,444.

The hospital's planning for 36 of them in their new chronic care unit constructed over the past year.

That means the tab for the new wing totals \$2.3 million.

Who needs chronic care? It's for patients with a condition of long standing who don't require active treatment, but need more care than they can get in a nursing home.

Right now, these patients are taking up hospital beds which could be used for active treatment in Georgetown.

Administrator Fred Morris said the chronic care unit is currently in "roughed in state", meaning it needs additional work to be ready for occupancy.

He's asked the region for \$700,000 to complete the construction program. The region's share of the \$2.3 million tab is \$760,000 or 33 per cent of the total cost.

Who's paying the rest of the bill for the new addition?

According to hospital board chairman Ken Langdon, the other two thirds may be coming from the province, if the unit is approved by the Ministry of Health.

"Our application has been in for donkey's years, but it's up to them," Mr. Langdon said.

The province is taking its time licensing the chronic care unit because once it's open, the patients' stay is paid for by the province - and most of the stays are long-term stays.

Mr. Langdon said the province may be able to recover one-third of its contribution to the chronic care wing from the federal government.

However, he didn't know if such a transfer payment had been allocated.

"It's not yet approved as a hospital so we can't know," Mr. Langdon said.

He said the hospital may even be required to raise that last third of the cost if the province of the federal government don't.

"I don't know if we have to raise a third or not," Mr. Langdon said. He said money being donated to the hospital by service clubs, individuals and other community groups may be put towards the capital costs of the chronic care unit, unless the donations have been earmarked for a specific purpose.

Until the new unit is licensed, the hospital won't get a penny from the province.

"We built the thing anyway, because we knew that it has to be built anyway. The need has been recognized and we had the blessing of the Health Council," Mr. Langdon said. "Sooner or later those beds have to be."

### Beds request deferred

Georgetown District Memorial Hospital administrator Fred Morris told the region in a letter last month that Georgetown Memorial Hospital's request for chronic care beds "has been deferred until the nursing home beds are open and fully operational."

"The Ministry of Health and the Halton District Health Council recognize that, even with the additions approved in other parts of the region of Halton, the region is still substantially below the Ministry guidelines of 11.9 beds per 1,000 of age 65 plus population," Mr. Morris wrote.

"Therefore, I would believe that, in the very near future, our request for chronic care beds should be considered, particularly having met the criteria of the nursing home beds being opened and fully operational."

### \$185,000 for repairs

For \$185,000, the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital will have a new roof and windows.

The need to replace the roof and windows at the 25 year old building was identified last June by the hospital.

Recently, Halton region was asked for \$61,500 or one-third of the total bill.

### 3 months sentence

Former Acton resident Alexander Walte received three months in jail after he pleaded guilty to theft after breaking into O'Brien's Meats in Acton.

Court was told how the O'Brien's Meats owner discovered his store had been broken into Dec. 29, 1983.

Approximately \$950 in meats including three hinds of beef and four black forest hams were taken in the theft along with \$75 in cash and \$70 worth of cigarettes.

Defence lawyer Kim Taylor said his client denied taking the meats during the break and enter.

Mr. Waltes, 17, has been serving a 30 day sentence for breach of probation and is also serving time in jail for fines.

### Car strikes deer

Approximately \$1,000 in damages resulted when a vehicle struck a deer on 22nd Sideroad west of Highway 7.

The driver was not injured or charged by police in the Saturday incident and the deer could not be found afterwards.

### Charged with impaired

A Moffat area man, who was stopped in his vehicle last weekend in Acton after driving erratically, has been charged with impaired driving. Other charges include driving while suspended, driving with no insurance and driving with an unauthorized license plate.

### Failure to remain

A 20 year old Georgetown resident has been charged with failing to remain at an accident scene after he had apparently caused about \$800 in damages to a Land Rover while parked at Cedarvale Park, March 7.

### Pick-up stereo search

The dashboard of a pick-up truck was damaged after thieves attempted to take a stereo unit from the vehicle over the weekend.

There was an estimated \$75 in damages caused in the Friday evening incident in Silver Creek.

### Lurking about

Halton regional police are looking for two people who were seen leaving the area of Ontario Street in Georgetown after a break and entry.

Eyewitnesses say the two went through a wooded area after taking about \$35 in cash, \$35 in liquor and causing about \$15 in damages.

Police say one of the men has a cut to one of his hands after entry was gained by smashing a window.

### Beer hungry thieves

A half case of Miller beer were among items taken from a Wilson Court residence after thieves gained entry by ripping off a screen in a basement window.

An estimated \$1,200 in money, jewellery and liquor were taken in the Saturday incident.

### Causes \$500 damage

A Brampton teenager has been charged with willful damage after he threw a brick in front of a vehicle on Highway 7 over the weekend.

On arrival police also discovered a window broken at Casseman Fuels which the youth was also charged with.

Police say the teenager had been drinking prior to the incident which caused approximately \$500 in damages.

### Cassettes stolen

The theft of 24 cassette tapes occurred early Saturday morning after a vehicle had been entered while parked on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown.

Value of the tapes is estimated at \$300.

### On garbage site

## Chamber wants quick action

Herald Staff  
Decisions, especially major ones affecting 254,000 people aren't made lightly.

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce recognizes Halton region has a big decision on its hands when it comes to choosing a landfill site for the region's residents.

Last week, they sent a letter off to regional chairman Peter Pomeroy urging the region to make a decision on the location of a new landfill site "as soon as reasonably possible."

The Chamber also expressed support for the region's efforts in the environmental assessment process to be undertaken.

The letter signed by the Chamber's secretary-treasurer Walter Biehn was acknowledged by the region's solid waste management committee.

Similar resolutions have been received from the Burlington and Oakville Chambers.

### Red Cross

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### Firefighting

equipment

is stolen

An apartment building on Queen Street in Georgetown reported the theft of four fire extinguishers with an estimated value of \$140 on Sunday.

## Girl not guilty of faulty gun storage

By ROBIN BAKWELL  
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A 17 year old Acton girl who said she purchased a rifle for protection and hunting purposes was found not guilty of storing a firearm in a dangerous manner.

In his verdict to Lori Secord, Judge Douglas Latimer said she had "better be a lot more careful with weapons in the future."

The incident occurred a few days after the 22 semi-automatic rifle had been purchased. Police responded after eight rounds from the gun had been discharged from an apartment on Mill Street in Acton.

Two male acquaintances had visited Miss Secord at her apartment on Mill Street on the evening of Dec. 20, 1984.

The males had been drinking at a local tavern earlier in the evening and one, who took the stand, admitted to being drunk.

Defence lawyer David Page suggested to the young man on the stand

that the two had gone to Miss Secord's with the intention of smoking drugs. This was denied.

Court was told the rifle had been leaning against a closet in the apartment before one of the young men took the gun across the hall to another apartment and discharged it.

Police, who were called by neighbors in the apartment building, observed the young men on Main Street in Acton and questioned them on the incident. One of the young men was charged with dangerous use of a firearm.

The officer who made the response to Miss Secord's apartment found the rifle on the bed and ammunition on the dresser.

Mr. Page said, had the accused been expecting company that evening, the gun may not have been where it was. It was left outside the closet because Miss Secord had been working on it.

Mr. Page said he didn't believe the girl was being irresponsible

or careless in her gun storage methods. He said it was unfortunate there was only one room in the Acton apartment.

### Hospice Support Group

The North Halton Hospice Support Group for the Widowed is holding its monthly meeting March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

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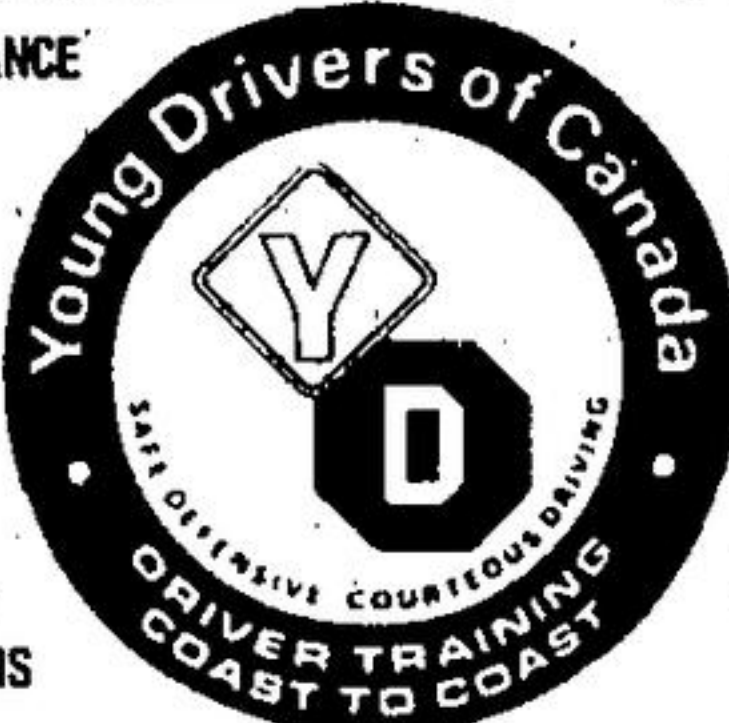
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