

# Computer-friendly cruisers

## Chasing criminals with VDT screens

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Herald Staff

Police cruisers will soon be sporting new computers as phase three of the computerization of the Halton Police Force is implemented.

At the police commission meeting Jan. 28 project co-ordinators Sgt. Dave Denton and Const. Pat Overholt were given the go ahead to install 55 mobile display terminals into area cruisers.

Contract approval went to Planning Research Corporation California to develop the computer software while Vancouver based Mobile Data International was hired to develop and produce the computer hard-

mini-computers with VDT screens. Instead of being activated by voice the computer is digital, run by the officer punching in his request by hand.

The computer, which is to be placed in the front of the cruiser between the driver and passenger, swivels and tilts up and down so the operator can adjust it to his line of sight.

Installing computers in cruisers will increase the efficiency of the system. Currently if someone phones into the station to report an accident the complaint taker has to physically punch in the information for the dispatcher.

The dispatcher must then give the

and computer he has received the call and is on his way.

When the officer arrives at the destination he punches the key at scene and when he has completed the call hits in service which tells the dispatcher the cruiser is free for duty.

Installing the computers will cut down on the air time of voice radios. One of the big problems facing the police force was the growth of Halton Region, Sgt. Denton said.

Quite often when it got busier than heck on Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights the voice radio system got overloaded, Sgt. Denton said. During these times the officer found he had trouble getting air time to relay his calls.

A second benefit to the computer terminals is increase in officer safety. Currently when an officer pulls over a car he gets on the radio to say where he is and tell the license plate number of the car. If something happens or the officer runs into an emergency other cruisers know where he is to offer assistance.

When the channels get so busy, Sgt. Denton said, the officer who pulls over the violator will either not tell headquarters where he is or not pull over the offender.

With computers all the officer has to do is hit traffic stop and punch in his location and the license number of the car.

Information such as who the vehicle is registered to and if the car is stolen will automatically come up.

As well the officer can run a check on a person to see if he has any outstanding fines or warrants by punching in his name and birth date into the computer, Sgt. Denton said.

The cost of \$894,000 to implement the project was set aside in 1982. "The taxpayers are not getting hit," Sgt. Denton said.

In the future when more computers are placed into cruisers the cost will be \$7,000 per car.

Sgt. Denton said he hopes to have the whole system live by fall. "The target date is to be up and running in October," he said.

Currently Const. Overholt is working on a customized system for the Halton Region Force by deciding what is needed for the department and designing different status keys.

A committee based on an officer from each district of Burlington, Oakville, Halton Hills and Milton plus a communicator, dispatcher and computer operator John Mackey has been set up so the officers on the street can have some input into what they would like the computers to do.

During these meetings, things such as what information officers would like to have come up on the screens, the color of the keys on the keyboard and where the best place for the computer to be mounted in the car is, will be discussed.

"Once the whole thing is done the officers will have had the chance to participate in the design," Sgt. Denton said.

In the future added features may include graphics such as the officer being able to call up a map or portable terminals which would incorporate a radio terminal with a voice terminal.

Down the road a computer may be designed where the officer can type his report right into the system which would save officers time at the station.

Now they have to write the information in their notebook and transfer it to an occurrence report.

## Bowling for dollars to help Big Brothers



lan Beckstead of the Toronto Argonauts was on hand Saturday at Georgetown Bowl for the annual Big Brothers Bowl for Millions. lan is joined here by Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller (left), and Al Galloway, chairman, as they look over the totals being kept by Little Brother Adam Bouneau. lan was sure there had to be a mistake in the scoring when his game total came to a mere 135. (Herald photo)



Project co-ordinator Pat Overholt stands with the mobile computer terminal to be installed in area cruisers in the fall.

ware. This stage is part of a four phase project begun in 1982 to computerize the police force, said Sgt. Denton. In July 1985 the force's records were all put on computer and in June 1986 the Halton Entry and Retrieval Telecommunications System (HEART) got underway. The mobile display terminals are

what, where, who and when over the air to the police officer in the cruiser.

With the new system all the information can be sent via computer and pop up on the officer's screen.

"Instead of him having to say '10-4 got the call,'" Sgt. Denton said, the police officer can hit the status key on route which tells the dispatcher

### Icy roads

Icy road conditions aided a 7:20 p.m. accident Feb. 20 at Maple Avenue and Guelph Street. A 1986 grey Suba, driven by a 41-year-old Georgetown man, was northbound on Maple Avenue in the northbound lane when it collided into the right rear side of a red 1980 Chrysler, driven by a 48-year-old Georgetown woman. The Chrysler was slowing down for a traffic light when it lost control. The car started to slide sideways and first hit a snowbank on the east side of Maple Avenue before being hit by the Suba. Both cars were driving slowly but could not control their slipping, because of ice covered road surfaces.

### Demolished

A 1985 silver Nissan King Cab was demolished in a 7 p.m. accident Feb. 19 on Trafalgar Road and the 10th Sideroad. The Nissan, driven by a 31-year-old Mississauga man, was southbound on Trafalgar Road between the 10th Sideroad and Fifth Sideroad when it slid off the roadway and struck a snowbank.

### Follows too close

A charge of following too close was laid at an 8:30 a.m. accident

Monday at Mountainview Road South and Pennington Crescent. A 1977 Cadillac, driven by a 60-year-old Georgetown man, was turning left from the southbound lane on Mountainview Road onto Pennington Crescent. A 1979 Ford, driven by a 33-year-old Georgetown man, was travelling behind the Cadillac and ran into the back of the car. Both cars received light damage.

### Loses control

Slush covered roads caused a 9:50 a.m. accident Monday at Trafalgar Road and the 27 Sideroad. A 1979 yellow Chrysler, driven by a 75-year-old Bradford man, was northbound on Trafalgar Road north of the 27 Sideroad. A 1984 grey Mercury, driven by a 36-year-old Erin man, was southbound on Trafalgar Road when it lost control due to slush covered roads and high winds. It subsequently struck the Chrysler. Both vehicles received light damage.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE THE FOLLOWING STREET NAMES CINDY PLACE TO OAK RIDGE DRIVE AND HILLSIDE CRESCENT TO HILLSIDE DRIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to pass a By-Law to change the name of that street which is presently known as Cindy Place to Oak Ridge Drive. The street is located in Glen Williams and lies to the north of Whitwood Road. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to pass a By-Law to change the name of that street which is presently named Hillside Crescent to Hillside Drive. The street is located in the former Town of Georgetown and lies to the west of Mary Street.

The Council or a Committee of Council will hear any person who claims that they will be adversely affected by either of the above By-Laws who applies to be heard at a meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Offices on Trafalgar Road on the 29th day of February, 1988. This Notice was first published on the 3rd day of February, 1988.

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Ad. No. 888

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Ward 2/ward 3 - Moore Park Area



Council of the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss application for a plan of subdivision and an amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit the subdivision of a 10.4 hectare (25.6 acre) property for 108 single family residential lots.

The subject property is located in the expanded urban community of Georgetown on lands described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 8, Town of Halton Hills. The lands are situated between Highway No. 7 and the C.N.R. rail line, east of Trafalgar Road.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

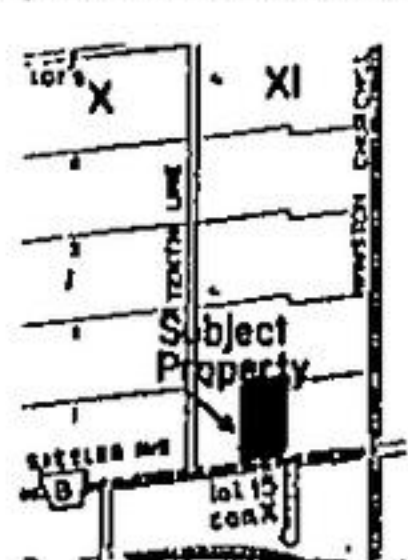
ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: March 28, 1988  
Location: Halton Hills Administration Building  
File No: E-83-005

Ad No. 882

Bruce D. MacLean, B.A., M.C.I.P.  
Deputy Planning Director

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Ward 2 (Steeles Ave./10th Line)



General Committee of the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51 of the Town of Halton Hills.

The proposed amendment involves the rezoning of a 17 hectare (42 acre) farm property in the east half of Lot 17, Concession 2 to permit a temporary second residence.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:10 p.m.  
Date: Monday, April 18, 1988  
Location: Halton Hills Administration Building  
Trafalgar Road  
File No: H-87-023

Ad No. 883

Ian S. Kelth, B.A., M.C.I.P.  
Director of Planning

### PRINCESS ANNE DRIVE PROPERTY DISPOSITION PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Thursday, 1988 03 03  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Halton Hills Administration Building  
Committee Room, Trafalgar Road

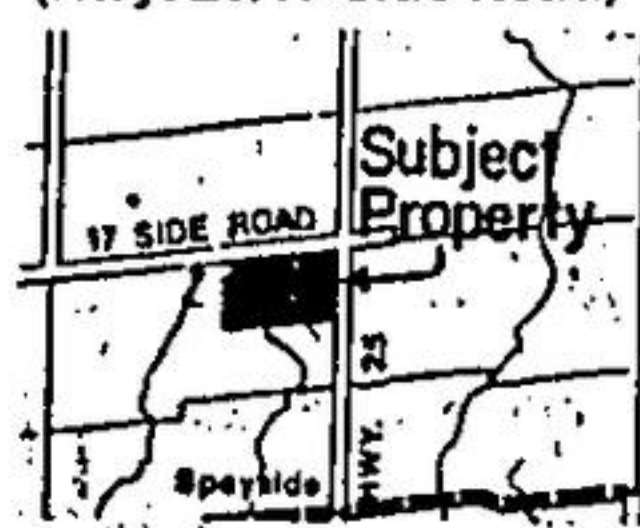
The Town of Halton Hills intends to dispose of surplus property on Princess Anne Drive for residential dwelling construction.

Concerns regarding the sale of this property will be addressed by staff of the Town of Halton Hills, the Regional Municipality of Halton and members of the Municipally-Owned Property Committee at the meeting.

Ad No. 886

Pamela Sheldon, Councillor  
Chairman  
Municipally-Owned Property Committee

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Ward 2 (Hwy. 25/17 Side Road)



General Committee of the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51 of the Town of Halton Hills.

The proposed amendment involves the rezoning of a 14 hectare (35 acre) farm property in the east half of Lot 17, Concession 2 to permit a temporary second residence.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

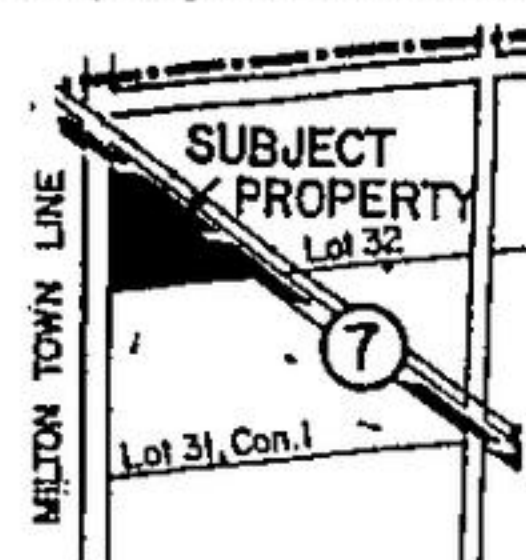
ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: Monday, April 18, 1988  
Location: Halton Hills Administration Building  
Trafalgar Road  
File No: H-87-022

Ad No. 884

Ian S. Kelth, B.A., M.C.I.P.  
Director of Planning

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Ward 2 (Hwy. 7/Townline Road)



General Committee of the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51 of the Town of Halton Hills.

The proposed amendment involves the rezoning of a 18 hectare (40 acre) property in the west half of Lot 32, Concession 1 to permit a golf driving range.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: Monday, April 4, 1988  
Location: Halton Hills Administration Building  
Trafalgar Road  
File No: H-87-021

Ad No. 885

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Director of Planning