



Firefighter Ed Pearce (left) and Mike Reynolds (right) set up fans to clear the smoke in an apartment at the seniors residence at 8 Durham Street. A pot of cooking oil caught fire Saturday morning.

Smoke engulfs hall at seniors residence

The fire department attended to a few small fires, and motor vehicle accidents in the past week. Firefighters doused a chimney fire Feb. 26 at 5:03 p.m. at the 15th Sideroad in Stewarttown. There was no damage. A pot of cooking oil activated the alarm Feb. 27 at 10:21 a.m. at 8 Durham St. in Georgetown. Smoke filled the apartment of the seniors residence. There were no injuries. Feb. 26 at 1:55 a.m. at Highway

25 and the 22nd Sideroad firefighters aided the Milton OPP in a two-car accident. Firefighters sped to a car fire at the Ballinacra Sideroad between the Fourth and Fifth Lines Feb. 27 at 10:24 p.m. Feb. 28 at 2:37 p.m. the fire department was called to a motor vehicle accident at the 22nd Sideroad and the Third and Fourth Lines. Firefighters rushed to the laundry Feb. 28 at 8:57 p.m. at 14 Main Street South in Acton.

NDP-Grit alliance a bad 2 for 1 deal Says deputy PM

By RON MCGREGOR
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A federal Liberal-NDP alliance would be "the worst value two-for-one deal in Canadian history," says Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski. But that's exactly what Canadians have to fear, he said in a relentless speech to local PC supporters in Brampton Thursday. "The Liberals and the NDP keep moving closer together while we stand alone on one side," the Vegreville, Alta., MP told about 200 supporters at a fund-raising dinner. The \$150-a-plate affair was held to raise organizing dollars for the three new federal ridings that will be created in Brampton and Georgetown if an election is held before July 14.



John McDermid

Among the themes stressed by Mr. Mazankowski were Conservative accomplishments in economic and federal-provincial relations (little recognized except by party supporters, he said) and a "vicious" atmosphere in the House of Commons created by Opposition critics. Federal-provincial relations, Mr. Mazankowski said, "have emerged from the rubble of the Liberal-NDP years." Alluding to the scandals that have plagued Brian Mulroney's cabinet, he said: "I have to admit we have had some problems as a government." "But... we could never live up to expectations after being out of power for more than 20 years." He offered fulsome praise to Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid for his role as parliamentary secretary to cabinet minister Pat Carney, first in the energy portfolio and more recently as Minister of International Trade.

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Walker snubs EFW contract

Halton Region is already running into problems with the first steps of its proposed energy from waste program. Consultant Peter Walker has turned down the Region's request to help guide regional staff through the lengthy and complex Environmental Assessment process. Mr. Walker is acknowledged by some Halton councillors as one of the most knowledgeable consultants in Ontario on the Environmental Assessment process for landfill sites. He was a key consultant for the Region in the landfill issue which is now coming to a head.

It was the Walker, Wright, Young report, in which Mr. Walker played a major role, which recommended to the current Consolidation Board Hearings the Aldershot site in Burlington as the "preferred" landfill site.

A site in Milton was listed as the next best option by the consulting firm.

The report has been the object of considerable criticism in recent years from Burlington councillors, who are fighting the Aldershot site.

Mr. Walker told Halton's Chief Administrative Officer John Fleming that he didn't want to take part in helping Halton through the same process for energy from waste but he gave no reasons for his decision, according to Mr. Fleming.

While most Regional councillors were flabbergasted at Mr. Walker's action, Burlington councillor Walter Mulkeiwich said the consultant did "the gracious thing."

The Region has hired two other consultants, Cam Watson and Tom Lederer, to help guide it through some aspects of the EA process but Halton was going to lean on Mr. Watson's knowledge of the EA to help them meet the criteria of the act.

Coun. Mulkeiwich said it may be time for "new blood" to look into energy from waste for Halton and hiring the consultants now is "premature."

In a lengthy argument to regional councillors Feb. 24 Coun. Mulkeiwich said the Ministry of the Environment was "too often made a scapegoat" in Halton's ten year search for a landfill site.

"The whole story of the landfill question has not yet been told," said Coun. Mulkeiwich.

He urged councillors to head into the energy from waste process "from a fresh start."

But Milton Coun. Bill Johnson was upset about Mr. Walker's decision. "I deeply regret that Peter Walker withdrew," he said.

"Peter Walker is the best around." He speculated that criticism from Burlington councillors about their work on the search for the landfill affected Mr. Walker's decision to abstain from the energy from waste issue.

Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon said Halton Region "should feel a deep sense of honest professional shame."

She said Mr. Walker would be the best consultant to lead Halton through the EA process because of the expertise gained from the landfill issue.

Halton Chairman Pete Pomeroy objected to Coun. Mulkeiwich's claim that there are still hidden issues in the search for a landfill site.

Throughout the whole EA process in search of a site the Region "was open and all of the cards were on the table," he said.

"The only people we had difficulty with were the municipalities that opposed us." Chairman Pomeroy said Monday that Mr. Walker won't be replaced.

Refuses sample

A Puslinch Township man will appear in court March 28 on a charge of refusing to provide a breath sample. The 30-year-old was charged in Milton with impaired driving Feb. 26 at 3:15 a.m. and brought to the Georgetown police station where he refused to give a sample.

Coat stolen

A \$300 coat was taken from the coat check at the Georgetown high school Feb. 26 at 11:30 p.m. A student who had attended a dance at the high school returned to get his coat when the dance was over and found it missing.

Assaults mom

A Brampton man was charged with assault Feb. 28 at 11:55 a.m. as a result of a domestic dispute Feb. 20. The son assaulted his 43-year-old Georgetown mother while she was at work. The 20-year-old will appear in court March 21.

Truck damage

Someone used a fire iron to damage a 1977 GMC truck between 7 p.m. Feb. 23 and 8 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Sixth Line and 17 Sideroad in Halton Hills.

Emblems removed

Turbo and Toyota emblems, valued at \$200, were removed from cars at the Toyota car dealership at 343 Guelph Street between 9 p.m. of Feb. 22 and 9 a.m. Feb. 24.

Impaired driver

A Brampton man will appear in court March 28 for impaired driving. The 39-year-old was stopped at Guelph Street and Delrex Boulevard Feb. 23 at 11:45 p.m. and for a traffic infraction and found impaired.

Bump in road

A bump in the road caused an 8:30 p.m. accident Feb. 28 at Steeles Avenue and the Ninth Line. A 1978 white Volkswagen Rabbit, driven by a 40-year-old Toronto man, was eastbound on Steeles Avenue at 80 km per hour when it was struck by a trailer being pulled by a 1986 red Chevrolet. The Chevrolet was westbound on Steeles Avenue at 60 km per hour. The trailer broke a bracket after hitting a bump on the road which caused it to jack-knife and swing into the side of the Rabbit. Both cars ran off the road and into the shoulder. Both cars received severe damage.

Loses control

A charge of improper passing was laid at a 7:15 a.m. accident Feb. 25 on Main Street North in Acton. A 1977 red Buick Skyhawk, driven by a 19-year-old Guelph man, was heading southbound in the southbound lane of Main Street North when it pulled out to pass a parked 1979 white Kenworth, driven by a 29-year-old Swastikaman.

The driver misjudged the location of the Kenworth, subsequently causing the right side of the Skyhawk to hit the left right corner of the car. The Skyhawk lost control, veered back across into the southbound lane and came to rest in a field.

Slides on ice

A 1976 blue Chrysler, driven by a 35-year-old Georgetown woman, slid on ice Feb. 24 at 3:40 p.m. on

the 27 Sideroad, failed to make a right hand turn and struck a 1982 white Lincoln. The Lincoln then mounted a snowbank on the west side of the side road.

Speeds too fast

A charge of speeding too fast for conditions was laid Feb. 27 at a 5 p.m. accident at the 27 Sideroad and Trafalgar Road. A 1986 blue Volkswagen Jetta, driven by a 25-year-old Georgetown woman, was northbound on Trafalgar Road turning onto the 27 Sideroad. The intersection had loose sand and was wet. The Jetta was turning too fast for conditions and lost control leaving the road and striking a tree.

Taken to hospital

Richard Kritsch was taken to hospital following a 1:10 p.m. accident Feb. 26 at Maple Avenue and Guelph Street. A 1987 red Plymouth, driven by a 43-year-old Georgetown woman, was parked in the north/south of Maple Avenue. The driver made a U-turn to go eastbound and was hit by a 1984 red Chrysler, driven by a 33-year-old Brampton man, that was westbound in the westbound lane of Maple Avenue. A charge of failing to yield the right of way was laid.

Follows too close

A charge of following too close was laid at a 4:40 p.m. accident Feb. 25 in front of 18 Storey Drive. A 1985 brown Ford van, driven by a 46-year-old Acton woman, was southbound on Storey Drive and signalled a left hand turn into a private driveway. As it started to turn a 1988 brown Ford van, driven by a 32-year-old Acton woman, passed the van from behind and struck the vehicle. Both vans received moderate damage.

Boost for blue box recycling

Recycling in Halton took a giant step forward last week. Halton's Planning and Public Works Committee decided Feb. 24 to buy seven modern top-loading recycling trucks to augment a "blue box" program in Milton, Burlington and Oakville.

Halton Hills runs its own recycling program but it may decide to buy one or two trucks when the town's budget is finalized later this year.

Labrie Equipment Ltd. of Quebec will supply two top loading trucks to Halton for a six week trial period. If the Region likes the newer technology it will buy seven of them at a cost of \$568,670.

If Halton decides against the newer trucks, it will purchase nine trucks which operate similar to other vehicles with the blue box program used in other regions.

Milton instituted the blue box program last year and Burlington and Oakville will be heading full fledged into the program with the arrival of the trucks, said Halton's Director of Waste Management John MacKay.

The blue box program, which is already in place in several other regions including Peel, is credited with increasing Milton's recycling rate to 15 per cent of its waste since it was initiated last year.

Oakville and Burlington are now recycling about ten per cent of its waste and Halton Hills is recycling about eight per cent, said Mr. MacKay.

Halton Hills decided to stay with their own recycling program when the Region took over contracts for recycling for Milton, Burlington and Oakville in 1985, said Mr. MacKay.

Halton Hills is the only municipality in Halton which collects the recyclable materials using town staff, he said.

Halton Hills town councillors have been considering initiating the blue box program to supplement its current curbside collection program.

When a municipality decides to use the blue box program each

household is given a plastic blue container. All recyclable materials, including newspaper, glass, clear plastic bottles and tin cans are placed in the container which is then placed at the curbside weekly for collection.

The blue boxes will cost about \$394,000 for the entire region.

But costs to Halton taxpayers will be significantly mitigated by government grants for new recycling programs.

One third of new capital costs of recycling programs is funded by the Ministry of the Environment Recycling Grants program and another third is subsidized from the private Ontario Multi-Material Recycling Inc.

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