

Police beat

Equipment missing

Halton Regional Police estimate \$900 in goods was taken from a locked car in Acton the weekend of Dec. 3 and 4. A 1987 Buick was entered by an unknown suspect who removed \$400 in camera equipment, 36 cassette tapes valued at \$300 and a \$100 watch. The car was parked at Main and Mill Streets, Acton.

Ring taken

A diamond ring and some cash were taken from a John Street residence in Georgetown Dec. 5. Police say an unknown suspect entered the home through a kitchen window, removing the \$1,000 ring and \$150 in cash.

Benches lifted

Two wooden benches were taken from an Elmore Drive, Acton residence sometime between Dec. 2 and 6, say police. The benches, valued at \$50, were taken from the resident's backyard.

\$500 damage

Some \$500 damage was done to an Acton resident's hedges in the last two or three weeks, say police. An unknown suspect has been "systematically breaking off branches from the bushes" of the Division Street home. Police are continuing to investigate.

Pick-up damaged

Police say \$600 damage was caused to the rear of a 1988 Ford pick-up last weekend. The truck, parked at Guelph Street received a damaged left rear panel, caused by an unknown suspect.

Youth charged

A 17-year-old female youth was charged with wilful damage in connection with an incident early Saturday morning in Acton. Police say a suspect kicked a moving car which was travelling northbound on Main Street North near Mill Street, causing \$200 damage to the vehicle. The Rockwood youth will appear in court Jan. 26 on charges of wilful damage and breach of probation.

Assault charge

A 17-year-old female from Georgetown is charged with assault following an incident outside Georgetown District High School Dec. 6. Police say an argument at the rear of the high school around 3:30 p.m. resulted in a Georgetown male, 17, being taken to hospital with a cut lip.

Boy injured

A Georgetown boy who reportedly dashed out between parked cars on Delreux Boulevard was hit by a passing car Friday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police say Greg Kwapis, 10, was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with minor injuries after he was struck by a southbound Mercury Marquis, driven by a Georgetown man, 49.

Police say the boy ran into the vehicle's path on Delreux Boulevard near Guelph Street.

Light damage

A Georgetown man received cuts and scrapes in a two-car collision on Guelph Street Friday afternoon. Halton Regional Police say a 1978 Chevrolet driven by a Georgetown woman, 32, was stopped in the curb lane facing west when it was struck by a 1981 Toyota Tercel driven by a Georgetown man, 38. Both cars received light damage. The Toyota's driver has been charged under the Highway Traffic Act.

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Checking the boards

The Georgetown Optimists held its second annual ski swap at the Optimist Hall on Highway 7, Saturday. The swap was a hit with ski enthusiasts and proceeds will go towards the Jackrabbit Ski League.

Here, Kevin Tribe (13) and his brother Derek (10), both of Acton, size up a pair of skis. (Herald photo)

Mayor addresses Chamber and gives vision of future

Georgetown will retain its small town identity despite plans which call for expansion to 40,000 people in the next 10 to 15 years, Mayor Russ Miller said.

Speaking at a Georgetown Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday, Mayor Miller said the speed of the increase in population from the current 18,000 in the urban Georgetown area, will depend on the demand.

"When I came to the Georgetown area there was 3,000 people here. It was a lovely little town at 3,000, it's still a lovely town at 18,000 and it will probably still be a lovely town at 40,000," Mayor Miller said.

The development will kick off next year with 500 homes in Halton Hills Village on the east side of the Ninth Line, he said.

And the expansion to Georgetown's sewage plant should be finished sometime next summer to allow development in the area to meet demand, he said.

There are also 400 acres of industrial zoned land at the southern end of Halton Hills Village, Mayor Miller said.

The town has been pushing to attract more industry recently in an attempt to balance the residential-industrial assessment base to ease the tax burden on homeowners.

The Highway 401 corridor is another desirable place for industrial development, said the mayor.

Development will likely come from the east and locate in that area, he said. "It's only a natural."

That 400 acres of industrial land in Halton Hills Village will be serviceable next year, said Mayor Miller.

But there likely isn't going to be large-scale commercial growth, he said. "Most business people feel there is a large amount of commercial development in Georgetown. We didn't want to flood the market with any more."

Mayor Miller wants to develop a secondary plan for the older urban area of Georgetown. The town is getting applications to redevelop portions of property in older Georgetown so a secondary plan could give it direction, he said.

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Chambers move on with amalgamation

Barring any last minute objections, the Georgetown and Acton Chambers of Commerce will officially amalgamate Jan. 28.

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce will officially begin operations on Feb. 1.

The 65 members of the Acton chamber of commerce voted "overwhelmingly" in favor of amalgamating with the Georgetown chamber at the end of November, according to Georgetown Chamber president Murray Lawton.

The Georgetown Chamber won't have a full vote of its members similar to the Acton vote. Instead, the board of directors will be asked to vote Jan. 10 on changes to bylaws which allow the amalgamation.

Mr. Lawton will remain as the head of the new Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce and Acton president Mike Manes will take a vice-president position alongside the two Georgetown vice-presidents.

The members of the Boards of Directors from the two chambers will then merge to form the Halton Hills Board of Directors until May, when a new and likely smaller board of directors will take over the Halton Hills Chamber June 1.

Currently Georgetown has 25 members on the board of directors and Acton has nine. The actual number of Halton Hills Chamber directors elected will not be specified and the chamber will elect as many as it feels is necessary each year, said Mr. Lawton.

The Halton Hills Chamber will be able to use the services of Georgetown's fulltime general manager, Doug Penrice, so it likely won't need as many board members as it will carry until June, he said.

The idea is to create a chamber which will be able to lobby government organizations with a unified voice. Representing only Georgetown put roadblocks in the way of chamber requests from various levels of government, said Mr. Lawton.

And Acton businesses will be able to use the more extensive resources and knowledge the successful Georgetown chamber has gathered over the years, including documenting information on a computer, said Mr. Lawton.

Although the chambers will operate under a single banner from February on, Acton chamber members will have to play an active role in the organization in order to make sure the chamber retains a vibrant role in the smaller town, said Mr. Lawton.

Georgetown members are prepared to support Acton activities but "nobody from Acton's going to come in and do something for Georgetown and vice versa," Mr. Lawton said.

Now, instead of Acton members using their time just trying to organize a chamber, they can channel their efforts to events and allow

the Halton Hills chamber to take care of the administrative work, said Mr. Lawton.

One of the first issues the new chamber will tackle is garbage collection for area businesses, said Mr. Lawton.

Currently, all businesses pay municipal taxes but not all of them have their garbage picked up at the door by the town. The issue has been a contentious one recently and Mr. Lawton wants Halton Hills to change its "antiquated" methods of garbage collection to accommodate businesses.

A new system of garbage collection, which would include the businesses which are now paying for a private pickup service, would help clean up the community, said Mr. Lawton.

"An overall package needs to be designed."

The united chamber also plans to approach the town about designing more explicit parking and sign bylaws, he said.

Firefighters revive man

Firefighters were called to a Peel Street, Acton residence Dec. 6 to assist a man whose vital signs were undetectable, say officials. Firefighters administered CPR until the ambulance arrived to take the man to hospital.

A chimney fire to a residence on Queen Street in Georgetown caused no damage Dec. 11, say fire officials. They arrived on the scene to put out the blaze shortly after 5 p.m.

Manes sees big benefits

Acton businesses stand to gain from the amalgamation between the Acton and Georgetown Chambers of Commerce despite claims by a handful of businessmen the town will get "lost in the shuffle," Acton chamber president Mike Manes says.

Only three businesses out of 65 members voted against the merger in the November vote, said Mr. Manes.

About 90 per cent of the members actually voted, he said.

Mr. Manes said he considers the vote a convincing mandate to amalgamate with the Georgetown chamber.

Together, the two chambers will represent over 300 businesses throughout Halton Hills.

Mr. Manes believes Acton businesses will be more organized with more time for other functions with the help of Georgetown's resources, which include a fulltime staff worker and a computer.

And Acton will have a larger voice when making requests of other bodies because the requests will come from all Halton Hills businesses, Mr. Manes said echoing what Georgetown chamber members have said in the past.

Opponents to the merger complained that Acton might "get lost in the shuffle" but Mr. Manes says Acton businesses will get stronger as a result of the merger.

Acton businesses have a good relationship with the Georgetown chamber and Acton members of the new Halton Hills board of directors will have no difficulty keeping an eye on Acton issues, he said.



Mayor Miller

The hamlets of Glen Williams, Norval and Stewarttown should expand on a smaller scale in coming years, he said.

The Acton urban area should grow by as many as 3,000 people in the next three years, said Mayor Miller.

With new development of about 80 homes next year the Prospect Park well should be brought into use to give the town more water, he said.

And industry is finding Acton a good location to settle, he said. The Commerce Court area has attracted 15 new businesses in the past five years, he noted.

Also, Canada Packers owns about 300 acres of industrial land in the heart of Acton and they are now attempting to get part of that land serviced, said the mayor.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the "Acton Town Hall", located at 19 Willow Street, North (Acton), as a building being of architectural and historic interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
"Acton Town Hall"

The Hall was completed in 1883 and is a good example of the monumental style of the late 19th century public architecture. The architecturally significant features of the building include its monumental and symmetrical massing along the front and side elevations; its arched window openings, highlighted by decorative key end stones and moulded brick sides designed to resemble pilasters; its Italianate style roof trim featuring wide eaves with heavy shaped wooden brackets; the arched and brick pilaster trimmed front doorway and its wooden, detailed belfry tower.

The historical interest of the property lies chiefly in the fact that it was the focal centre of the Town of Acton until Regional Government, as it acted as the community centre for virtually all Town of Acton related functions and services.

Any person may, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Halton Hills a notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with the reason for the objection and all relevant facts.

If such a notice is received, the Council for the Town of Halton Hills shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Halton Hills, this 7th day of December, 1988.

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