

Town orders woman to lay husband's headstone flat

A Norval woman whose father died in March will not be allowed to put an upright headstone on his grave.

Bernadene Kavanaugh was told by town councillors Monday night to comply with a rule that will not allow an upright headstone in Greenwood Cemetery on Maple Avenue in Georgetown. Mrs. Kavanaugh was told to lay the 24-inch stone on its side and use it as a "pillow marker."

"They told me to put it flat on the ground like a marker. The only thing is, it's a \$1,300 headstone. It's not meant to lay flat on the ground," Mrs. Kavanaugh said.

Her father, Bernard Postlethwaite, died in March of this year and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Mrs. Kavanaugh ordered a headstone from a Milton company. Creative Memorials Ltd. contacted the Town of Halton Hills in July to request a foundation for an upright monument.

Councillors discussed the headstone Monday night, and decided that it could set a precedent for other upright headstones if Mr. Postlethwaite's grave is allowed an upright marker. The marker would reach a height of 32 inches with a base.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said the pillow marker would represent a compromise between the upright headstone and the flat marker.

Town staff told Mrs. Kavanaugh she would save almost \$300 by using the headstone as a pillow marker.

"I think this (solution) would alleviate some of her concerns and reduce some of her costs," and would not compromise town council in the future, Mayor Miller said.

Although councillors voted for the pillow marker, Georgetown Coun. Ann Currie and rural Coun. Joe Hewitt said they would like to see Mrs. Kavanaugh get her upright headstone.

"After driving by the cemetery this week and reading Mrs. Kavanaugh's letter (to the town), I can't believe that we wouldn't just allow the upright marker," Coun. Hewitt said.

Mississauga approved asphalt plant

Whaley Corners residents who lost a battle to keep a temporary asphalt plant out of their neighborhood recently asked the City of Mississauga to go to bat for them.

Mississauga councillors reacted against the Halton Hills approval of Bluecliff Holdings Inc. for a three-year asphalt plant at the corner of Steeles Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Residents who said the approval of the asphalt plant was "steamrolled" through Halton Hills town council took their case to Mississauga, which lies south of the Halton Hills boundary.

"I guess they thought they should have our voice," Mississauga Councillor Ted Southorn said Monday. He said he was approached by angry neighbors who wanted to know about Mississauga's asphalt plants and if that municipality had experienced problems with asphalt plants.

The City of Mississauga endorsed the Bluecliff Holdings asphalt plant for a two-year permit instead of three years of operation decided by Halton Hills council.

The concern was that the site could be "permanent" and would not fit in with the "prestige" industrial buildings planned for the Highway 401 area.

"I would encourage Halton Hills to look at the Highway 401 corridor as prestige commercial area," Mr. Southorn said.

A neighbor living across from the approved asphalt site on Steeles Avenue said there was no "proper research" before Halton Hills council approved the asphalt plant. Fred Hachman told councillors there would be excessive noise and increased truck traffic

from the site. He said a road study used by councillors and Halton Hills staff to determine if Steeles Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard could sustain the increased traffic is "one and a half years old," and does not address today's road conditions.

Man struck by passing car

Acton resident Kevin Gagnon, 29, is currently listed in critical condition after being struck by a vehicle on Sideroad 32 east of the Third Line in Acton early Saturday evening.

Mr. Gagnon was first taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital from where he was air-lifted to Toronto General Hospital.

Halton Regional Police say a 30-year-old Brampton man was travelling eastbound in a 1978 Monte Carlo when the vehicle struck Mr. Gagnon who was standing beside a parked car.

About \$4,000 damage was caused to the Monte Carlo.

Police laid charges of impaired driving causing bodily harm following the incident, and a Dec. 18 court date was scheduled.

Telephone damaged

Police say someone ripped out a pay telephone from a telephone booth located at Main Street and Confederation Street in Georgetown causing \$200 damage earlier this week. Bell Canada says the phone will be replaced in the spring.

Police break up possible youth fight

Halton Regional Police may have averted a potential violent confrontation between a group of Georgetown and Orangeville youths outside Club 2000 in Norval Sunday night.

Police found two baseball bats, a sword and some steel bars after stopping four Orangeville youths during a spot check. Later police searched another vehicle containing four Georgetown youths

and found several baseball bats, and steel bars.

Police charged an 18-year-old Toronto man, who attends an Orangeville high school, with possession of weapons dangerous to the public peace and with possession of dangerous weapons.

A Dec. 11 court date has been scheduled in connection with the incident.

Via to be cut back

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serve Georgetown commuters. "All trains will begin and end their trips in Sarnia," Mr. Gauthier said. "We have to tailor our schedule to catch the biggest share of the market."

"That departure time (in Sarnia) won't be moved up to 3 a.m. Nobody would use the train."

The present Georgetown Via service into Toronto arrives from London at 7:40 a.m. and reaches Toronto at 8:30 a.m. The new service from Sarnia will leave that station at 6 or 7 a.m. A second London to Toronto train will also be affected by federal government cuts to Via Rail. The train route leaving London and stopping in Ingersoll, Bradford and Burlington before reaching Toronto will be reduced from 54 eastbound and westbound trains a week to 30 eastbound and westbound trains.

This reduced train line will meet with connections from Amtrak, the

United States national rail service, that runs a line from Chicago to Toronto, Mr. Gauthier said.

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner said he "regrets" losses to Via services, but constituents in this riding want cuts in government spending.

"You can't have it both ways. We can't have all the services we've had in the past and yet have fiscal restraint."

Coun. Bonnette said the responsibility for commuter service will fall into the lap of the provincial government.

And "GO (Government of Ontario) Transit doesn't have the equipment to replace Via's service."

The councillor said "Via has a mandate from the government to dismante (the service).

"I hope the people from Georgetown and surrounding areas will respond."



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