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Halton goes to court to stop Sunday shopping

By DONNA KELL
the Herald

Halton Region's legal department will apply tomorrow for an Ontario Supreme Court injunction against stores opening illegally on Sunday.

A and P on Guelph Street in Georgetown opened last Sunday. Store officials will appear in Milton Provincial Court Jan. 22 on a charge of opening on a Sunday.

"If people are breaking the law, I don't think we should stand by and allow it," Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said. The mayor said anyone shoplifting or speeding on

the highway has to face police charges.

A total of nine stores opened last Sunday all over Halton Region, creating an unexpected situation for the Region's legal commissioner Mark Meneray.

"I didn't anticipate that there would be that many (stores) open yesterday," Mr. Meneray said Monday. "Hy and Zel's (in Oakville) was the only one to my knowledge that was staying open."

During the last blitz where the Committee for Fair Shopping, with leaders from A and P and Dominion, Loblaws Supermarkets Ltd.,

Miracle Food Mart and the Oshawa Group Ltd., announced stores would open illegally the next Sunday, two stores in Halton Hills were charged by Halton Regional Police.

A and P manager Robert James and Miracle Food Mart manager Chris Bootland appeared in Milton Provincial Court Monday where they set court dates to be tried for Nov. 12 store Sunday openings.

Mr. Bootland will appear in court Jan. 8 and Mr. James will appear Jan. 15.

Mayor Miller said the issue is difficult to resolve in Halton Hills where many people are "split" on

whether to accept or oppose Sunday shopping.

The mayor said he "personally hasn't taken a really strong stand one way or the other."

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy has approached Sunday shopping the same way. Regional councillors are divided on their support or opposition to allow wide-open shopping.

But under the Retail Business Holidays Act amended in February of this year, municipalities can grant exemptions to businesses to allow them to open Sunday.

Stores with tourist exemptions

now in effect under the provincial law will lose their right to open in 1994. Municipalities must provide a policy on tourist exemptions.

The Olde Hide House in Acton and Bronte Village in Burlington are Halton Region's two tourist-designated areas.

Last week in Metro, a decision to take Retail Business Act violators to court for an injunction was halted by Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott who said Sunday openings are a provincial jurisdiction.

But Halton's legal department has spoken with the attorney general's office, Mr. Meneray said. He is expecting a member from that office to assist Halton with its injunction attempt.

Mr. Meneray said Monday the Committee for Fair Shopping could have representation in Thursday's court proceedings.

\$5,000 damage

23 cars vandalized

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

Halton police believe a group of teenagers are behind a rash of slashed tires, smashed windshields and other forms of destruction causing just over \$5,000 damage to 23 cars parked in the east end of Georgetown, this past weekend.

The vandals slashed at least one tire on almost every car vandalized and in some cases they slashed all four tires on a car. They also tore door handles and windshield wipers off their hinges, scratched car doors, destroyed ignition covers and stole property, all between 11 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

"It appears to be the work of area-young people who went on a rampage," says Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett of the Halton police force's 11 Division in Georgetown.

Police have no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Det. Sgt. Eacrett didn't seem surprised that an incident of vandalism of this magnitude could happen in Georgetown saying calmly, "it's happened before."

The majority of incidents occurred on Bairstow Crescent where 10 cars were vandalized, a police report shows. The youths also vandalized six cars parked on Delrex Boulevard, another three on Prince Charles Drive, and Mountainview Road and one car on Hawks Place.

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So who needs Don Cherry?

Dick Beddoes brought his ever-present hat and his charm to Oxbow Books, Main Street, Georgetown Saturday to greet the public and autograph copies of his book, 'Pal Hal: The Jewish kindred-federated

sprits in Mrs. William Mulholland and her son Bruce. For more on Dick Beddoes, see Page 23. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)