



Tying the knot

Karen Dunnill, of Streetsville and Brian MacLeod of Georgetown were married at the Streetsville United Church Saturday, April 14. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Dunnill of Streetsville and Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLeod of Brampton. The couple plan to honeymoon in Scotland. Following the honeymoon the pair will reside in Georgetown.

Business pyramid system halts crimes in Acton

By ALAN MACKIE
The Herald

The Acton Business Alert system run by the Halton Regional Police Force has already stopped two known crimes, Village Constable Bill Riddle said.

But there is no real way to tell how many crimes have been prevented since the program began almost a year ago, Const. Riddle said.

He said if a man decides to rob a bank and sees a police officer hanging around, the culprit might decide it's not such a good idea.

The system works like a pyramid, Const. Riddle said. Once one business is contacted, that business is required to call two other businesses who are each required to contact two businesses until the bottom of the pyramid is reached, he said.

The businesses at the bottom of the chain are the ones with more employees, he noted. The more employees a company has, the more liable it is to lose the message before it calls the others.

Const. Riddle actually starts the pyramid when he calls the first business on the lists to warn them of possible criminal activities.

Since the program started two known crimes have been prevented he said. "One incident makes it all worthwhile, two was a bonus."

Two incidents of a person trying to pass a counterfeit bill was stopped when Const. Riddle contacted the 60 businesses involved through

the "Business Alert" system. Each time a counterfeit \$100 bill was presented to a cashier it was quickly taken back when the cashier attempted to check the bill with a list of serial numbers. "Although we didn't catch them, it did prevent a crime."

Another incident was a fraud case in which the alert had been sent on a Friday. The following Monday morning a restaurant called the police saying they had seen the suspect and "within minutes" he was caught.

Const. Riddle divided the system into five sections so "the story doesn't change and it's (the program) a little more manageable."

It helps when you have businesses that are very community minded like Acton, he said. The program may also expand into Georgetown later this year, he added.

He also likes the fact that the program is flexible enough to use if a child goes missing. Once the alert is sent through there is another 60 sets of eyes looking for a missing child, he said.

The program has been implemented in larger communities, Const. Riddle said. The large programs used a computerized machine to send its alerts, he said. "A personal touch rather than computers works well in a small community," Const. Riddle said.

A computer will not answer questions if somebody misses a part of the message, it will merely hang up and dial the next number, he said.

"I guess the reason it does work is because of the personal involvement," he said.



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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 301 of the Municipal Act, being Chapter 302 of the revised statutes of Ontario, 1980, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Civic Centre at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 1990, will consider the passing of by-laws for the road construction as set out below:


Todd Road, Sinclair Avenue to the C.N.R. Spur Line

Plans detailing this project and the proposed by-laws are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to the Engineering Department at 873-2600.

The Council will hear, in person, or by his Counsel, any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Department no later than Thursday, May 3, 1990.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 298 and 301 of The Ontario Municipal Act., R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 302 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on May 23, 1990 to pass a by-law for the reconstruction of Steeles Avenue from James Snow Parkway to Fifth Line South, Town of Halton Hills.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Public Works Department offices, 2316 South Service Road West, Oakville, Ontario, during normal business hours.

On May 16, 1990 at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1 at the Regional Administration Building, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council through its Planning and Public Works Committee will hear in person, or by his Counsel, any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Regional Clerk, no later than May 9, 1990 to be heard.

Louise Temple
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