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Mischief charge

Halton Regional police have charged a 15-year-old Georgetown girl with public mischief after investigations revealed abduction claims were manufactured.

The girl, whose name is being withheld under the Young Offender's Act regulations, reported to police that on June 25 she was forced into a black Trans Am by a male and held captive for four hours.

She told police she was leaving a Guelph Street variety store at about 2:30 p.m. when she was forced into the car. She claimed she had been released in rural Halton Hills unharmed.

After extensive investigations and several appeals to the public for information and assistance from other police agencies, it was determined the incident never occurred.

The girl will appear in Milton Provincial Court on Oct. 5 on mischief charges.

Acton teen centre shelved indefinitely

The idea of a teen drop-in centre similar to the one run by Open Door in Georgetown has been shelved indefinitely, said Tom Cullen, Pastor of the Acton Baptist Church and the spokesman for the board of directors who were attempting to establish a centre for Acton.

The decision to shelve the idea was made at a board meeting Tuesday night after the directors learned that a recent survey of students at Acton High School showed a lack of interest in the idea, said Pastor Cullen.

The Acton teen drop-in centre was modelled on the Open Door program in that the centre would have offered a supervised environment where teenagers would have had a place to make new friends, play ping pong, listen to music or do their homework.

It was initiated last year by Acton High School student Jason Medland but since he graduated in May, Mr. Medland stopped being the driving force behind the project, said the Pastor. When this happened, the students who had indicated to the board they would continue Mr. Medland's work gradually lost interest, explained Pastor Cullen.

"We (the board of directors), in

doing all the work felt we were doing it for ourselves and the students didn't want it," he said.

Not being able to find a suitable location for the centre was another reason for the board abandoning the project, said Pastor Cullen. A location, explained Pastor Cullen, near the high school would have been most appropriate but one couldn't be found.

Calling the idea "great in principle" the Pastor predicted that some time in the future a new teen centre will be established. Despite the current apparent lack of interest from teenagers for a centre, Pastor Cullen said he continually hears from teenagers that "there's nothing to do in Acton, or I'm bored."

Referring to local politicians, the Pastor said they would have to take a leadership role in establishing a teen centre in Acton. But all the same, the town's Recreation and Parks Department offers a lot of programs for teenagers, said Pastor Cullen.

Pastor Cullen speculated one reason more people don't get behind a teen centre in Acton, or a similar facility, is because people are wary of teens getting together. "A group of teenagers spells danger to a lot of people and it's not justified," said Pastor Cullen.



Rug Hooking Guild Exhibition

The 1990 edition of the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild exhibition and sale opened Wednesday evening in the Art Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre located on Mill Street. Established in 1968, the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild was formed to encourage interest and excellence of craftsmanship, to foster a sense of beauty in color and design, to provide an opportunity for exchange of ideas and in-

formation among Guild members through displays, demonstrations, workshops, lectures and sales. The 1990 Exhibition and Sale runs through Sept. 29, during regular library hours at the Cultural Centre. Pictured above, left to right, Guild members, Edith Hyland and Marie Jarvis are shown with several samples of the Guild's work.

(Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

Region facing fiscal opposition

By BEN DUMMETT

The Herald

Halton Hills Regional Councillors, town Mayor Russ Miller and Rick Bonnette oppose Regional planning staff even considering carrying out the \$4.2 million second phase of the Halton urban structure review at this time when the municipality is advocating cost restraint. Regional council learned Wednesday.

Despite their opposition, a majority of Regional council members including the three other Halton Hills representatives Marilyn Serjeanston, Pam Johnston and Joe Hewitt, approved the terms of reference for phase two of the study.

The terms of reference now allow Regional planning staff to set in motion an investigation into planning issues such as developing a new urban area within Halton and the viability of bringing a pipe up from Lake Ontario to supply Milton with water.

If Milton is to expand by any significant amount it will need lake-based as opposed to steam-based servicing, according to a Regional report.

Acknowledging Milton's desire to grow, Mayor Miller first said Halton Hills doesn't want to see the pipe. He advised caution be used in considering the idea of a pipe saying the Regional municipalities will be faced with double digit tax increases this year unless spending is cut.

"I feel I have to send a message to the people that we (municipal

government), are acting responsibly," said the Mayor following the meeting.

But Coun. Serjeanston said that in approving the terms of reference the Region isn't committed to spending any money. Staff will make the financial request in a month. There is still time therefore to back out of the project, stressed the councillor.

According to the Regional staff report, preliminary figures show that the province would fund \$1.5 million of phase two of the study while the Region would cover the remaining cost of \$2.7 million. If the Region approves the \$2.7 million, staff expects Halton will recover this from developers who build on the land, the report indicates.

Coun. Bonnette said he didn't want to put "a damper on Milton's pipe dream but it's time (for the Region) to slow down." In response to claims by Coun. Ser-

jeanston that the Region can still pull out of the study, Coun. Bonnette said once the Region gets involved in a study it rarely ever pulls out.

Burlington Coun. Peter Arch was the only other councillor to support Mayor Russ Miller and Coun. Bonnette. "The cost of growth is no longer self-sustaining, therefore given the downturn in the economy to support it (the recommendation) is premature, Coun. Arch said.

In support of the urban structure review, Coun. Hewitt said the review is necessary in order that the southern part of Georgetown is developed correctly. Arguing against councillor Arch's point, Coun. Hewitt said the economy "will bounce back."

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz urged councillors to approve the terms of reference, because, not doing so, is just putting off the inevitable in terms of planning for the future in Halton.

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Terry Fox run

One last reminder! Sunday (tomorrow) is the annual Terry Fox Run!

The Georgetown and Acton Cancer Societies are encouraging Halton Hills residents to participate and help in the fight against cancer.

The Georgetown run will take place at the Georgetown Fairgrounds track from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Acton run will be held at the Acton High School track and run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about the Georgetown run call Derek Green at 777-6902 and for the Acton run contact Don Hunt at 424-0415.