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## Piers accepts OPP promotion

Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Tom O'Grady is pleased to announce the promotion of Chief Superintendent Ron Piers to the position of Deputy Commissioner. As one of three deputies, he assumes the role of provincial commander of investigations. Deputy Commissioner Piers and his wife Judy live with their two children, Melanie and Michael, in Georgetown.

Piers, who headed the major investigation which resulted in the first degree murder conviction of nursing home operator Helmuth Buxbaum in London, began his career with the RCMP in 1964. Two years later he joined the OPP, serving 11 years as a constable at Chatham detachment and two years as a corporal at Snelgrove.

The forty-seven-year-old native of Pugwash, Nova Scotia, received his first in-depth exposure to police investigations in 1979 when he transferred to the anti-rackets branch in Toronto as an acting detective sergeant. Assuming the rank of detective inspector in 1984, Piers was dispatched to the newly opened criminal investigation unit in London.

In 1987 and 1988 he held the directorship position of superintendent in both the registration and criminal investigation branches at OPP headquarters in Toronto.

In June of 1989, Piers was promoted to the rank of chief superintendent and named commander of the special investigation division.

Piers, asked to comment on his new position, said: "In providing effective management of the criminal investigation function within this organization, I'll certainly be challenged by fiscal restraint and the limitations on human resources. It will be



Dep. Comm. Piers

necessary to find new and innovative ways of providing service to the public, bearing in mind those restraints," he said.

The new deputy commissioner said investigations are becoming increasingly complicated and more lengthy. He pointed to the 1990 Supreme Court decision in the Duarte appeal case as an example of how "police are having to change the way they do business, significantly." The court rules that surreptitious electronic surveillance of an individual by an agency of the state, without prior judicial authorization, violated Section 3 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, in that it constituted unreasonable search and seizure.

As deputy commissioner, he replaces Murray McMaster, now chief of Sarnia-Clearwater Police.

## Igloo program to expand

Halton's Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday the Region spend approximately \$100,000 to implement a permanent and expanded recycling igloo program.

The recommendation will go before Regional council Wednesday for final approval.

Just over \$49,000 will go towards the purchase of the igloos themselves and \$50,000 will be used to pay for the program's collection system.

The bell-shaped igloos first appeared in Halton's parks, at GO stations and in parts of the Region's rural areas last May. The containers are for such recyclable material as newspaper, glass and cans, ac-

ording to a Regional staff report.

The report indicates 80 tonnes of recyclable material was collected but this figure will jump to 750 tonnes this year under the expanded program.

The expanded program will see igloos put in Glen Williams, Norval and Speyside, according to Regional staff.

The expansion will be concentrated in the rural areas and near GO stations. Fewer igloos will be put in parks, staff told the committee.

The igloos in parks were poorly used last year and of the material found in those igloos a lot of the material was non-recyclable.

## Teachers come to terms

The negotiating committees of the Halton Roman Catholic School Board and the O.E.C.T.A. (Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association) and A.E.F.O. (L'association des éducateurs francophones de l'Ontario) Elementary Unit as well as the O.E.C.T.A. Secondary Unit have each accepted a Pay Equity Plan. Although there are two plans, the components of each plan are identical.

The plans are in compliance with the Pay Equity Legislation. The changes affected 108 teachers.

The Board at its Regular Meeting of January 29, 1991 approved the implementation of the plans. Details of the plans will not be released until the O.E.C.T.A. and A.E.F.O. units have held information meetings with their memberships on February 5 and 7, 1991.



## Wedding invitation

Wayne and Wendi, played by Dave McCallum and Sarah Selhi (seated) don't seem to be hitting it off while their wedding guests, from left to right, Beth Tadman, Emma Lewzey, Barry Jowett, Aaron Gooding, Jennifer McNally and Jennifer Olah, have mixed reactions. These Georgetown high school drama students are in the cast for "Wayne and Wendi's Wedding," and along with The Open Door Youth Centre are presenting the play at Jack Tan-

ner's Table in Acton on Feb. 21. Guests will have the opportunity to act out their most outrageous wedding guest fantasies, wear their most tacky wedding "dress-up" clothes and have a really good old let-your-hair-down time. Dinner and dancing follow the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$30 per person in support of The Open Door. For reservations call Vanessa, 873-2966 from The Open Door. (Photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

## Fire Hall chosen over arena

Acton residents are likely to receive a new fire hall this year but will have to wait at least another two to three years before getting a new arena.

The Town budget committee, which is comprised of Town councillors, decided Tuesday to approve in principle the \$1 million for a new fire hall in the 1991 capital budget.

Since the Town must borrow the money to fund the project, Halton Hills residents should expect their 1992 tax rate to increase by 2.3 per cent over what it would have been without the Fire Hall, according to the preliminary 1991 capital budget forecast.

The percentage increase would have been another 7.3 per cent if the \$4 million arena had been approved. Town Mayor Russ Miller called this percentage "ridiculous" when it was first presented to budget committee earlier this month.

The Mayor had predicted before Tuesday's meeting the arena would have been approved over the Fire Hall. But Wednesday Mayor Miller explained the Fire Hall was preferred by the majority of committee members because the land is available and the new hall is needed to house a new pumper truck. The current Fire Hall is too small for the pumper truck, said the mayor.

Mayor Miller also stressed the difference in price between the two capital projects was a deciding factor.

Budget committee's decision still must go before council later this year for final approval.

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