

POLICE BEAT



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EMERGENCY**

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 Fire (Information) 877-1133
 Police (Non-Emergency) .. 878-5511
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Numerous charges

Halton Region Police report an Acton man has been charged with break and enter, mischief to private property and breach of probation in connection with a break and enter at an Acton home Feb. 10. Police say a female resident of the house called police after the suspect, whom she'd been separated from for one month, attempted to gain entry into the home. While the female resident was on the phone, the man broke a basement window and gained access to the house. Police arrested the man in the living room of the house.

Con artist nabbed

Halton Region Police have arrested a Mississauga man in connection with two con jobs in Georgetown and a few more in Burlington, Oakville and Milton. Police have been investigating since two gas stations in Georgetown were deceitfully approached by a man asking for money to pay for a tow truck for his stranded vehicle. Each time, workers at the gas station gave the man money, one giving \$91 and the other \$40 believing he would return and pay them back.

The second victim was able to report to police the suspect drove away in a 1981 blue Ford Escort and police were able to track the person down through the car registration.

Police are holding the 19-year-old man for a bail hearing. He has been charged with six counts of fraud under \$1,000 and breach of probation.

Vehicle damaged

Halton Region police report \$500 worth of damage was done to a vehicle parked at Club 2000 between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Feb. 9. The Georgetown male who owns the car found his uninsured vehicle with two smashed windows, smashed door and front grill and alerted police. Later,

the car owner revealed the person responsible for the damage was his friend and he wished no further police action taken since the friend had agreed to repair the vehicle.

Restaurant burglarized

Police say a restaurant located on Main Street in Georgetown was burglarized overnight on Feb. 7. Unknown culprits pried open the back door of the establishment and stole approximately \$70 cash. The owner said his establishment has been broken into several times and he plans to install a heavy steel door to prevent the break and enters.

School windows smashed

A caretaker at George Kennedy Public School reported that six windows, worth about \$600, were smashed at the school overnight on Feb. 8. Police say the windows from three portables were smashed by unknown suspects. Police are investigating.

Three vehicle accident

Police say a three vehicle accident on Guelph Street at Maple Avenue severely damaged one car and moderately damaged two others on Feb. 7 at 12:00 p.m. The accident occurred when a Limehouse woman, driving a 1989 Mazda did not see a 1983 Oldsmobile driven by a Georgetown female while turning left onto Maple. Police say the Oldsmobile then struck the Mazda which in turn, struck a 1980 Plymouth driven by a Georgetown man who was stopped at the red light. The Mazda received the most damage and the driver of the car was charged with turning left across the path of a vehicle.

Fire Calls

System malfunctions

Georgetown firefighters responded to three alarms at Homesway Place in Acton Friday but all were the result of a malfunction in the system.

On Saturday, firefighters were called to put out a grassfire along the railway tracks on 10th Line south of 17 Sideroad. The department said it only took one minute to douse the flames which were likely caused from the sparks of a passing train.

NEC hearing underway

Niagara Escarpment Commission Senior Planner, Marion Plaunt, faced stiff questioning Tuesday at the Halton Hills Civic Centre at a hearing in connection with NEC amendment 52 that calls for the banning of waste disposal sites on the escarpment.

Ms. Plaunt was questioned by lawyers representing the amendment's opponents, waste management companies Walker Brothers Limited of Niagara Falls and Milton based Reclamations Systems Incorporated. RSI is the company behind the Acton dump proposal.

No information concerning the hearing could be obtained at press time.

The hearing started Monday at which time Ms. Plaunt explained if the amendment is finally approved applicants wanting to establish a waste disposal site on the escarpment would first be required to obtain an amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Currently an amendment isn't always required.

The hearing continues today (Wednesday).

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Community Forum

What's your personal Valentine message?



Jack Mowat, Acton: "I'm getting married in April so I wish Angela, my wife to be, love and kisses."



Damian Nikic, Acton: "To straighten out this mess in the world that exists today, and to my wife Donna happy Valentine's Day."



Donna Rossi, Acton: "To Vic love Donna on this special day."

Acton residents fight for arena

By BEN DUMMETT
 The Herald

Those Halton Hills councillors who oppose a new Acton arena for 1992 better be prepared for a fight.

That's the message between 50 and 75 people from Acton and the rural area gave the three Acton councillors to relay to all councillors during a meeting last Thursday at the Acton arena.

The meeting was called in response to a recent Town Budget Committee recommendation that the \$4 million arena proposal be taken out of the 1991 capital budget forecast and put in the 1993 forecast.

However the three Acton councillors and those attending the meeting agreed that's unacceptable.

To put the arena in the 1993 forecast means putting "it in limbo", something the people don't want, stressed Acton Councillor, Norm Elliott. The recommendation will go before Town council in March for final consideration. The Budget Committee is comprised of the Town councillors.

Coun. Elliott said, while a few audience members wanted construction on the arena to begin this year, most agreed the most sensible alternative is for it to be included in the 1992 capital forecast. If approved by council, Town Director of Recreation and Parks, Tom Shepard would be able to apply this year for provincial funding and if granted the money would be available in 1992. Construction could then begin in 1992 instead of 1994 as would happen if budget committee's recommendation was approved, explained Coun. Elliott.

Budget Committee, in making its recommendation, expressed concern that if the arena is approved this year, financing of the Town's portion of the \$3.2 million to \$4 million project would mean an increase to residents' 1993 tax

levy of 7.3 per cent over what it would otherwise be.

Committee decided residents should not face such an increase.

To change committee's stance, those attending the meeting devised a three-pronged attack, said Acton councillor Gerald Rennie. A committee was formed which will soon make a presentation to Town council, start a petition and begin lobbying Georgetown councillors by telephone, said Coun. Rennie.

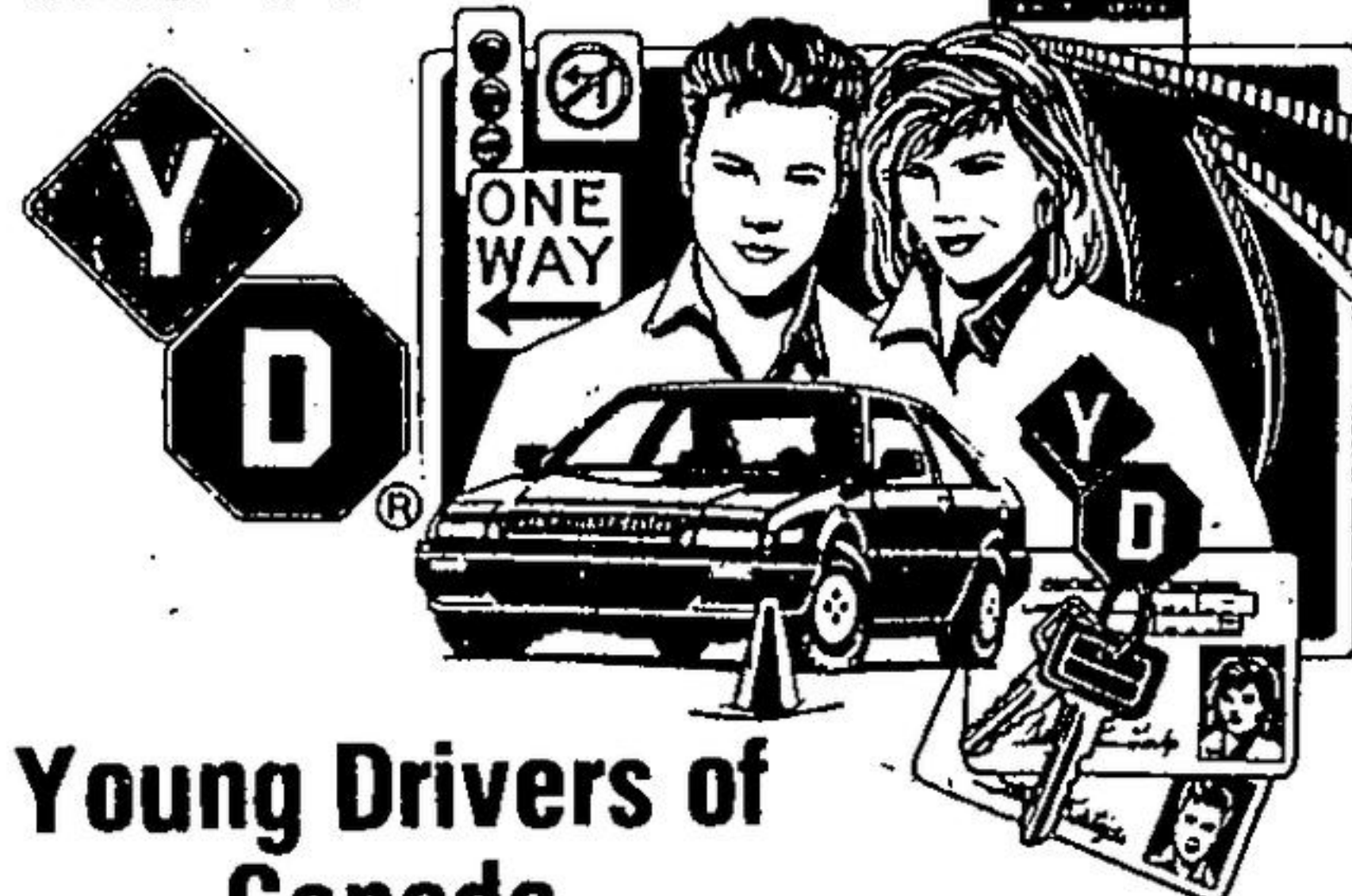
Acton residents are hopeful they can persuade councillors to come around to their way of thinking, said Coun. Elliott. Their alternative, if approved in 1992 could be rejected by next year's

council even if it had received provincial funding for that year, said the councillor.

Starting the process now means Town council could spend the next 10 months trying to find alternative ways to meet its funding obligations aside from tax increases explained Coun. Elliott.

Residents believe a new arena cannot be put on the shelf any longer because it's only a matter of time before the Town is forced to shut down the existing arena, said Coun. Elliott. There have already been three breaks in the piping so far this year and the winter activity season's not over, he explained.

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 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th**
 6:30 p.m. - 9:38 p.m.
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