

**POLICE BEAT**



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 Hospital ..... 877-0111  
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**Youths charged**

Halton Regional Police charged two Georgetown youths for possession of stolen property in connection with the theft of a car from the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital emergency entrance on May 19. Police say the victim left her 1988 Hyundai running while she took her daughter into emergency and a 15-year-old Georgetown boy riding by on his bicycle noticed the keys in the ignition and took off in the car. Police say he picked up a 16-year-old friend and the two joy-riders around Georgetown for approximately an hour before ditching the car. Both boys are charged with possession of stolen property and will appear in Milton court July 5. The passenger of the car has also been charged with carrying a concealed weapon after officers

found he had a four-inch 'flick' knife in his pocket.

**Truck vandalized**

Police report unknown persons damaged a Georgetown man's pick-up truck when they dumped tar in engine parts between May 1 and June 4. Police say the truck was parked on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown when the culprits filled the exhaust pipe, gas tank, locks and hood with tar, making the parts inoperable.

**Mischief charge**

Police have charged a 14-year-old Georgetown boy with mischief under \$1,000 after he smashed the windows of a 1961 Chrysler Saratoga on Todd Road May 27. Police say he caused approximately \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. He will appear in Milton court July 5.

**House fire investigation continues**

A fire that completely destroyed a two-storey home on 6th Line in Limehouse Monday night may have been accidentally set by its owner, Robert Brown.

In a police report detailing Halton Regional Police's investigation of the fire, it was reported that Clifford Miller from the Ontario Fire Marshall's office felt the fire had originated in the basement where it was reported Mr. Brown had been doing some spot welding with an acetylene torch.

The report said Mr. Brown had told Mr. Clifford he was working in his basement around 3:00 p.m. that afternoon tearing down drywall and welding with the torch.

Two samples were taken from the area to be analyzed for a trace of accelerant say police.

But Mr. Miller told police the cause of the fire may never be determined and stated, "I'm in-

clined to think the fire was accidental."

The Fire Marshall's office is also investigating the possibility that an illegal hydro hook-up may have caused the fire.

District Fire Chief, Brent Marshall noted the illegal hydro hook-up running to the house at the scene of the fire.

The fire completely destroyed the house and its contents. No one was in the house at the time of the blaze since Mr. Brown and his wife Margaret had gone to Georgetown to pick up a door knob for their home and their son Nathan was away on holidays. The family had lived there two years since moving from Mississauga.

Police have estimated damage at \$250,000.

A neighbor reported the fire to Halton Hills firefighters at approximately 4:30 p.m. after he heard a loud explosion and saw flames.

**Councillor to get Silver Creek report**

By BEN DUMMETT

Halton Regional Council Wednesday, successfully satisfied concerns over Georgetown's Silver Creek Valley raised by Oakville Regional Councillor John Graham, but failed to address concerns over the valley raised by local residents Ashley Ranson and Marilyn King.

Council overturned an earlier recommendation by the Region's Administration and Finance Committee and directed Regional staff to provide Coun. Graham with a report tracing all information accumulated on all projects proposed for the valley. These projects include the twinning of the Silver Creek Trunk Sewer, Test Well 15, and the realignment of the Silver Creek Trunk Sewer main among others.

Administration and Finance Committee members at first opposed Coun. Graham's request because he didn't provide sufficient reason to justify the request, Committee Chairperson Joyce Savoline told Council members.

In response, Coun. Graham said it was a simple request of which similar types have been made in the past.

Regional Council finally decided to direct staff to provide the councillor as well as any other interested councillor with the requested report.

Ms. King and Mr. Ranson, however, weren't as fortunate at obtaining what they wanted from Regional Council.

The two urged Council to direct staff to conduct a cumulative impact study on how the various projects proposed for the valley would impact on the surrounding environment.

Mr. Ranson and Ms. King argues it is wrong for staff to continue to consider the environmental impact of each project individually.

"I'm concerned all the information won't be available for council, (to decide what, if any, projects proposed for the valley should go ahead), given the piecemeal approach staff is taking," said Ms. King.

Halton's Public Works Commissioner Art Leitch told council he agrees with Mr. Ranson and Ms. King that the projects proposed for the valley should be examined together instead of separately.

However, unlike Ms. King and Mr. Ranson, the Public Works Commissioner believes staff is currently examining the projects from a cumulative impact perspective.

"I don't think these projects are being looked at in isolation, and it is my job to ensure they are not," Mr. Leitch told Council members.

"I don't see any inconsistency with what staff is doing and what the delegations are requesting," he added.

Council sided with staff's explanation and did not approve a motion requiring staff to start

any new reports on the valley.

Following the meeting, Ms. King said she was disappointed Council sided the staff.

Ms. King said she has been after Regional staff since last July to show her proof it is carrying out a cumulative impact study, but to date she has seen no report.

Mr. Leitch said the Region's consultants have been requested

to consider the environmental impact of each project in relation to the other projects and vice-versa.

He then went on to explain staff is in the process of developing a method of doing this type of comparison. Mr. Leitch didn't indicate when the method would be devised, only saying the issue is very complex.

**Fire Calls**

**Deck damaged**

Halton Hills firefighters responded to a call at 8:46 a.m. Wednesday morning to extinguish a house deck on fire. Firefighters say a pot of wax had ignited on the stove in the house and the home owners brought the pot out to the deck which started on fire. Firefighters were back at the station by 9:00 a.m. and estimated damage at \$200.

**Car and garbage fires**

Earlier in the week, on June 2, firefighters responded to two calls. The first was at 5:25 a.m. when a 1979 Monte Carlo started on fire. Firefighters believe the fire started in the fuel tank while the car was located at Hwy 7 and Carruthers Road. Because the car isn't insured, firefighters did not estimate the amount of damage.

The next call came at a quarter after midnight, a donut shop on Guelph Street where a garbage bin was on fire in the parking lot. Firefighters don't know what caused the fire and say there was no damage.



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