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## Postal workers placed on strike alert

By BEN DUMMETT  
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For those having to send off that important letter, do it now because it may not be possible in a little while.

Georgetown and Acton's 45 Canada Post letter carriers and inside workers along with the crown corporation's 45,000 workers across the country are now on strike alert, according to Darrell Moore, President of the area's Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) local 542.

Strike alert means CUPW's locals across Canada have prepared their picket rosters, chosen their picket captains and established their picket lines, he said, during an interview Tuesday. All that is left is the call from National CUPW President Jean Claude Parrot, said Mr. Moore.

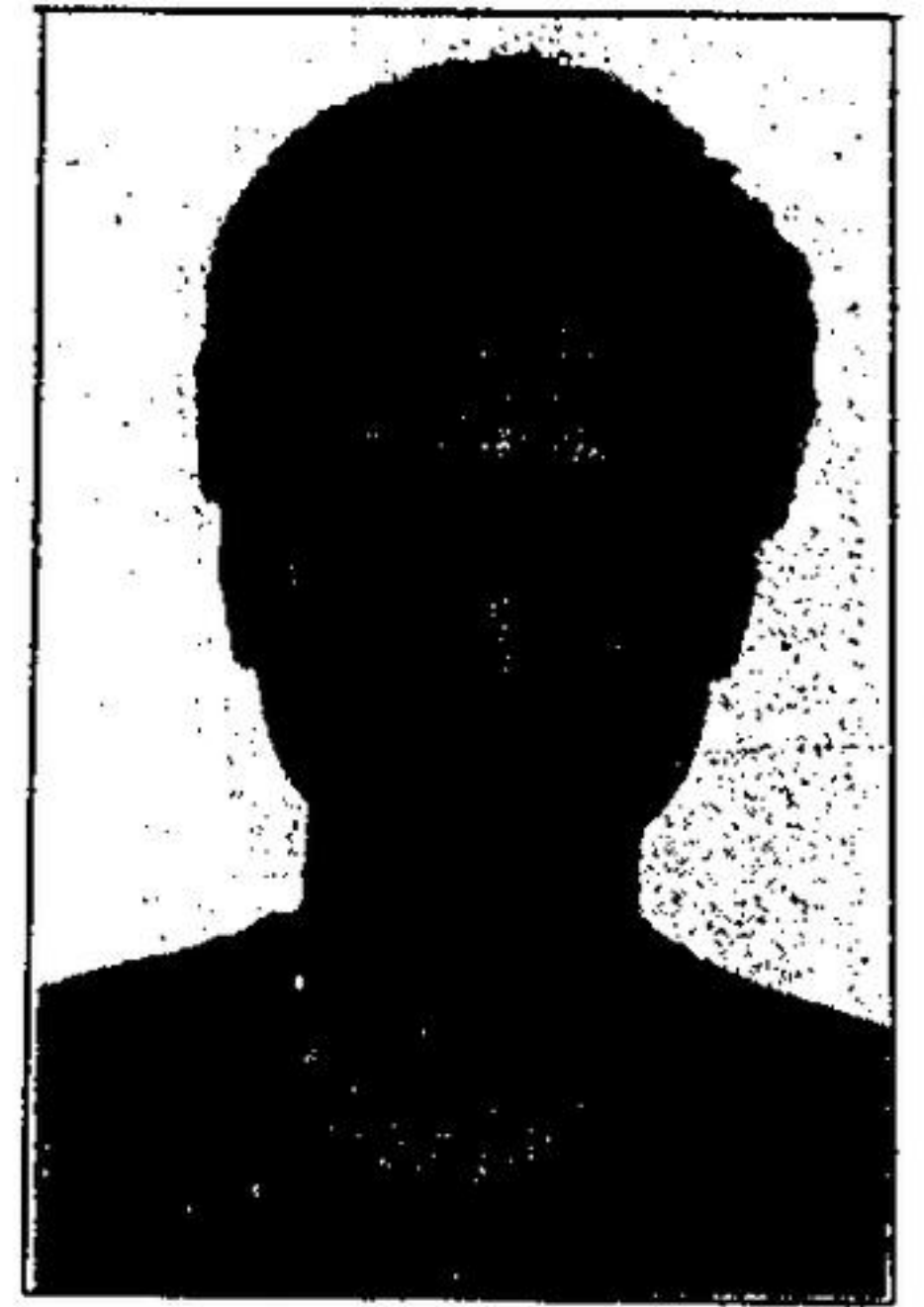
After almost two years of negotiations between management and the union, talks are at a stalemate, said Mr. Moore. The union's last contract expired July 31, 1989.

A strike is likely, said Mr. Moore, because management is "unwilling to bargain in good faith."

Assuming a strike is called, Mr. Moore couldn't say if it would be a rotating strike or an all out "general strike." As well, he couldn't predict exactly when a strike would be called, but he suggested it would be sooner rather than later.

As of Wednesday, a Conciliation Board, which is considering the positions of both sides, had not submitted its recommendations concerning the contract dispute to Marcel Denis, the Federal Minister of Labor. The recommendations were originally to have been submitted Wednesday to the minister.

However, Canada Post spokesperson, Joyce Wells, said Wednesday the Conciliation



Darrell Moore

Board was given a 14-day extension to submit its recommendations to the minister.

Ms. Wells explained when the recommendations are submitted to the minister he is permitted to consider them for as long as he wants. Once the minister makes the recommendations public there is a seven-day waiting period before the union is in a legal strike position.

Mr. Moore suggested a settlement may be possible during this seven-day period. "Most past settlements have been decided on during this period," he said.

Ms. Wells appears to be more optimistic a strike will be averted. Both parties have been negotiating for almost two years and they are not going to throw that away," she said.

Mr. Moore said management and the union are at odds on several issues including contract length, wages, cost of living allowance (COLA) and job security.

According to a union release,  
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### Delmar French honored

Retiring after 26 years of service with the community, Deputy Clerk Delmar French proudly displays a painting presented to him during a reception in his honor Tuesday evening at the Georgetown Cultural Centre. Numerous co-workers

and friends were present to pay tribute to Mr. French for his many years of outstanding dedication to the town. He was also presented with a card table. (Herald photo)

## Acton arena near reality

By BEN DUMMETT  
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Acton residents probably won't get a new arena until 1993 or later, but Halton Hills Council has already taken initial steps towards securing the needed land by as early as next year.

During an in-camera session Monday - during which the public and press are banned - Council passed a resolution calling on staff to continue discussions with Acton East developers to possibly obtain some of their land in Acton East, north of Highway 7.

The Acton East developers are comprised of Coscan Development Corporation, Goldfam Holdings and Renaran Limited, all of Toronto.

Contacted Tuesday, Town Mayor Russ Miller said, the majority of Councillors at Monday's meeting agreed the Acton East properties north of Highway 7 would be the best location for a new arena.

Over the past few months Mayor Miller has been meeting with developers owning land in Acton East in an attempt to secure land for an arena location.

Aside from looking at Acton East, he also looked at the Canada Packers property and some industrial lands on Wallace Street north of Highway 25.

The Acton East lands north of Highway 7 are the best situated for an arena, said Mayor Miller, because they are easily accessible from Highway 7, and once residential development occurs in the area the arena will be servicing a lot of young families, he said.

Acton Councillors Norm Elliott, Gerald Rennie and Rick Bonnette share the Mayor's enthusiasm for the Town obtaining land in Acton East north of Highway 7.

"The lands in the area are flat and near the highway giving them a high profile," said Coun. Elliott.

"You don't want a location that is out of sight, out of mind," he said.

The councillor continued by saying, he is optimistic a deal can be worked out between the Town and the developers.

"I'm optimistic because the developers have been part of the

negotiations from the start," he said.

Coun. Bonnette and Coun. Rennie both provided similar statements in support of an Acton East location being settled on.

Coun. Bonnette said the current site is inadequate for a new arena. There are soil problems and parking constraints, he explained.

Contacted Tuesday, John Koke, spokesperson for Acton East development group said he too is optimistic a deal can be worked out, hopefully by the end of the year.

He said the financial agreement will probably be similar to the one Coscan Development - an Acton East developer - and the Town settled on for the purchase of property to build a new Acton fire hall.

Fire Chief Bill Cunningham said the land for the new fire hall was purchased for lower than market value.

"The Town will be very fortunate if it gets a deal for the Acton arena land like it got for the fire hall land," said Chief Cunningham.

## Dangerous escapee

A prisoner from the Maplehurst Correctional Centre in Milton escaped from a work gang Wednesday, say Halton Regional Police.

Police say Leonard Gary Landry, 37, is in custody for a break and enter, a weapons dangerous charge and assault, and is considered violent.

Mr. Landry was part of a work gang of prisoners from Maplehurst clearing brush at the Elliott Track Conservation Area on 2nd Line north of 15 Sideroad in Milton. He had told his road boss that he dropped a pack of cigarettes in the bush. The road boss let him go back, unescorted to retrieve his cigarettes and reported him missing when he didn't return.

Police aren't sure if a vehicle was involved in the escape.

Mr. Landry is described as a white male, 180 cm tall and weighing approximately 82 kg. He has a very large chest and arms which sport a heart and dagger tattoo (on his left forearm) and a hawk (on his right shoulder). He also has Jason and Lisa wings tattooed on his left bicep. He has light brown hair, spotted with grey and brown eyes. At the time of his escape, Mr. Landry was wearing blue pants and a blue shirt, issued by

the Ministry of Correctional Services.

Police are following a tip from an anonymous caller who informed police Mr. Landry might have escaped to help his brother in Oshawa who is taking care of his daughter.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of this man, please call Halton Regional Police Criminal Investigators at 878-5511, ext. 416 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151.

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