

Worker's Compensation Board schedules meetings

The Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) will continue its precedent-setting meetings to hear public view on entitlement and workplace stressors policy proposals in Hamilton, from Jan. 20 to 23, 1992. This is the first time the WCB's Board of Directors (BOD) itself has scheduled public meetings.

The Hamilton meetings, the sixth of those scheduled throughout the Board's seven regions from October 1991 to March 31, 1992, will be held in the Hamilton Convention Centre, Room Albion A beginning at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Separate meetings will be held on the two issues with entitlement being addressed first.

The meetings will be chaired by WCB Chairman Odoardo Di Santo, or a designate, and will be attended by BOD Vice-Chairs, the Honorable Robert Stanbury, representing employers, and James Goodison, representing workers. Other BOD members may attend any meeting for

which they are available.

"Entitlement" refers broadly to a series of issues related to when and how a worker should be considered to have suffered a work-related injury by accident that entitles the worker to benefits under Ontario's Workers' Compensation Act.

The "stressors" policy proposal deals with the possible compensability of work-associated stress, including such key areas as establishing an employment and medical connection and the role of personnel-related stressors.

"We already know from responses to the consultation papers that these policies are of vital interest to Board stakeholders," commented Mr. Di Santo. "That's why the Board of Directors decided to hold public meetings. We want to hear first-hand the views of any and all stakeholders before we begin the difficult business of making final decisions in these critical areas."

The meetings are not quasi-judicial, but part of the BOD's public consultation process. The BOD hopes that the dates scheduled for each location will accommodate both the entitlement and workplace stressor meetings. However, they are prepared to schedule additional times and locations as required. Additional meetings have already been scheduled for the Toronto area at the end of January and late March.

Continued interest in these issues has led to the development of a new meetings schedule for 1992. Meetings scheduled for the remainder of 1992 are: Jan. 20, 21, 22, 23, 1992 - Hamilton; Jan. 28, 29, 30, 1992 - Mississauga; Feb. 10, 11, 12, 13, 1992 - London; Mar. 3, 4, 5, 1992 - Windsor; Mar. 17, 18, 19, 20, 1992 - Toronto.

All those wishing to present at the meetings are asked to register through the WCB's Consultation Branch. Those interested may present at either the entitlement or stressor meeting or at both. The meetings are open to anyone interested in Ontario's workers' compensation

system.

The WCB would appreciate receiving written submissions prior to each scheduled meeting at which a presenter wishes to attend; however, this is not mandatory. Written submissions will be accepted up to the end of the public meeting process. Verbal presentations will be limited to 30

minutes.

Copies of "Entitlement in the Ontario Workers' Compensation System" and "Compensation for Disabilities Arising from Workplace Stressors" policy proposals and registration information are available from the WCB by calling 1-800-387-0750 extension 8689, from Monday to Friday,

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Written submissions and all enquiries concerning these two policy proposals should be addressed to Jason Mandlowitz, Director, Consultation Branch, Workers' Compensation Board, 2 Bloor Street East, 28th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3C3. He can be reached at (416) 927-3528.

Police clarification

Halton Regional Police has had to correct its initial report concerning an alleged sexual assault incident in Glen Williams.

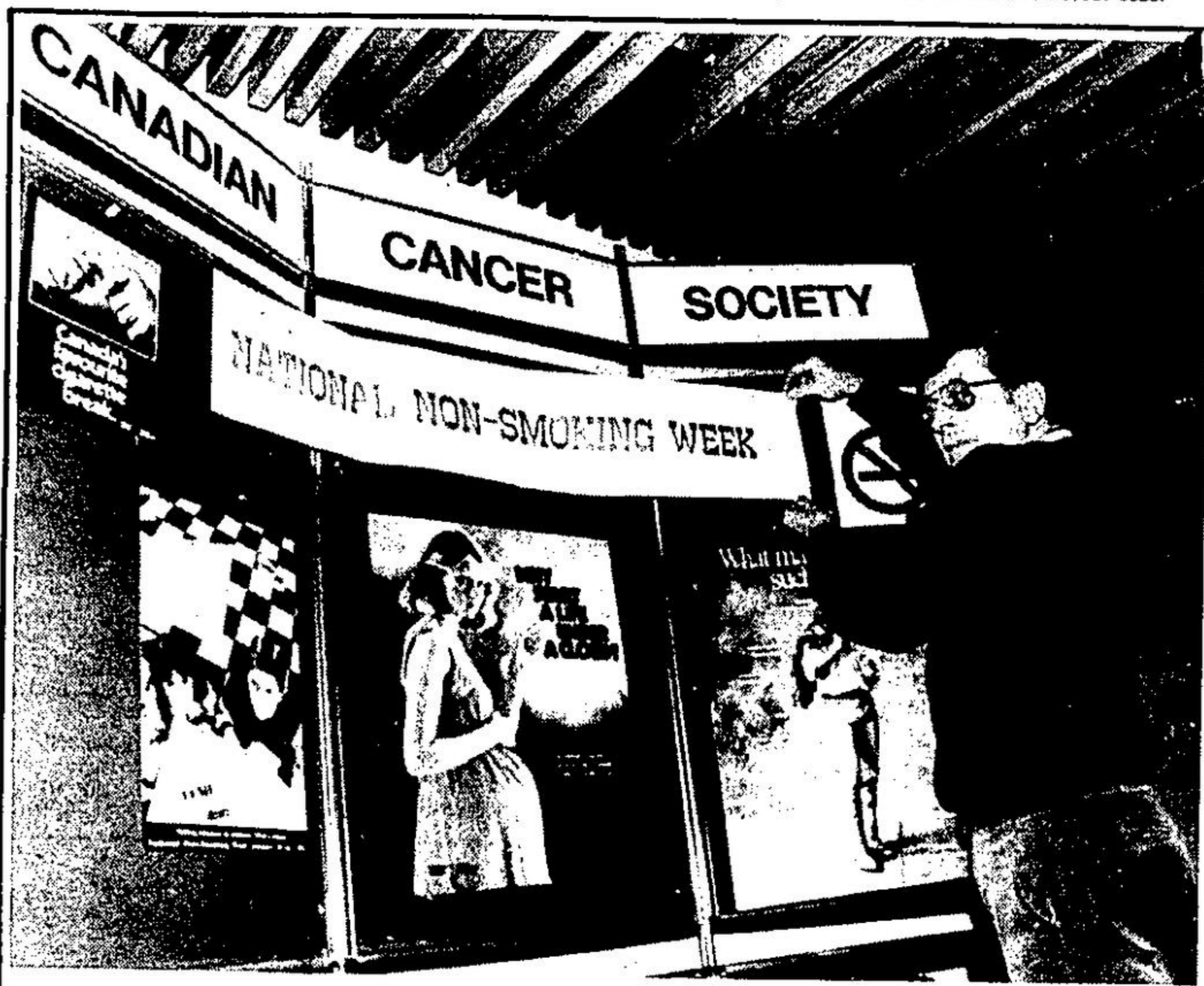
The case involved a complaint filed by a 17-year-old Georgetown woman, who reported to police she had been sexually assaulted during a party, Jan. 4.

Police initially reported Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital had refused to use the hospital's Sexual Assault kit on the victim to gather evidence concerning the alleged incident.

However, police now report the hospital didn't refuse the request.

Georgetown hospital officials didn't use its kit because the woman said she wanted to have the procedure done at Peel Memorial Hospital, police now say.

An investigation into the alleged sexual assault incident itself is still ongoing.



National non-smoking week

National non-smoking week is Jan 20-26 and to promote the anti-smoking campaign, Carl Schenk of the Halton Hills Cancer Society set up a non-

smoking display in the lobby of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre Friday. Displays will also be set up in the Halton Hills Libraries. (Herald Photo)

Condo controversy

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ment officials and town Administrative Assistant Stephen Thompson met to discuss the condominium agreement before it went to Site Plan Committee for final approval.

Mr. Thompson said the \$15,000 letter of credit agreed was upon because "the applicant would only give \$15,000."

"We tried to accommodate the owners and the tenants because the tenants were pressuring us (the Town) to get it registered (as a con-

dominium)," said Mr. Thompson.

Meanwhile, Henry Tse, town Building Code and Bylaw Enforcement Director said results from a recent inspection of the building by the Halton Hills Fire Department show the building does not meet all Ontario Fire Code regulations.

Mr. Tse, as opposed to Fire Chief Bill Cunningham, released this information because it's still unclear whether the town building department has jurisdiction over the building under the Ontario Building Code, said Mr. Tse.

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