



DUTIFUL DONORS: Acton's Jim Hunter made his 125th blood donation last Thursday at the Acton clinic at the Legion and received a goodie bag, donated by Acton Dentist Jones Chan, from Canadian Blood Services Acton clinic coordinator Fran Morris. Acton's Peter Roehrig made his 75th donation. — Frances Niblock photos

Mixed reaction to Town lighting improvements

No speed limit reduction on the Fourth Line is the "greatest disappointment" with Town safety improvement plans, according to resident spokesman Mike Schultz who said recently that dropping the speed limit is the priority of area residents, not improving lighting.

By the end of March, the Town will install two LED (light emitting diode) streetlights, one at the intersection of Fourth Line/Coles Court, and the other at 32 Side Road/Fourth Line. As well, the existing streetlight at Fourth Line/Gordon's Creek Court will be adjusted to provide more light for motorists and pedestrians, according to Matt Roj, the Town's Traffic Co-ordinator.

Worried about traffic safety, Fourth Line residents living between Highway 7 and 32 Sideroad, petitioned Council 18-months ago to lower speed limits, put a four-way stop at Fourth Line and 32 Sideroad with an overhead flashing light, ban large trucks and increase police enforcement. They also asked for a traffic light at Highway 7 and Fourth Line.

Schultz said "shy of saying 'put speed bumps out,' people still nail down this road at 90km/h in their SUVs, going who knows where or coming from who knows where... using the Line as a conduit to the 401," he said as he questioned the validity of traffic studies showing the average

speed of vehicles was only 10 km/h above the posted limit in the 70km/h area.

In a staff report last summer, Roj said artificial speed limits may result in "unnecessary ticketing of motorists travelling at reasonable speeds in this rural environment," and that lower speed limits provide a false sense of security.

Schultz was not impressed with Roj's contention that the issue of installing a traffic light at Highway 7 and the Fourth Line is a Ministry of Transportation, not Town, issue. The MTO said traffic lights are not warranted based on traffic volumes, traffic delays and number of collisions over the last three years. Schultz said both Halton Hills and neighbouring Guelph/Eramosa Township councils have gone to bat for residents with traffic safety concerns on provincial highways.

Students not in danger following Board laptop theft

A Halton District School Board employee at the Burlington central office was "dealt with appropriately by their supervisor" for failing to encrypt and securely store student files on a Board laptop, which was stolen from an "off-site location" the week of January 23 to 27.

An e-mail about the theft and potential file breach was sent to parents/guardians of all Halton students on February 3, indicating the Board "doesn't believe data contained on the laptop to be damaging or harmful to student safety."

"It wasn't home addresses or telephone numbers, and those are the kinds of things that concern parents," Marnie Denton, the Board's Manager of

Communication Services, said on Friday, adding the files included students' names, birthdates, Ontario Education Numbers, and EQAO test results. Although Denton used the word "he" when talking about the theft, she would not identify the employee and or confirm the laptop was stolen from the employee's home.

Although the laptop was protected with a nine-character password, and the majority of the files, were encrypted to prevent access, the employee was "not 100 per cent all of the files were encrypted" Denton said, adding the Board's Privacy and Information Management guidelines require notification to everyone who may be affected by a file security breach.

Denton said she had a "rather large file" of messages from concerned

parents, but "there is only a certain amount of reassurance you can provide because we don't know, we're not certain that the files were encrypted." She said police believe the theft was one of opportunity, and that the laptop, not the files on it, was the focus as other unidentified items were also stolen.

Denton said this was the first time a laptop with possibly unsecured files was stolen from the Board, and in light of the theft, the Board is "re-examining our awareness campaign around privacy and information management." This week, the Board's Privacy and Information Management committee will deal with the issue of awareness and staff education reminders about the importance of "keeping private information private."

Injury accident

Injury accident
Two motorists were taken to hospital following an early Monday morning crash at 25 Side Road and Guelph Line. Acton firefighters helped EMS staff prepare the victims for transport to hospital. A fire official said when they arrived, one vehicle was in the intersection and the other was in the ditch.

Thin ice
A horse that fell

through pond ice a Dublin Line property, south of 25 Side Road, late Saturday afternoon had pulled itself out of the frigid water by the time Acton firefighters arrived.

Gas gone
Acton firefighters ventilated an Acton Boulevard residence after the homeowner left the burner of a gas stove on low, all day on Saturday.

Treatment for:

- Fibromyalgia
- Chronic Pain
- Stress
- Headaches

...and much more.

Naomi Bedell
Registered Massage Therapy
65 Mill St. E.,
Acton, ON
519-853-8557

Deanna Wilson
BSc. DCh.
Chiropodist
Foot Specialist
519-853-8557
65 Mill St. E.
Acton, ON
L7J 1H4

- Foot/Nail Care
- Diabetic Footcare
- Custom Orthotics
- Home visits

www.actonhead2toe.com

**DE MELO CHIROPRACTIC
& WELLNESS CENTRE**

Dr. Dave de Melo, Chiropractor
Dr. Jim Giancoulas, Chiropractor
Amy Spiers, Massage Therapist

- SAFE, GENTLE CHIROPRACTIC CARE
- COMPUTER GENERATED SPINAL ANALYSIS
- EMERGENCIES & WORKERS COMP ACCEPTED
- NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

25 Main Street North, Acton
Across from Giant Tiger Plaza
(519) 853-3460
No Referral Necessary

EVENING APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE