

Resident hurt in car crash

A pair of Mississauga residents were killed and a Georgetown man was injured in a three car accident just north of Caledon on Wednesday.

According to a spokesman for Caledon OPP, Enrico Conforti of Georgetown was travelling northbound on Hwy. 10 about two kilometres north of Caledon when his 1981 GMC pick-up truck was struck almost head-on by a southbound vehicle.

The OPP spokesman said that a 1983 Pontiac 6000 was travelling southbound on Hwy. 10 when it began skidding to avoid colliding with a 1989 Chevrolet Baretta that was also travelling southbound but waiting to turn into a private driveway off Hwy. 10.

The Pontiac entered the northbound lane and was struck by the pick-up truck, the OPP spokesman said.

The driver of the Pontiac, Stephanie Cerar, 53, of Mississauga and her 55-year-old husband, Joseph died as a result of their injuries, the spokesman said.

Conforti was taken to Dufferin Area Hospital in Orangeville where he was treated for his injuries. The driver of the third vehicle David Robinson of Alliston was apparently uninjured.

The accident happened at about 7:10 p.m. and it was snowing at the time, the spokesman said. No charges have been laid.

Hit and run

Halton Regional Police are looking for a vehicle that left the scene of a Christmas Eve accident. Sometime during the night a Chevrolet Celebrity parked at a Norman Ave., Acton, residence sustained about \$400 damage after another vehicle slammed into the left front corner. The suspect vehicle left the scene.

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OMB hearing delay has log cabin owner fuming

By NORMAN NELSON

Gordon and Christina Galbraith, who live in an old log cabin in Nassagaweya, are getting annoyed by modern red tape.

The couple want to build a modest retirement home for Christina's mother. If they were the original residents of the log cabin, they would have had no problem—after all, it was built in 1846.

"I've been told on good authority that it (the log cabin) is one of the few examples of an Ontario log home left in existence," he said in an interview following a submission to regional council Wednesday.

These days, however, the steps involved in obtaining permission to build on a rural property are complex. He said that although the region's land division committee approved the request, a myriad of agencies are also involved in the act.

The cast of players also includes Milton town council, regional council, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and Halton's Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC).

Any one of these agencies, he said, can force a hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board. Several have.

"The whole process began over a year ago," Mr. Galbraith pointed out "You'd think that in a matter of months you could get a decision."

Hearing in 1991

With the backlog of cases, however, he said he'll be lucky to get an OMB hearing before 1991.

His request is being appealed for at least one typical reason—it doesn't conform to the region's official plan. Where his property is located, only two lots are allowed

per 100 acres. There are already four there.

Other agencies also objected on environmental grounds, as the property is located in an ESA (environmentally sensitive area) called the Guelph Junction Woods.

Mr. Galbraith said various agencies' concerns over the environment led him to make a submission to the EEAC, from which he received a favorable opinion. The EEAC stated "it had no reason to object to the severance" and "by developing the site the local environment may be improved by increased supervision."

With the exception of the Ministry of Natural Resources, all other agencies withdrew their environmental objections.

Mr. Galbraith told council that he has in the past been a responsible steward of the land and will con-

tinue to be one.

Granny flat

One councillor asked why he couldn't build a granny apartment onto his present residence. He quipped that the historical building does not lend itself to the construction of a granny flat and that his wife "does not lend herself to sharing a kitchen with her mother."

Council sent the matter back to the next planning and public works committee meeting. It did so after learning Mr. Galbraith had not been informed that his application was being considered at last week's planning and public works committee meeting, and therefore was not provided an opportunity to make a presentation. The committee at that time objected to his application.

(Norman Nelson is a reporter with the (Milton) Champion, a sister newspaper.)



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